Members present: Carl Bellone, Dan Cerutti, Linda Ivey, Peter K. Marsh, Bijan Mashaw, Jim Mitchell, Sam Tran, Mitch Watnik, David Woo, Tom Bickley

Members absent: vacant student seat

Guests: Rosanne Harris, Sally Murphy, Jennifer Eagen, Said Motavalli

1. Approval of Agenda for 04/20/09. MSP Mitchell/Watnik 8/0/0

2. Approval of Minutes from 04/06/09 deferred to the 05.04.09 meeting.

3. Report from Chair of CIC: Chair asked those committee members who will be on the committee next year to consider running for the position of Chair of the CIC. This issue will be discussed at the 05/18/09 meeting.

4. Old Business: Referral Regarding Assessment of Student Learning. Motion was made to accept this friendly amendment pending minor grammatical corrections. MSP Cerutti/Bickley 8/0/0

5. Motion for the CIC to express its appreciation to Mitch Watnik for his work on the Guidelines for GE Prereqs and Suggestions for Prereqs for UD & Grad Courses proposal. MSP Mitchell/Ivey 8/0/0


7. New Business: New Minor in Hospitality and Tourism. Discussed and approved. Ivey/Tran 8/0/0

8. New Business: 08-09 Infrequently Offered Courses. Murphy told the committee that university departments have been notified that courses not taught for three consecutive years would be “banked.” Watnik asked if courses pulled out of “banked” status would need to be resubmitted for GE approval. Murphy replied that they would. This policy could be amended per Senate vote. Committee decided to table vote on this to the 05/04/09 committee meeting. MSP Mashaw/Cerutti 8/0/0

9. New Business: GE Proposals. Committee agreed to approve the GE course requests as a bundle. Mashaw expressed concern that too many GE courses were being approved by this committee. Murphy responded that the number of approved GE courses is at a lower level now than in the past. She expressed her continued wish for the Senate to take up the
question of assessing learning outcomes for existing GE courses. Watnik: asked about the ability of students to apply B6 GE courses towards their major and, specifically, how GE physics courses differ from regular Physics classes. After discussion, approval of the motion. MSP Wu/Marsh 8/0/0

10. **Report from Presidential Appointee, AVP Carl Bellone**: Raised the issue of new degree timelines. Concern has been raised about the number of fast-tracked proposals to develop degree programs. New proposals are being developed that would expand the time needed to process such proposals, giving ample time for feedback and consideration. MSP Ivey/Watnik 8/0/0

11. **New Business: Re-Engineering the Engineering Degree** at CSUEB in order to reduce the number of required units. Saeid Motavalli introduced this proposal to the committee. CSU campuses are considering ways to reform baccalaureate engineering programs to address the issues of a) producing more engineers to meet industry demands and b) graduating engineers in a timely manner. Murphy: we will follow the same accrediting system that other Bay Area schools follow (putting our school in line with our ‘competitor’ schools). Each campus is involved in lowering the number of total units required for the Engineering degree. Changes proposed would take effect in year 2010. Concern was raised about what would be reflects in the University Catalog. Said: there is a need to show engineering students that they can graduate within four years. Proposal to approve the changes by the next Senate meeting.

12. **New Business: MPA, Discontinued Option in Public Human Resource Management.** John Jun introduced this proposal. Mashaw: asked if there was any duplication with management courses. Bellone: under proposal only merging existing options, not creating a new program. Mitchell: this is a change that will mostly effect internal, department of Public Administration, actions. MSP Tran/Watnik 8/0/0

13. Adjournment. MSP Ivey/Watnik 8/0/0

Respectfully submitted,
Peter K. Marsh