Present: D. Boschini (Chair), S. Frye, B. Hartsell, A. Hegde, J. Kegley, J. Millar, C. Murphy, M. Slaughter D. Whetton, J. Zorn

Absent: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER**- Chair Boschini called the meeting to order.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION**
   - J. Kegley announced that The Kegley Institute will be hosting John Quinones of “What Would You Do?” on September 22, 2016.
   - Chair Boschini announced that she will be attending the Graduation Initiative Symposium at the Chancellor's Office September 22-23, 2016.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September 6, 2016
   B. Hartsell moved to approve the minutes, J. Kegley seconded the motion. The minutes of September 6, 2016 are approved.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   Chair Boschini moved to add Commencement as a Discussion Item. The agenda is approved as amended.

5. **CONTINUED ITEMS**
   - **Update Log**- The log is up to date.
     S. Frye reported that many campuses have Academic Freedom and Intellectual Property policies; there is an attempt by the Statewide Senate to create one that could get the Chancellor’s office to sign off on. The Chancellor’s office response was that they were recommended by counsel not to sign off on the policy because it was a CFA bargaining issue. There is question as to what we can do in the meantime. Chair Boschini added that CSUB has a statement on Intellectual Property in the Distributive Learning Policy. A referral will not be issued at this time.
   - **Update on Searches**- Provost Zorn reported that the searches are proceeding. She added that there are still no students on any of the search committees.
     - A&H
     - Dean BPA
     - Dean NSME
     - Dean SSE
     - Dean AVC
     - VP University Advancement
   - Meetings with President
     Next Meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2016 @ 11:30-12:30
     Agenda Items: None

6. **PENDING ITEMS**
   - **Committee Appointments**- Chair Boschini reported that the appointment process has been problematic. She recommended that appointments to various campus committees should happen in spring rather than in fall. Potential appointments for the following committees were discussed: 1) Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee; 2) Academic Petitions Committee; 3) Student Union Board; 4) All-University Teacher Education Advisory Committee; 5) Distributive Learning Committee. The table approved the approach of recruiting for the various positions and sharing the conclusion.
The table approved the appointment of K. LaGue to the Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administration Board of Directors.

Recruiting will take place for the At-large vacancies on the AAC and AS&SS.

- **GECCo-** Chair Boschini reported that P. Newberry is putting together a GE scheduling workgroup; it is not intended to be a full committee. The purpose is to look at how to line up the GE courses that students need to take with demand and supply; it is not to make curricular decisions. He has requested that two Senators to serve on the committee. The table approved the recommended appointment of M. Rush and J. Paschal to serve on the workgroup.

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- **New SOCI Proof-** D. Schechter emailed a proof of the new SOCI and requested feedback. Comments and concerns include: 1) deleting the questions about reason for taking the course, etc. at the bottom of the page; 2) do not support changing the scoring to match the old form; "big" numbers are "better."; 3) number lines dealing with "positive" numbers increase from left to right; 4) we should use what the Senate approved. Chair Boschini reported that feedback has been well received and that changes are being made.

  **Motion/Second/Approved:** B. Hartsell and A. Hegde moved to approve the SOCI with revisions noted. Motion approved.

- **Concerns about Academic Program Profile-** Chair Boschini reported that there is concern that the process for the Academic Program profile appears to be changing in a direction that is out of compliance with the procedures that were approved in 2010. According to the procedures, IRPA would be generating the program profiles. Things have been moving to the direction of IRPA pushing the responsibility down to the level of department chairs. Provost Zorn will address the issue with K. Krishnan then report back.

- **Referral-Formation of New Department: Child Adolescent and Family Studies-** This issue will be referred to all four standing committees.

- **Commencement-** Provost Zorn reported that Administration is looking at making some changes in commencement and requested feedback on how to get faculty input. The reason for making a change is so students can bring more guests; we have outgrown the Amphitheater. She added that President Mitchell does not want to have graduation off campus. Two options are being discussed:
  
  o **Option 1**
    
    ▪ Campus-wide commencement in the grassy area next to Alumni Park on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 7:00 A.M. followed by a campus-wide reception.
    
    ▪ A graduate ceremony and reception would follow.
    
    ▪ Students would not walk across the stage or hear their names called
  
  o **Option 2**
    
    ▪ Ceremony at 7:00 A.M. for two schools followed by a reception.
    
    ▪ A second ceremony at 10:30 A.M. for the other two schools followed by a reception.
    
    ▪ A Graduate ceremony and reception would follow at 1:00 P.M.
    
    ▪ Individual names would be called.

  She added that with either option, President Mitchell would circulate around the reception and be available to shake hands.

  Comments and recommendations are as follows: 1) walking across the stage and hearing their names called is an important ritual for students and their families; 2) there are ways to read names much faster; 3) students walking across the stage
from both directions is cumbersome; 4) rather than a large reception, consider having students go back to their department where their names will be called in a ceremonial way; 5) too much time is spent on speeches; 6) wide consultation from faculty on the issue is great; 7) request feedback from the DCLC and give them an opportunity to talk to their departments; 8) in past years, there have been a lot of changes to commencement without consulting faculty; 9) consider an open forum to discuss the issue; 10) consider a faculty referendum.

- **Request for ERFA (or Retired Faculty) seat on Academic Senate**-Chair Boschini reported that the ERFA would like to request a retired faculty seat on the Academic Senate; their interest is in getting more engaged. This issue will be referred to the FAC.

8. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR September 29, 2016 SENATE MEETING** (Time Certain 11:15 A.M.)

- **Announcements**  
  Follow-up from General Faculty Meeting  
  CPR Report  
  GECCo Report

- **Consent**

- **Old Business**

- **New Business**

9. **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**