CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE
Minutes
Thursday, May 04, 2017
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.


ABSENT: J. Zorn

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

1. Call to Order Meeting called to order by Chair Boschini at 10:00 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes (pages 2-5) Approved.
3. Announcements and Information
   • General Faculty Meeting May 5, 2017 12:30 – 1:30 Purpose: 1) Results Faculty Survey Spring 2017, 2) semester debriefing, 3) budget transparency, and 4) Open Forum.
   • President Mitchell to meet with Executive Committee May 9.
   • Special Senate meeting May 11, 2017 to finish Old Business, welcoming new Senate members, and elect Standing Committee Chairs. Incoming and outgoing Exec Committee to meet for Summer Senate so people know what they are serving on start of new year. Keep all Thursdays open.
   • Committee on Professional Responsibility (CPR) annual report to Senate: Because they didn’t have any cases, the committee did not meet; no report is indicated.
   • Two-Four Year Pledge - Dr. Kohli presented report. The history starts in Oct 2016, whereby memo from CO that signed into law and created sections mandate all CSU will have CA Promise Program in which they complete (two year or four year) degree. Pledges are approved by department/school. As of Spring 2018 students will be able to self-select interest when applying to the CSU. Working with Associate Deans to think about guiding principles to define local program. Departments should have their autonomy to decide their program and process. Vetted with Department Chairs, and then informally talked with advisors. Basically, a transparent two and four-year program. Californiapromise.edu Example, four-year eligible for English & Math (and not available to remedial) 30 units per year including summer, good academic standing, attended orientation, course pattern, enroll during priority period, and remain in same major. Our commitment includes 1) dedicated advisor 2) priority registration plus verbiage CSUB. We added 1) value added experience 2) career development 3) meaningful experience 4) life-long learning. Two-year candidates can only pledge if they hold an ADT and are completing the major. The difference for pledge and transfer is complete in two years vs 60 units and further. Issues: 1) monetary incentives waive graduation fee (decision pending) 2) Provost’s Grad Initiative Task Force suggest local name (decision pending). C. Murphy asked if there is a GPA standard? V. Kohli responded that they are discussing still. M. Rush asked what if students don’t honor pledge? They no longer have priority registration through the pledge program. School & Academic Program office – we will only open priority for students that are following program.

4. Approval of Agenda
   Correct agenda has only one resolution: Extended University Name Change.
   Add V. Kohli (CA Promise Program) to agenda
   Motion to approve amended agenda
   Motion/Second/Approved
5. ASCSU - State Senators S. Frye and C. Murphy will be at state meeting and will miss Commencement.
6. Provost - none
7. Committee and Report Requests
a. Executive Committee (B. Hartsell) - Open discussion of lack of budget transparency.
   We must be clear about what we want and what we want it for; what are our goals. For example, if faculty wants more that 50% for Academic Affairs. Senate Chair Boschini and BPC Chair A. Hegde met with T. Davis/BAS and advised that we need instruction costs from last two years. T. Davis was clear that he could deliver. AA and instruction costs and how much is instruction and what categories of instruction are most important. Request numbers for all units, including Athletics and non-state-side account. Deliver the message that no portion of budget should be invisible. If funds flow through Foundation, we still need to see income and expenditures. Given what is available about other campuses, CSUB is outlier in terms of the paucity of financial information that is available to the campus community and the public. Senator A. Hegde said T. Davis is willing to work and be part of decision process. People from BPC have been on committee and be involved in discussion on what we need to spend money on and bring to Senate. Faculty engagement in budget process should not be retrospective; administration should not claim that the Budget Central information met the needs of the campus when data is posted after the conclusion of the academic year. M. Rush: they are not doing their job if we don’t have transparency. BJ Moore: establish date, and if we do not receive the requested information we must move forward with planned action. T. Davis inherited a difficult situation, unclear data, and inconsistent record-keeping, and we are calling on him to move our campus forward beyond that. There are series of actions that can be taken, including exercising the Freedom of Info Act, and participating in faculty action. Chair Boschini – when we heard there was a tentative 2017-18 budget, we emphasized that we should have already been at the table for the generation of that draft budget. Senator Moore suggested including Chancellor’s office in strategy and visit with Chancellor and talk about how to proceed in context of shared governance. BJ Moore: it matters that we agree on what we need and why. A. Hegde: on BPC for eight years without seeing a budget, so we may be moving in right direction. H. McCown’s experience suggests two columns are absolutely critical: budget, actual. By the end of September we should see numbers in actual columns. Chair Boschini is recommending year to year so we can see trends, so we can see if resources are aligned with the priorities of campus. H. McCown they need budget for each of the ten years. What is best guess? Admn should be setting draft budgets for at least five years out.
b. Academic Affairs Committee (M. Slaughter) it should be some of the staff.
c. Academic Support & Student Services Committee (J. Millar) Agreement not to move forward with Max Units resolution; 19 units often more difficult especially for student who want to participate in activities. 70% don’t take a full load. Role of advisors and look at change of semester and decide after we collect more data, and what’s the flow. Revisit the question later. Chair Boschini: after committee meetings, conversation by email was too complex and there were still too many issues unresolved; issue will be carried over in Fall. Boschini we had legitimate conflicts why they number of units need further discussion. J. Millar said conscious decision to table Instructor Initiated Drop Policy.
e. Faculty Affairs Committee (D. Whetton) - Update on log reiterating what happened with each referral (see log).
f. Staff Report (J. Paschal) Fundraising Student Scholarships, food pantry, 18 nominations for Staff Senate seat.
g. ASI Report (A. Dominguez) back from Sacramento for $168 M this meeting was strategic appropriations, budget, Chad Mayes Republican Assembly Leader and offered support. Cal Poly just received millions in donation. Major issue: Yesterday, graduating students received email that they could only get five tickets for commencement. Original promise to have unlimited guests was not honored. Decision made in Cabinet; no consultation with student body officers or faculty. Change was made two weeks before graduation and it affects families who made flight reservations and hotel reservations. Senator Dominguez to meet with Dr. Wallace to find a solution.

8. **Resolutions** – (Time Certain 10:45 a.m.)
   a. Consent Agenda
   b. Old Business
   c. New Business

RES 161718 Extended University Name Change (AAC, AS&SS, BPC, FAC) (First reading) - D. Schecter: the Handbook only refers to it as “extended university” so somehow “division” came in later. M. Novak said “division” links us to the CSU system by using similar terminology. Discussion regarding wording of proposed
name. Chair Boschini: not sure the Senate should be renaming EU with our own wording. S. Frye suggested
deferece to Dr. Novak. M. Novak explained why EU and Outreach important. The term, “Division” was
inherited. Motion to accept name change to “Division of Extended Education and Global Outreach”.

Motion/Second/Approved

9. Open Forum (Time Certain 11:15 a.m.) Elections: an issue arose in the most recent ballot, so faculty will receive a
fresh invitation to vote.

Commencement Ticketing: Vice Chair Hartsell asserted that adding ticketing at this point is unacceptable. BJ
Moore motioned to take to President. Cabinet discussion over weekend: how to accommodate over 18,000.
Monday the Cabinet decided to ticket so that each graduate would have 5 family/friends present in the soccer
stadium. D. Schecter can bring info to Dr. Mitchell. D. Boschini expressed interest in having statement made by
the Senate and ASI to give to the President. Comments from taken from the floor.

S. Frye invite ASI to consider alternative spaces for future graduation since there is no physical space to
accommodate the numbers of people attending commencement. BJ Moore: The planning committee has only
one faculty representative and one student representative. Chair Boschini: the commencement committee did not
include a faculty rep. BJ Moore stated that Commencement is a faculty and student driven event, and needs to
return planning to involve student and faculty.

BJ Moore introduced a motion to deliver a statement to the President today that the current situation is
unacceptable and that student and faculty need to be involved in an emergency decision-making meeting with the
President. B. Hartsell second the motion. D. Wilson said ASI should be front-line, yet ASI President was informed
of change by email. It was disrespectful and unacceptable not to include ASI in decision-making given their ability
to handle difficult situations well.

Chair Boschini opened discussion around the motion. J. Paschal said this discussion about commencement
started in the fall about overflow and was brushed over. She is troubled that the Cabinet made a decision so close
to graduation. M. Slaughter finds it troubling that the President gets to make decision that affect who can attend
when and how many family members can attend what is for many, a celebration of first-generation college
graduates. H. McCown said consider BC stadium seats 17,000, and has adequate parking. J. Millar was invited
to manage crowd with five others with “no saving seats” policy, and to decide those people who can come in and
those people who can’t. Since five seats is just policy and not law, police cannot be called to enforce. B. Hartsell
motioned to continue meeting. Chair Boschini suggested splitting ceremony with an admission that the ticketing
solution was not the correct one. The way to solve is to divide the schools up, and have more than one ceremony.
C. Cruz-Boone said family does not fit in five people for many students. BJ Moore added support to the motion on
the floor. She noted that we may be trying to make decisions in isolation in some representation of shared
governance. She suggested motion authorize support of the Executive Committee to act instead of Senate
instead of problem solving on the Senate floor. Dr. Schecter apologized on behalf of Cabinet. Decision will be
ticket versus no ticket.

J. Kegley emphasized the importance of accommodation of as many people as possible and moving venue if
necessary. Statement to President urgent today for emergency meeting to find a different plan for graduation; the
current plan is unacceptable. Senate and students to be involved in commencement decisions. We will not offer
specific details in statement and the faculty and students involved in the emergency meeting will be charged with
the task of developing the plan with the President.

S. Frye wrote statement: The Senate is concerned with the decision to give tickets for graduation. Given that the
decision was made without consultation with faculty and students, the Senate requests an emergency meeting that
includes faculty, staff, and students, and be held to resolve this problem in the best interest of students.

Motion/Second/Approved

Adjournment