Members present: Jennifer Eagan, Karina Garbesi, Julie Glass, Susan Gubernat, Rita Liberti, Jane Lopus, Sally Murphy, Susan Opp, Henry Reichman, Jeffery Seitz

Members absent: Mo Qayoumi

Guests: Carl Bellone, Mark Karplus, Mike Mahoney, James Mitchell, Jim Okutsu, Glen Perry, Don Sawyer, Rhea Williamson

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S (Lopus/Gubernat) to approve the agenda. A new item 11, Closed Session with the Provost was proposed, to commence no later than 3:30.

The motion as amended passed.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 2-3-09

M/S/P (Reichman/Seitz) to approve as presented, with one abstention.

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

- Faculty Honors Convocation is this Friday at 4:30. We will honor this year’s Outstanding Professor, Bijan Gillani, newly tenured faculty, faculty with 25 years of service, and new emeriti faculty. The Convocation was included in the announcement section of the Faculty Webpage.
- Only 35% of regular faculty voted in the latest election and so the change to the Bylaws cannot go into effect. Some suggestions as to how to improve voter “turnout” were given. For example, including a descriptive subject header and sending the announcement on the day that voting may begin.
- There was an e-mail announcement of a new textbook adoption awards program for Fall 09 book orders. Start thinking ahead…deadline is May 15th.
- Next week at Excom we will have a presentation on the Text Book affordability plan from Chris Brown and Robert Gibson.
- Also next week, 2:10 – 3PM, Excom will meet with two visiting Trustees, Carol Chandler and George Gowgani
- Next Monday, 3 – 4:30PM, there will be a Faculty Development workshop about the Fairness Process Workshop.

B. Report of the President

The Provost gave the report.

- Thanks were offered for the excellent questions and input at the Faculty Forum on the budget.
- Excom was given a 1-page handout from the Chancellor’s Office regarding the budget. It was noted that the State Budget is a 2 year budget and so there will be less uncertainty next year. However, the budget is short on our needs. The budget is $97.6 million short for this year and for next year is it $283 million short. No campus data is available yet. There was some information regarding proposed cuts and their relationship to the potential stimulus funds coming to the State.
- On a brighter note, construction will start again on the new Student Services and Administration Building. It is anticipated that it will be ready for occupancy in Summer, 2010.
- There was a question regarding the proposed $2 million renovation of the soccer field and track. It was noted that it is highly unlikely that the funding is coming from general funds.

- There was another question regarding public statements about CSU East Bay accepting 300–500 fewer students. It was thought that this figure was arrived at by taking the 10,000 fewer students systemwide and dividing by the number of campuses. However, it was noted that our campus would not be reducing admits along these lines and that our target enrollment would remain unchanged. There was also some confusion regarding a report that CSU applicants would only be considered at their local campus. It was determined that this confusion probably arose from a misunderstanding of the CSU-wide impaction policy which assigned a differing “eligibility index” to students based upon their proximity to the desired campus.

- A correction was made by Murphy to data regarding the number of students in need of remediation that had been presented at the Faculty Forum on the Budget. At the forum it was stated that 92% of our students require remediation, but the correct number is actually 80% of frosh in 08 required at least one remedial course. This information will be provided to the Deans who may decide to share it with their faculty. It was noted that this figure is in-line with other CSU campuses that serve similar demographics.

C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

There were committee meetings last week. There is one potentially controversial item that will be considered as a second reading at the next meeting in March. It is a resolution on “Affirmation of Equal Rights for All Individuals Regardless of Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Sexual Orientation, or Other Dimensions of Diversity”. A statewide senator from the Maritime Academy, James Wheeler, has expressed opposition to the resolution and has suggested that CSU Senators determine if their campus faculty would support such a resolution. There were suggestions including presenting a resolution of support to the campus senate, having Excom write a letter of support, seeking input from the faculty via e-mail or a survey or informally surveying campus senators. The Statewide Senators will forward a link to the draft resolution and Excom will continue the discussion at the meeting next week.

4. Appointments

M/S/P (Murphy/Seitz) to appoint Eric Helgren from Physics to replace Mitch Watnik on the Senate for Spring as an at large senator.

Upcoming replacements needed include Frank Lowenthal on the Senate in the Spring and Linda Beebe on CAPR. Excom will be sent the most recent list of eligible Student Services Professional electorate members for Linda Beebe’s position.

5. Confirmation of email approval of the ACIP representative for 09-12 (Academic Council on International Progs)

Excom confirmed the approval of Donna Wiley by e-mail vote to this position.

6. Appointment of the Search Committee for the GE Director/Coordinator for 09-12 term (ExCom will hear the report/recommendation from the search committee and make an appointment for the position in the Spring)

Carl Bellone, Susan Gubernat, and Eric Soares served on the last such committee. In response to ExCom nominations, Carl Bellone agreed to serve, as did Jim Mitchell, Chair of CIC. It was suggested that the Director of the Composition Program would also be a good candidate. The full search committee will be appointed at the next meeting.

A call for self nominations for University Honors Director and for AALO will go out soon.

08-09 CIC 10 revised, CIC Subcommittee Memberships for 2008-09

The only change here is to replace Stevina Evuleocha on the Writing Skills Subcommittee with Jerry Liu (Assoc in Acct/Fin).
M/S (Eagan/Seitz) to approve the memberships. It was noted that Geology is now called Earth and Environmental Sciences. The motion as amended passed.

7. **08-09 CIC 20**, Application of Courses for GE Area C4 (MUS3014) and C2/C3 (PHIL2003)

M/S/P (Seitz/Eagan) to place on the Senate agenda.

8. **Information Security Policy (Feedback to C.O. due March 2nd)** *(UIT feedback posted to Sharepoint)*

Excom was reminded that this document first came forward from the CSU in the Fall and many of the campuses asked for an extension to provide feedback until this March. Excom asked for and received feedback from UIT and also received, via e-mail, the San Jose State IT Security Policy Task Force feedback.

Several specific suggestions were made primarily on the “Responsible Use” document. These included areas of significant concern and went beyond cosmetic and/or linguistic issues. Any input from Excom will go, as directed, to the campus CIO, John Charles. Please get any comments to Sue Opp as soon as possible. She will collect all comments and forward them as an Excom response. It was suggested that comments sent to Sue indicate high priority vs. medium priority and low priority, that is, principles vs word-smithing.

9. **Remediation discussion and possible Remedial Course Designations**

This idea came out of discussions regarding the high number of students in need of remediation and the tight budget situation. Having different course designation/prefixes would allow better and easier tracking of resources, SFR, etc. This data currently impacts statistics for the home department giving inaccurate data relative to other departments on campus. It was felt that budgets might also be handled more efficiently in this manner because departmental pressures to increase SFR, etc., would be held separately from that for developmental courses. Discussion followed regarding the impact the budget has already had on remedial class enrollment limits, specifically in English. It is anticipated that some of the recent changes will have a substantial negative impact on success rates and as a consequence, on retention. It was felt by some that the colleges that offer these courses carry the burden for the rest of the institution and this was a first step towards a possible remedy. Some examples of how other campuses deal with remediation were described. Some felt that this discussion should continue at the SSAC.

10. **Adjournment**

M/S/P (Liberti/Glass) to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Glass, Secretary