Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Members present: Cal Caplan, Denise Fleming, David Larson, Nan Maxwell, Susan Opp, Eric Suess, Steve Ugbah

Members absent: Mo Qayoumi, Henry Reichman, Dianne Rush Woods

Guests: Carl Bellone, Emily Brizendine, Linda Dalton, Mark Karplus, Mike Mahoney, Gretchen Reevy, Barbara Storms

Meeting commenced at 2:05 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Caplan/Opp) to approve the agenda

2. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of May 1, 2007 and April 17th

M/S/P (Opp/Larson) to approve the minutes of the meetings of May 1, 2007 and April 17th, 2007, as amended

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

Vice Chair Maxwell reported for the Chair, who was in Long Beach. Maxwell reported that Professor David Eshelman will conduct his final concert in the University Theatre on May 22nd, followed by a reception in MB 1039. Performers include the CSUEB Jazz Band, Jazz Workshop and Jazz Ensemble; an alumni All-Star Big Band will return to campus to perform. Maxwell also announced that May 19th is Honor’s Convocation and encouraged everyone to attend.

Maxwell announced the following Academic Senate election results: Diane Petersen (EOP), Student Services Professional Representative (07-09); Vibha Chandra (Women’s Studies), Jair Fory (KPE), Gretchen Reevy-Manning (Psychology), and Michael Schutz (Sociology) Lecturer Representatives At-Large (07-08). Voting is still taking place for the Emeriti Representative (07-09).

B. Report of the President

Provost Mahoney reported for the President, who was in Long Beach. The May revise has no additional cuts; however, the outreach budget has been cut, as usual. There are additional monies for Nursing; state revenues have increased throughout the latter part of the tax season.

The Provost reminded everyone that the President’s Inaugural event is June 1; there will be many dignitaries in attendance, including the Chancellor, other campus presidents, trustees, and state and local politicians.

C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Caplan reported that Committee meetings and the Plenary were productive. John Travis, Chancellor Reed, Gary Reichard, and Ralph Wolff (President of WASC) addressed the Statewide Senate.
Travis received a lot of comments, mostly negative, about some of the tactics CFA used during the negotiations; some of those who spoke believed CFA did what was necessary. CFA’s new president, Lillian Taise, fielded a lot of these questions. Chancellor Reed did not comment directly on the negotiations other than to express his satisfaction that there is an agreement in place. One point of contention, however, is CFA’s assertion that there is $1.2 billion set aside in Chancellor’s Office and that those funds are discretional. Caplan stated that he thought Chancellor Reed provided a clear explanation as to why these funds are not discretional. Although the Statewide Senators were not given many specific facts, Senator David Hood (Long Beach), who is considered very credible, stated that he views the funds along the same lines as the Chancellor.

Caplan reported that Gary Reichard thanked everyone for the participation in the productive Access to Excellence Summit. The next challenge is to narrow the information into 3-4 major areas. The Facilitation to Graduation visits are all but completed; the next step will be a report. Reichard stated that the system should change the “remedication” label to something else. He is encouraged to see that progress is being made. In addition, the Lower Division Transfer Program (LDTP)is moving forward; all majors are at or nearing completion of curricula that community college attendees must complete to be guaranteed admission to the CSU. Once completed, the LDTP will benefit from a concerted public relations effort to promote awareness and participation in the program.

Caplan stated that 6 of the 7 proposals for the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership were approved by the Chancellor’s Office. There are four campuses, including CSUEB, in the second wave; we will be given copies proposal evaluations from campuses participating in the first wave.

Caplan reported that there are ongoing discussions about establishing an Ed.D. Advisory Committee, which will be charged with meeting Title 5 requirements, including criteria for qualified faculty, adequate library resources, and the curriculum content of the programs. The advisory committee would be the primary recommending body for Ed.D. programs throughout the CSU. Caplan believes it is important that the committee be faculty-driven and hopes to see a majority of faculty on the committee.

4. Appointments

No appointments

5. **06-07 CIC 23**, Discontinuance of CSUEB participation in a Joint Ed.D Program in Educational Leadership; **06-07 CAPR 8** (handout)

M/S/P (Ugbah/Opp) to place 06-07 CIC 23 and 06-07 CAPR 8 on the Senate agenda

6. **06-07 CIC 24**, Approval of Discontinuance requests from the College of Business and Economics; **06-07 CAPR 9**

M/S/P (Ugbah/Larson) to place 06-07 CIC 24 and 06-07 CAPR 9 on the Senate agenda

7. **06-07 CIC 27**, Retention of Infrequently Offered Courses, with one revision from MLL (highlighted)

M/S/P (Opp/Ugbah) to place 06-07 CIC 27 on the Senate agenda.

It was noted that additional changes may be made on the floor of the Senate.

8. **06-07 CR 1**, Policy on Faculty Support Grants

M/S/ (Caplan/Ugbah) to place 06-07 CR 1 on the Senate agenda

M/S/P (Opp/Fleming) to refer the document back to the Committee on Research

There was significant discussion around the policy and the process, including eligibility, rationale for ranking, currency for full professors, lecturer eligibility for all awards, the perceived potential for bias against new lines of research, and the inability for senators who will consider the new policy to track the changes from the former (grandfathered) policy, which was not previously approved by the Senate. It was noted that “release time” appears numerous times in the document and would be more correctly titled “assigned time” and suggested that a current and pending support list should be required; late reports and extensions details could be noted;
eligibility should be more specific. It was agreed that more rationale should be provided and cross-campus consultation is needed; the proposed policy was referred back to committee with a suggestion that the document include chapters for all faculty support grants to allow easier access to grant information, which should be timed to not interfere with new faculty grants in the Fall.

9. **06-07 CR 2, Revisions to Committee Policies & Procedures**

M/S/P (Ugbah/Larson) to approve 06-07 CR 2

10. **06-07 FAC 3, Proposed 10 Year Calendar for 2010-2020**

M/S/P (Caplan/Ugbah) to place 06-07 FAC 3 and BEC 12 on the Senate agenda

Discussion was based on comparison of the proposed calendar vs. the current policy, which guarantees 9 teaching days, rather than the proposed request to even-out the teaching days per quarter by switching days (as noted on the calendar).

11. **Task Force on Assigned Time**

M/S/Withdrawn (Caplan/Ugbah) to form a Task Force on Assigned Time to including the Chair, Academic Senate; Provost; Associate Provost; AVP Academic Resources; one Dean, appointed by the President; four Department Chairs, one from each college, selected by the Council of Chairs; and the CFA Chapter President.

After discussion about the purpose, process, and constitution of the proposed task force, the Executive Committee agreed that more discussion is needed. There was general consensus that the committee should be mainly comprised of faculty, with input from administration.

**Free Expression: Time, Place & Manner Policy**

M/S/P (Fleming/Opp) to place on the Senate agenda as an action item

Discussion noted that this policy is the same as the “interim” policy, which was distributed by mass mail on April 20; this will go forward as a BEC document.

12. **Adjournment**

M/S/P (Maxwell/Opp) to adjourn at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Fleming, Secretary