

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

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

ABSENT: (None)

VISITORS: C. Kemnitz

1. **Call to Order -10:30 a.m.**- Meeting called to order by Chair Kegley.
2. **Approval of Minutes** –September 26, 2013

Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Moe and Gebauer moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from September 26, 2013 are approved.

For clarification Senator Kohli stated that she did not interpret the comment from Senator Gubkin regarding the discussion of the Endorsement of the GE Task Force Recommendations as summarized in the Senate minutes from September 26, 2013; she thought the GE Committee had asked for representation. Chair Kegley explained that Task Force recommended various types of representation; at its October 1, 2013 meeting, the Executive Committee decided that the GE Implementation Committee would have representation from each the four schools. Tawnya will clarify the discussion with Senator Gubkin.

3. **Announcements and Information**

Antelope Valley Senate Representative-Chair Kegley announced that Senator Pettit from the Antelope Valley campus will be attending the Senate meetings via a teleconference line.

CSU International Programs Committee-Chair Kegley congratulated Jovanni Garcia for being selected to serve on the state-wide CSU International Programs Committee. Senator Murphy added that the selection is competitive and Ms. Garcia is the first student to be selected from CSUB.

Grapes of Wrath Celebration-Chair Kegley invited everyone to attend a reception which kicks off the the Grapes of Wrath 75th Anniversary Celebration; the event is scheduled for October 13, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Dezember Reading Room.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Kegley reported that The Appointment of a Faculty Trustee to the CSU Board of Trustees on the agenda.

Motion/Second/Approved: Senator Kohli moved to approve the agenda, Senator Rush seconds the motion. The motion to approve the agenda is approved.

5. **ASCSU Report (A. Gebauer C. Murphy)** -None

6. Committee Reports and Requests

a. **Academic Affairs Committee** (J. Talamantes)-None

b. **Academic Support & Student Services Committee** (J. Tarjan)-None

c. **Budget & Planning Committee** (A. Hegde) Senator Hedge reported that at its last meeting the committee discussed Formation of New Departments and came up with three approaches to address the resolution: there is no need for an expedited policy, some editorial changes are needed in the policy language, and should the policy be placed in the Handbook. Chair Kegley added that the Senate is hoping to get a designated place on the CSUB website where policies can be placed. In response to Senator Moe's inquiry, Senator Hegde stated that this is an edit of the 1997 Formation of New Departments: Principles and Procedures as passed by the Senate.

d. **Faculty Affairs Committee** (R. Schultz)-Senator Schultz reported that the committee discussed the policy on the formation of search committees and realized as written, it would not make the committees any smaller; a sub-committee is looking at which search committees are academic positions and the level of faculty representation that each of them should have. The committee has decided to complete a white paper in order to develop the RTP Process. Senator Shultz added that there has been concern among the committee members that sometimes the RTP criteria are applied differently for different people. Also, once the RTP process is approved, how much effect does it have on departmental policies in order to benefit everybody? Chair Kegley replied that the assumption was that the University policy would state criteria that would be the minimum for departments to follow. Chair Kegley added that this is a very important topic for everyone; there is a RTP folder on FirstClass and encouraged everyone to review the folder and to bring concerns/questions there.

e. **Executive Committee** (R. Negrini)-Senator Negrini reported that at its last meeting the committee discussed the GE Implementation Committee; there are no clear instructions regarding the composition of the committee. Following brief discussion regarding a broad representation, it was decided that there would be a Call issued for a faculty representative from each school in addition to an as yet to be determined number of At-large representatives. The Provost has scheduled a meeting on October 25, 2013 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. with department chairs and the EC to overview the Q2S process including a compensation model. Senator Negrini added that the Provost was urged to consider for those who wanted release time instead of stipends that it be rolled over until 2014-2015. Chair Kegley reminded everyone that Calls have been issued for several search and evaluation committees as well as the GE Implementation and Conversion Committees. Senator Negrini added that the EC is pushing for release time or compensation for faculty who serve on the GE Implementation Committee; the hope is that most of the work can be done in December, 2013.

f. **ASI Report**-H. Nieblas reported that Diversity Week was a success. The Senate was urged to inform students that ASI is looking for a VP for External Affairs; applications are available in the ASI office and are due by October 18, 2013.

g. **Rumor and Gossip Control**-Senator Rush expressed concern about the cancellation of the Fall Athletic BBQ. Senator Gebauer stated that there is a scheduling conflict with the WAC woman's volleyball tournament. Chair Kegley stated that she would share the Senate's concern with Athletics.

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

a. **Consent Agenda-**

- **The Appointment of a Faculty Trustee to the CSU Board of Trustees (EC) RES 1314037**
Consent Item Approved

b. **Old Business**

c. **New Business:**

- **Merger of the Departments of Music and Theatre (EC) RES 1314038**
Senators Gebauer and Moe moved to adopt the resolution. Chair Kegley introduced the resolution and opened the floor for discussion. Senator Hartlep stated that none of the committees have looked at the document. Senator Gebauer stated that the usual procedure is that the EC discusses if an issue needs a referral or not...it is a built in expedited process...the Senate has the option to recommend it to the standing committee. Senator Kohli added that she formally recommended to the Chair of BPC that the term "usual" puts the EC in a tenuous position because it leaves up to the EC the opportunity to interpret on behalf of the University whether or not something is controversial regarding the merging of departments...there have been rumblings that everybody is not behind this merger; "but I trust whatever decision the EC makes. In Senator Provencio's absence, alternate J. Scully stated that their situation is somewhat unique: they share administrative support, the Dore Theatre and facilities, hold joint meetings to schedule events...it's a natural cohesion which may not translate well to other departments; it formalizes a relationship Music and Theatre already has. Senator Moe added that the supporting document which was submitted with the resolution is not signed or dated. Chair Kegley reported that document was left out in error. Senator Gebauer stated that he is not worried about setting precedence; the document states that the proposal was unanimously approved by the faculty. Senator Kohli reiterated that her intent was to make sure that this was not a precedence establishing thing...we cannot assume that the business of department merging and separating is only up to the level of the faculty. Senator Hartlep added that she would like to see this as an exception...on page 2 of the policy on *The Formation and Modification of Academic Departments: Principles and Procedures* it states that The Academic Senate shall follow its usual procedures involving committee recommendations before taking final action. Senator Millar the EC is a committee which is to decide if it should go out to the standing committees; in this case they decided it did not need review from the other committees.

Called/Passed: Chair Kegley calls the question. The resolution regarding the Merger of the Departments of Music and Theatre passes with one abstention.

8. **Open Forum Items (Time Certain 11:15 a.m.)**

Calls-Vice Chair Negrini asked the Senate for their input on whether possible compensation should be included in the language of the call for the Curriculum Conversion Committee. Following brief discussion the consensus was that working beyond the normal work calendar is compensated; stating that the majority of the work is in December would give a hint that there would probably be compensation.

Senator Rush commented that she is drowning in committee calls and inquired about the possibility of having one call that announces all of them. Vice Chair Negrini stated that the various for search, evaluation, and Q2S committees are coming in a staggered fashion and with time constraints; he is working on making sure that the issued calls are clear to everyone. Chair Kegley added that we have seen an unprecedented number of committees appear this academic year.

Following brief discussion it became apparent that not all of the school election chairs have issued a second call for the GE Implementation Committee. Tawnya will follow up on this issue.

Senator Moe reported that there is an email problem; he often misses out on calls. Tawnya will make an inquiry about FERP faculty being on the list.

9. **Provost's Report (S. Coley)**

Chair Kegley reported that there is concern regarding compensation for members who serve on the GE Implementation and Conversion Committees. Provost Coley stated that there will be compensation but she does not know the parameters yet.

Provost Coley announced that there will be a meeting on October 25, 2013 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to orient the department chairs around the broad framework for the conversion process. More information will follow.

There will be a campus wide announcement soon regarding a faculty support program for travel.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 am.