Minutes of the Executive Committee, Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Members present: Jennifer Eagan, Karina Garbesi, Julie Glass, Rita Liberti, Susan Opp, Mo Qayoumi, Henry Reichman, Jeffery Seitz

Members absent: Susan Gubernat, Jane Lopus, Sally Murphy

Guests: Deidre Badejo, Carl Bellone, Linda Dalton, Michael Leung, Nan Maxwell, Trustee Peter Mehas, James Mitchell, Jim Okutsu, Glen Perry, Don Sawyer, Jodi Servatius, Arthurlene Towner, Rhea Williamson

Visit with Trustee Peter Mehas

Trustee Mehas was introduced to the members of Excom and other guests. Mr. Mehas introduced himself and explained that his visit, as well as those of other Trustees, was not perfunctory and that he believes that the more the Trustees know about the individual campuses, the better they will be at advocating for the CSU, which is their primary mission. He described some of his experiences as a teacher, superintendent, and Secretary of Education for Governor Deukmejian, and on the Boards of various educational and other entities. Mr. Mehas has served on the Board of Trustees for two years. He feels that the Board of Trustees is a wonderful group of dedicated people who operate without partisan politics getting in the way. He praised President Qayoumi as a strong leader who is bringing this campus to the attention of the Board. He was impressed with, among other things, the President’s humility in responding to his outstanding review by the Board by praising the faculty and leadership team at CSU East Bay. Mr. Mehas feels that President Qayoumi is leading with transparency and vision and that he has impressed all members of the Board of Trustees. Members of Excom expressed support for the President and confirmed the impression that the campus is moving forward with a collaborative spirit.

Mr. Mehas expressed a high level of concern regarding the current budget crisis describing it as the worst he has seen. He complemented CSUEB on its current progress and understands the challenges the campus faces in sustaining its positive momentum. He was particularly impressed with CSUEB’s STEM programs, Online Campus, and freshman cohort program. He noted that he opposes the CSU accepting more students than it is compensated for by the state. He does not feel this stance is in opposition to access, but rather in support of excellence. He believes that pressure must be put on the legislature in order for the CSU to receive the funding necessary to continue to enroll all qualified students. If the CSU accepts these students without compensation then there is no pressure on the legislature to provide appropriate funding levels.

There was a discussion regarding what the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor’s Office, the CFA and CSU can do together to advocate for changes in California to improve the overall budget situation. The 2/3 majority requirement to increase revenues, and the many funding mandates (including Proposition 98) were mentioned as barriers to a healthy economy. The tendency of groups to factionalize and “look out for number 1” in difficult times was bemoaned.

The impact of the budget on student services was given as an area of specific concern. Our student body has a high number of students in need of specific support provided by units such as the Student Disability Resource Center, the Student Center for Academic Achievement, and the University Advisement Center. These offices are over extended and underfunded. Ultimately this leads to additional burdens placed on classroom faculty and individual faculty who must provide support to students who cannot find it elsewhere. It was noted that our recent progress including increased enrollment and tenure track faculty has placed us in a more precarious situation. Retention and recruitment of students and faculty are at risk.

CSUEB was again complemented on what has been achieved and thanks were offered all around.

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Garbesi/Seitz) to approve the agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meetings on 3-3-09 and 3-10-09 (available on Sharepoint)

M/S/P (Seitz/Eagan) to approve the minutes of 3-3-09 as presented

M/S/P (Garbesi/Seitz) to approve the minutes of 3-10-09 as presented with one abstention due to absence.

3. Reports
A. Report of the Chair

Excom was asked to keep an eye out for an e-mail regarding CSU Security awareness training offered through Workplace Answers. The e-mail should be preceded by an e-mail from a campus administrator warning of the pending arrival of the training e-mail, so there shouldn’t be confusion as to whether the training e-mail is a hoax. If you receive the e-mail(s), you must perform the training in order that the campus is in compliance. It was noted that all faculty must take the training. The training is believed to take between 30 and 45 minutes.

“Tongues,” performed by the Department of Theater and Dance is honored to have been chosen to perform at the American Theater Festival in Washington DC. The final performance at CSUEB will be at 8PM at the University Theater on Easter.

Honors Convocation is on May 16th. Excom member’s who will be present will have their names in the program. Please let the Senate Chair know if you will be there, by the end of the day today.

Commencements are coming up quickly, please mark your calendar.

Hank Reichmen is one of two faculty recommended for the position of Faculty Trustee. The final decision, made by the Governor, will be announced in late June or early July. Congratulations were offered.

The Academic Senate Office gives the Connie Sexauer University Treasure award annually at the Saint Patrick Day Celebration; this year’s recipients were Ronn Patton, Terry Smith, and Linda Steele. Congratulations were offered.

The call for self nominations for University Honors Program Director (2 year term) went out and are due in the Senate Office on April 10th.

Deadlines for letters of nomination for the Sue Schaeffer Faculty Service Award are due to the Faculty Affairs Committee on April 29th.

It was noted that it should be a matter of record that Sue Opp was selected at Outstanding Professor for 08-09. Congratulations were offered all around.

B. Report of the President

The President responded to the CSU Senators’ Report by noting that, in today’s environment, he views a “vocational technical” degree to be a 4 year degree. He noted that those courses should be building blocks to a higher degree and should not contain diluted content. These students may very well find themselves later in their careers wishing to pursue a 4 year degree and should not be left at a disadvantage because of watered down courses. He referenced a 2005 California Public Policy Institute Report.

The budget continues to be grim. It is now almost certain that CSUEB will see the additional 1.6-1.7 million dollar cuts that the CSU had hoped to avoid because of stimulus money. For budget planning purposes, CSUEB is viewing these cuts as “one time.”

The Executive Council discussed enrollment growth over and above our target. The EB presentation to the Board of Trustees on online programs was very well received. CSU is looking to East Bay as the leading campus in this area.

C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

There was a plenary March 19th-20th.
Resolutions passed included:

Support for the Continued Alignment of the “a-g” Course Pattern and for the CSU_UC Collaboration related to Career Technical Education.

Reaffirmation of Support for CSU Authority to Offer the Doctorate in Nursing Practice

Affirmation of Equal Rights for All Individuals Regardless of Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Sexual Orientation, Disability, or Other Dimensions of Diversity

Opposing Restrictions on Academic Exchanges with Cuba

Support for Improved Faculty Development Opportunities for Lecturers

Energy Conservation, System Sustainability, and System Cost Savings

Support for Campus Processes for Votes of No Confidence in Management Personnel Plan Administrators

Voting Rights for Coordinator Liaisons on the Academic Council on International Programs

There were also First Reading Items, but not of pressing importance. A list was circulated.

Reichman noted that it is likely that the next step in determining the next Faculty Trustee will be for the two candidates to meet with a member of the Governor’s staff.

4. Appointments
   For Excom’s information, it was reported that Sue Opp, Mike Hedrick, and Rita Liberti are serving on the EO 1034 (Campus Fee Policies) Task Force as are Dean Badejo and Dean Swartz.

   M/S/P (Reichman/Glass) to appoint Gregory Theyel to replace Frank Lowenthal and Lynn Eudey to replace Josh Kerr on the Senate for Spring quarter.

   The call for self nominations for the AALO resulted in one nomination, Dr. Terry Jones, who has agreed to serve for another 2 years.

   M/S/P (Reichman/Eagan) to approve sending the nomination forward to the Senate.

5. Discussion of the need for a Search Committee for the AVP of Academic Resources

   This position is covered in the Appointment and Review Document and the 3 tenured faculty committee members (from different colleges) are appointed by Excom. It was noted that the title of the position will be changed to “Director of Academic Affairs Budget” but the position will still be a direct report to the Provost, with the same role.

   Reichman nominated Tom McCoy, who is willing to serve. More nominees are needed and will be sought.

6. Confirmation of the Spring Election Schedule (previously approved via email)

   The Post Promotion (PPI) Appeals Committee requires full professors (5) and the Search Committee for the AVP of Academic Programs and Graduate Studies requires tenured faculty (4 from different colleges/library). While elections will be held this Spring for the PPI Appeals Committee, the committee will serve in the Fall.

   The electronic vote on the election schedule was confirmed.

7. 08-09 CAPR 13, Proposed Name Change for Human Development

   M/S/P (Glass/Eagan) to place on the Senate Agenda.
8. **08-09 CAPR 14**, Proposed Name Change for Kinesiology & Physical Education

M/S (Liberti/Glass) to place on the Senate Agenda. It was noted that this does not reflect changes in the curriculum. In particular, the Department will still provide the single subject preparation program for PE teachers.

The motion passed.

9. **08-09 CIC 22**, Priority Registration and Registration Order (continued discussion from the last meeting), as possibly revised by draft 08-09 BEC 7 (the draft BEC is available only on the ExCom Sharepoint site).

M/S (Glass/Liberti) to place on the Senate Agenda. Wording was suggested and accepted to clarify 1e regarding priority registration for veterans. Wording was also suggested and accepted to clarify 4 regarding priority registration for graduate and some post baccalaureate students.

The motion to place both documents on the Senate agenda (the final version of the BEC as modified) passed.

10. **08-09 CIC 25**, Monitoring Compliance with Previously Approved CAPS for General Education Areas C4 & D4

M/S (Eagan/Liberti) to approve and bring to the Senate as an information item. It was noted that this is not a new policy but, rather, a scheme to monitor and ensure compliance. Concern was expressed as to where some potentially displaced students might go to fulfill their GE requirements and it was explained that enforcing this existing policy will not result in any significant increase in students searching for classes, and that there should be no problem for students wishing to complete their GE requirements.

A friendly amendment was suggested that the line at the top of page 2 be changed to read: “The GE subcommittee recommends that:” removing the phrase “the following policy be approved” and that the word “possibly” be deleted from the action requested.

The motion with friendly amendment passed.

11. **08-09 cFAC 5**, Proposed change of Timeline for Outstanding Professor Award

M/S/P (Glass/Garbesi) to place on the Senate Agenda.

12. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Glass, Secretary