

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES-**APPROVED**
Thursday, September 26, 2013
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS: D. Boschini, S. Campagna-Pinto, S. Coley, D. Dodd, J. Emery, A. Gebauer, K. Hartlep, A. Hegde, J. Kegley, V. Kohli, H. McCown, J. Millar, M. Moe, C. Murphy, R. Provencio, M. Rush, R. Schultz, P. Smith (ALT), J. Talamantes, J. Tarjan,

ABSENT: R. Negrini, H. Nieblas, C. Petit,

VISITORS: H. Mitchell, C. Kemnitz, A. Houtman, M. Suess

1. **Call to Order-10:00 a.m.-** Meeting called to order by Chair Kegley
2. **Approval of Minutes** –September 12, 2013

Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Moe and Gebauer moved to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved with one abstention.

3. **Announcements and Information**

- **Anne Houtman, Dean of NSM&E**-Chair Kegley welcomed Anne Houtman and introduced her as the new Dean of NSM&E. Dean Houtman stated that she is very happy to be here and is honored to be chosen to lead NSM&E as the new Dean; she sees her job as continuing the amazing work of Julio Blanco. She added that she recently went through quarter to semester conversion at her position at Rochester Institute of Technology where the transition was seamless for students. In response to Senator Campagna-Pinto's questions regarding the relationship between Science and Humanities and the development of building bridges between the two, Dean Houtman replied that building bridges with the other schools as well as with alumni and the community then reaching down to high schools and further to K-12 is one of her priorities.
- **Second Call for Curriculum Conversion Committee**-Chair Kegley reported that a second call will be issued for At-large faculty members for the Curriculum Conversion Committee; faculty members are strongly urged to become involved.
- **Senate Alternates:** Chair Kegley once again reminded everyone to contact the Senate office with the name of their alternate.
- **Kegley Institute Annual Lecture**-Chair Kegley announced on behalf of the Kegley Institute that Otis Brawley, Chief Medical Officer for the American Cancer Society will be speaking on October 9, 2013.
- **IREPP Fall Lecture**-Senator Campagna-Pinto's announced the Institute for Religion, Education, and Public Policy (IREPP) will be hosting a fall lecture entitled "Irreligion: Causes and Consequences."

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Gebauer and Moe moved and seconds to approve the agenda. The agenda is approved.

5. **ASCSU Report (A. Gebauer C. Murphy)** -Chair Kegley reported that Senator Gebauer's ASCSU report from September 18-20, 2013 has been distributed via email to the general faculty. Senator Gebauer highlighted the following areas of the report:
 - It is no surprise that the number one reason for "bottlenecks" is lack of tenured faculty; Chancellor White believes the problem has to be addressed with locally with campus presidents, deans, and chairs.

- Quarter to semester conversion and the lack of inclusion of faculty in the initial discussions; the Chancellor feels that it is very important to include faculty in discussions. President Mitchell added that the Chancellor has heard Senator Gebauer's concern that there is need for more faculty input early in the process and has communicated the concern back to the campus presidents.

Senator Murphy added that there is concern for the lack of a Faculty Trustee; it is unknown why the Governor refuses to appoint one.

Senator Tarjan added that he has two areas of concern: He supports the idea of a second faculty trustee. However he believes that it is ill-advised to say that faculty members have to serve a year before they get a vote. Also, to hold all degrees to the same number of units does not make sense and does not serve the student well.

In regards to SLO being the last campus on the quarter to semester conversion list Senator Hartlep inquired about the likelihood of their campus holding out. Senator Gebauer answered that he does not believe there will be an extension and that over time the remaining campuses will convert to semesters. President Mitchell agreed with Senator Gebauer's comment.

6. Provost's Report (S. Coley)

• **President Mitchell provided the following updates:**

- ❖ President Mitchell summarized the September, 2013 Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting stating that former Trustee Chang was in attendance and commented on the need for the Governor to complete the process of getting a new Faculty Trustee. The Governor has cautioned not to ask for new resources for 2014-2015 while others in attendance said that the BOT needs to ask for what the system needs to do its job well. Rollin Richmond, President of Humboldt State University will be retiring at the end of AY 2013-14; a search will be needed. The search for the new president for CSU Long Beach is underway. The Governor has stated that in his desire to do online courses that he didn't intent to take the people out of the process
- ❖ President Mitchell thanked the Senate for its work on the recent resolutions.
- ❖ A new lecture series will begin through an initiative of Congressman McCarthy. The first of the series will be on November 6, 2013 with entrepreneur Elon Musk as guest speaker.
- ❖ The Valley Fever Symposium was well attended.
- ❖ The link to the President's remarks from his University Day Address is available in the *President's Monthly Campus Update* from September 20, 2013. Senator Tarjan commented that he is concerned as a parent that the Governor seems to be favoring the other systems of higher education over CSU.

• **Provost Coley provided the following update on Q2S:**

- ❖ There have been 2-3 meetings with the Presidents, Provosts, and Information Technology (IT); the Chancellor's primary focus is on IT issues.
- ❖ CSUB will benefit from the work that Los Angeles has already done over the past 2-3 years as well as a plan from University of Cincinnati.
- ❖ Provost Coley distributed a handout *Organizational Structure; Roles and Function of Semester Conversion*. The primary focus for CSUB has to be around curriculum conversion; the curriculum part will be centered around the committee which will be established. More information and opportunities for review and comment will follow; subcommittees will be established.
- ❖ The time lines which has been established by the Chancellor's Office for the first full year of semester conversion will be Fall, 2016. In 2015 we will need to know the courses and curriculum which will be available to students. Spring, and Summer, 2016 will be used to try to get as many students graduated as well can; departments will be contacted for recommendations in terms of making sure student graduation can be guaranteed; individualized student advising is key.
- ❖ In response to Senator Moe's questions about how the development of the transition of curriculum when there is not a GE Program in place as well as the issue of faculty workload, the Provost stated that once the GE has been decided the departments will have to decide how to interface with the new curriculum; a timeline is needed for the GE implementation discussion and recommendations. As communicated by the University of Cincinnati, Provost Coley added that there needs to be transparent communication about who is doing what with monthly updates for faculty, staff, and students. In terms of compensation, President Mitchell stated that faculty can have either release time or compensation; Administration does not want to wait until summer because it's too late. Provost Coley added that the allotment of money is going to the departments and they will decide how the funds will be distributed.

Chair Kegley urged members of the Senate to nominate themselves or other faculty members for the various conversion committees.

7. **Resolutions - (Time Certain 10:45 A.M.)**

a. **Consent Agenda**-None

b. **Old Business**-None

c. **New Business:**

• **Endorsement of GE Task Force Recommendations RES 1314036 (EC)-**

Chair Kegley introduced the resolution and expressed appreciation to the GE Task Force for their work. On behalf of the Task Force, Jeanne Harrie urged that the Senate adopt model three while giving consideration to the elements of model two which could be integrated into model three. Chair Kegley added that the second recommendation of the Task Force is to form an Implementation Committee as soon as possible. For clarification, Senator Tarjan asked if there would be a representative group based on schools. Chair Kegley stated that the recommendations do not specify schools but there will be a broad-based committee. Senator Gubkin added that the committee did not mention anything about schools; ~~because as the Senate begins to think about representation, there may be other dimensions of representation.~~ representation might include groups other than those based on schools, which is often how elections are organized.

Called/Passed: Chair Kegley calls the question. The resolution regarding Endorsement of GE Task Force Recommendations passes.

Provost Coley stated that she enjoyed the discussion as GE Day and commended everyone's engagement. The Provost recommended for consideration that the Implementation Committee start meeting then the Administration will look at compensation in November-December, 2013 so that coming back in January, 2014 a good portion will already be completed.

8. **Committee Reports and Requests**

a. Academic Affairs Committee (J. Talamantes)-Senator Talamantes reported that at its meeting on September 19, 2013 the committee discussed Formation of New Departments; in regards to joining Music and Theatre together, everything seems to be in place; it makes sense to ask that the policy could be stream-lined.

b. Academic Support & Student Services Committee (J. Tarjan)-Senator Tarjan reported that the meeting for September 19, 2013 has been deferred.

c. Budget & Planning Committee (A. Hegde)-Senator Hegde reported that the committee discussed the Formation of New Departments. The question the committee had was about the evidence of savings from the merger of departments; it is not a simple process.

d. Faculty Affairs Committee (R. Schultz)-Senator Schultz reported that at its last meeting the committee tabled the Search Committee Composition. Following discussion the committee recommends that the policy on Formation of New Departments be included in the University Handbook.

e. Executive Committee (R. Negrini)-In Senator Negrini's absence, Senator Talamantes reported that on September 17, 2013 the EC discussed the Calls that have been issued for various committees. The committee discussed that the Constitutional Amendment for inclusion of Staff representative on the Senate is going forth; a vote of the entire faculty with 2/3 majority needed will be coming up soon. A request has been submitted to merge the Music and Theatre Departments; Mandi Reese will be interim chair of both Music and Theatre while process of combining the two departments goes through. The committee talked about implementation GE; recommendations will take place within a few months so that departments will know what to do with GE while converting curricula. For departments who will take released time rather than stipends, the Provost will look into rolling over released time into next year. This is necessary because teaching assignments are already locked in for this 2013-2014. Provost Coley announced that Economics has requested that their BA be placed in moratorium and thus not be included in conversion to semester. During semester conversion, J. Dirkse will report to K. Shenoy of information Technology Services.

f. ASI Report-None

g. Rumor and Gossip Control-Senator Pinto-Campagna referred to an email that he recently received and asked if a student has a right to disrupt valid scholarly and academic knowledge with hate speech. In response, President Mitchell stated that academic freedom does not extend to someone who is not enrolled in the class. Provost Coley added that they can assist with tips and strategies on how to effectively engage students; there is a designated Free Speech Zone on campus. Senator Millar stated that if the student is unsatisfied with the instructor's response there is an ombudsman available. Senator Kohli added that there is some merit in an institution repeating its fundamental values; it is an expression of where our value is..."that we value freedom of speech and diversity of opinion." President Mitchell stated that there is a set of values that the faculty has adopted and can make sure that they come to the floor periodically. Chair Kegley added that there needs to be a clear place for campus policies to be posted.

9. **Open Forum Items (Time Certain 11:15 a.m.)**-None

Senator Tarjan inquired about the status of the Web Redesign Committee. Provost reported that the website should be launched in January 2014; information is still being collected from the schools. In response to Senator Hartlep's comment that it is her understanding that her personal webpage will be removed in January, Provost Coley stated that there will be a uniform look for the University; a template is available for faculty to upload information to the new page; if there is an interest someone can come explain the process to the Senate.

Senator Tarjan stated that he hopes that the Senate will communicate to faculty that the semester conversion process is a rare opportunity.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 am.