Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Members present: Jennifer Eagan, Denise Fleming, Derek Kimball, Chris Lubwama, Jim Mitchell, Mo Qayoumi, Henry Reichman, Dianne Woods

Members absent: Susan Gubernat, Asha Rao

Guests: Cal Caplan, Linda Dalton, Fred Dorer, Mark Karplus, Mike Mahoney, Tom McCoy, Alan Monat, Susan Opp, Glen Perry, Don Sawyer, Terri Swartz

Chair Rush Woods called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Lubwama/Kimball) to approve as amended to add item 4a.

2. Approval of the minutes of 10-27-09, 11-3-09

M/S/P (Mitchell/Lubwama) to approve the minutes of 10-27-09
M/S/P (Reichman/Mitchell) to approve the minutes of 11-3-09

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

The Chair congratulated Sue Opp on her new position as AVP Academic Programs and Graduate Studies. The Chair thanked the Executive Committee for their offers of support and assistance.

Homecoming Week will run from February 22-26, with a game against Sonoma State on Friday night of that week. The Chair reminded all that ExCom sponsors the Academic Ambassador Scholarship, which goes to the member of the homecoming court with the highest GPA. Donations may be made through the Senate Office.

B. Report of the President

The President wished all a happy new year.

The Cabinet has submitted the first draft of the budget. Several items needed adjustment; which the Cabinet began working on with the President and will work with the Interim Provost over the next week to finish. Qayoumi stated that we are still on schedule with the timeline articulated in the December Communiqué. It will be available to ExCom on the 12th and to UPABC on the 19th.

More information will be forthcoming with the Governor’s State of the State address on January 6, followed by the first budget release on January 8. Hopefully, we will be able to discuss the budget changes at next week’s ExCom meeting. Key elements will be how the Governor plans to
deal with the $21M additional shortfall and whether the qualifications for receiving stimulus funds will continue to be linked to target enrollment or whether there will be an option of a waiver for CSUs that go below target enrollment.

Qayoumi also reported that a memo from the Chancellor’s Office stated that self support programs cannot charge more than stateside fees for summer programs; there are thoughts of running skeleton programs for summer.

Dalton reported on W10 enrollment, stating that admissions had been cut back significantly for W10 and Sp10. New CA residents number around 425, which is ¼ of normal. The number of continuing students remains strong, although it is early in the quarter with the add/drop period still to come. Student loads typically average around 13 units and are currently 12.72. Dalton projects enrollment will be slightly over target, but reduced from where we were in Fall.

The President reported on facilities. Construction continues on the Student Services (SAAR) building, which should open in March. The Recreation and Wellness Center is also on schedule, with an anticipated opening in Fall. Qayoumi stated that the decision to renovate the stadium was made two years ago, long before entering into negotiations to lease the stadium to the soccer team. The lease should bring in approximately $2,500 per game, with 10 games slated for the first year of the lease and 15-16 games during the second year, with an option to continue after that. The University will also gain revenue through parking fees and the use of (mandated) university food services.

Qayoumi stated that the Provost search continues on schedule, with one candidate coming to campus this week and two coming next week. One candidate has withdrawn from consideration.

In response to Reichman’s question, Qayoumi stated that the plans for the stadium renovation were not altered as a result of the new lease and that the money to pay for the renovations come from funds in a facilities rental trust account that can only be used for facilities renovation. Revenue from the lease may generate more funds which can be used for future facilities improvements. Games will take place in the evening, so this should not impact student parking.

Reichman stated that some students are complaining that they are unable to buy books, as financial aid checks will not be available until the end of first week. Dalton will check into this, but added that financial aid provides emergency book vouchers for students who are still in the process of obtaining their funds.

In response to Lubwama’s question, Qayoumi stated that capping of fees will be limited to summer only and that this really applies to students who are part of the normal university and who would be taking self-support classes. Students who are not regularly admitted to the University (non-matriculated) can be charged regular self-support fees. The University may be de facto shut down for the summer with some exceptions, such as cohorts.

C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Reichman reported that the Governor’s office asked for additional names for the Faculty Trustee position and suggested that additional names include candidates of diversity. The Statewide Senate Committee is recommending that the request be declined so as to not set a precedent.
The next Statewide Academic Senate meeting will take place January 20-22.

4. Appointments

M/S/P (Fleming/Lubwama) for Paringer to replace Lopus on the Senate for W10
M/S/P (Reichman/Lubwama) for Mahoney to replace Opp on the Senate for W10

ExCom members are asked to bring nominations to replace Garbesi on the Senate for W10 and nominations for the Police Advisory Board.

4a. Approval of Winter 10 election schedule

M/S/P (Fleming/Eagan) to approve the W10 election schedule

5. 2009-10 cFAC 2, Approval of membership of the 2009-10 FAC Subcommittees

M/S/P (Fleming/Mitchell) to approve

6. Discussion of the March 2nd versus March 4th dates for Campus Action Day, as requested by ASCSU

Reichman stated that at the November Plenary, the Statewide Senate called for March 2 to be a “Day Without the CSU,” with all faculty taking furloughs. They also considered a plan organized jointly by the UC, CSU, and CCs for a Campus Action Day on March 4; this was narrowly defeated. Since then, several campuses have requested that the March 2 date be eschewed in favor of and consolidated with the March 4 date. Plans should become clearer during the January Plenary.

M/S/P (Reichman/Eagan) to urge the CSU Senates on behalf of the CSUEB Senate to abandon plans for March 2 and move the date to March 4th.

7. Continued discussion of the EB plans to meeting the anticipated budget cuts

The discussion was moved to the January 12 ExCom meeting.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary