CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES-APPROVED
Thursday, September 1, 2016
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.


ABSENT: C. Cruz-Boone

VISITORS: D. Schecter, M. Danforth, V. Harper, P. Newberry, P. Heintz, F. Gorham

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order by Chair Boschini.

2. **Approval of Minutes** – June 2, 2016

   Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Kegley and Hartsell moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from June 2, 2016 are approved.

3. **Announcements and Information**
   - Introductions-Chair Boschini welcomed everyone and requested that everyone introduce themselves.
   - Senate Orientation- Chair Boschini provided an overview of how the Senate works; orientation materials can be found on the Academic Senate website.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

   Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Moore and Hartsell moved to approve the agenda. The agenda is approved.

5. **ASCSU Report**-None

6. **Provost’s Report** (J. Zorn)-Provost Zorn reported on the following:
   - A priority for this academic year is student success; there are pressures to focus on four-year as well as six-year graduation rates.
   - The Graduation Initiative Symposium is scheduled for September 21-22, 2016 in Long Beach; a delegation of eight people from our campus will be attending.
   - $35 million will be coming to the CSU from the legislature; it is not automatic. CSU campuses are required to submit a report on student success. The money is specific for the student success initiative.
   - Applications are being reviewed for the SSE and dean searches. The AVC dean search will begin shortly.
   - The Q2S conversion continues to be a focal point; it continues to be monitored and adjusted.
   - 32 tenure-track hires and 13 full-time lecturer hires have been made; a lot of them were replacements. A proposal focusing on tenure-track density will be presented to the Budget and Strategic Planning Committee; 2015 data indicates that 53.8% of our faculty are tenure-track. She added that we should be able to bring it up to over 61% to expand positions; not replacement of positions.
   - CSU Trustee Eisen recently visited campus; she understands our challenges and that we need funding.
7. **Open Forum Items (Time Certain 11:15 a.m.)**
The following comments were made in response to Senator Murphy’s inquiry in regard to peoples’ response to the Q2S conversion: 1) there is still much confusion among faculty and students; 2) a lot of evaluations have not been done so students are rolling into upper division courses when they should be in lower division; 3) some students are having issues with credits being transferred over; 4) students often find it difficult to settle-in time for a 50-minute class; 5) the wait list is being over-ridden.

8. **Election of Academic Affairs Committee Chair for 2016/2017**-Chair Boschini reported that an election for AAC Chair is needed to replace D. Jackson, who has moved in to an administrative position.

Senator Boschini opened the floor for nominations.

**Motion**: Senator Kegley nominates Senator Slaughter to serve as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Nominations closed.

**Passed**: Motion approved by acclamation. Senator Slaughter is elected to serve as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

9. **Ratification of Standing Committees**

Misspelling of names were corrected.

**Motion/Second/Approved**: Senators Frye and Wilson moved to approve the Standing Committee membership for 2016-17 as edited. Motion is approved.

10. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 11:29.