Approved minutes of the meeting on 18 OCTOBER 2006

Present: Mayling Chu, Jennifer Laherty, Carol Lauzon (Chair), Tony Lima, Ann McPartland, Fung-Shine Pan, David Stronck, Associate Provost Towner

Absent: Dee Andrews, Xeno Rasmusson

Meeting convened, 2:45pm

1. Approval of the agenda
   Approved

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting October 4, 2006
   Approved with corrections. The Deputy Provost position was renamed to Associate Provost.

3. Report of the Chair

   ExComm approved David Stronck of Teacher Education to be on FAC for fall quarter, replacing Rita Liberti of Kinesiology and Physical Education

   The chair shared an email received from Senate Chair Reichman expressing ExComm's desire to create a small group to review the campus's copyright policy which is more than ten years old. The request to review the policy was initiated by Interim Provost Dorer. ExComm appointed Aline Soules, of the University Library and a specialist in the area of copyright, to be a member of a three-person small group. ExComm asked that both the Faculty Affairs Committee and the Committee on Research also elect a member to send to the small group. The small group is charged to "conduct a [general] review and recommend any changes preliminary to a formal review by these committees [FAC & CR] and the Senate."

   Tony Lima, Economics, volunteered to be FACs representative to the committee and was unanimously elected. Thank you, Tony.

4. Report of the Presidential Appointee

   Associate Provost Towner had nothing new to report.

5. New Business
   a. Review of the FAC Subcommittees

      Many perspectives were shared as to where a subcommittee focused on lecturer affairs should fall within the Academic Senate. FAC took under consideration the request that lecturer representation on the Academic Senate be increased from two to five. In addition, Tony Lima offered to cull and chart lecturer representation in senate documents from other CSU campuses, and Chair Carol Lauzon also agreed to do some fact finding as to the history why CSUEBs Senate has two representatives and not, say, another number. Ultimately, FAC felt that the lecturer subcommittee of FAC should continue to exist in its current format: three regular faculty member representatives and three lecturer representatives. There was a motion to elect one FAC member to the FAC lecturer subcommittee (approved). There was a motion to nominate Tony Lima to the FAC lecturer subcommittee (approved). And, there was a motion to elect Tony Lima to the FAC lecturer subcommittee (approved). Chair Lauzon will ask the Senate Office to place a call for the other subcommittee members. Once the whole subcommittee is in place, an invitation will be extended to lecturers to talk with the subcommittee about lecturer issues.

   b. Academic Senate membership referral
Per a memo dated May 3, 2006 and sent by Don Sawyer (past Academic Chair) to Eileen Barrett (past FAC Chair), the 2006-07 FAC began its discussions of Academic Senate membership. As noted in 5a, lecturer representation is of concern, as is student and staff representation (and questions were raised as to what the Student Services Electorate is). As for student representation, there is no method of recall noted in Senate documents. FAC considered that it might draft a uniform policy on un-excused absences from any Senate committee. FAC in general thought that tenure-track faculty representation in the Senate is good and that it is appropriate for the majority of the membership to be faculty. FAC questioned the numbers of other represented groups – are those numbers arbitrary or is there some logical history behind them; are the metrics obsolete and/or random? FAC will proceed with fact finding for some initial answers to these questions.

6. Old Business
   a. Appointment & Review Document referral
Various FAC members noted obvious changes that need to be made, such as the renaming of Contra Costa to Concord and Hayward to East Bay. No FAC members knew much about the Staff Connections group which is mentioned in the A&R document as the method by which staff are elected to appointment and review committees (Chair Lauzon will undertake this area in need of fact finding). Various positions have been created and/or changed that need to be incorporated into the document. Jennifer Laherty, Library, offered to put together a chart of all the various appointments and reviews noted in the document and what the committee make-up is for each position – and to note observations in addition to those sent from Hank Reichman, (Senate Chair) to Carol Lauzon (FAC Chair), in a letter dated September 28, 2006. All of this will aid FAC in dissecting the document and presenting a new version to the Academic Senate that incorporates changes suggested to date and hopefully also allows for flexibility in the future when new appointments and/or reviews need action before the document may be altered again with Senate approval.

M/S/P to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Laherty (acting secretary)