

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES-APPROVED
Thursday, November 7, 2013
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

ABSENT: K. Hartlep, J. Millar,

VISITORS: None

1. **Call to Order -10:30 a.m.**- Meeting called to order by Chair Kegley.
2. **Approval of Minutes** –October 24, 2013

Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Gebauer and Campagna-Pinto moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from October 24, 2013 are approved with 2 abstentions.

3. **Announcements and Information**

- Chair Kegley reminded everyone that she will be hosting an informal social event for the Senate at her home on November 15 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- Senator Provencio announced that the concert season begins on November 9, 2013.
- Senator Murphy announced that the deadline for students to apply for the CSU International Studies Program is December 15, 2013; financial aid and scholarships are available for the year long program.
- Chair Kegley announced that candidates for Associate Vice-President for Faculty Affairs will be on campus beginning November 12, 2013.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Moe and Rush moved to approve the agenda. The agenda from November 7, 2013 is approved.

5. **ASCSU Report (A. Gebauer C. Murphy)**

Chair Kegley announced that Senator Gebauer's recent ASCUS report has been distributed to faculty. Senator Gebauer provided a brief summary of his report. Chair Kegley added that resolutions on Recommendation on the Eligibility of Lecturers for Emeritus Status and Recommendation to Amend Title 5 to Establish Appropriate Unit Limits for Engineering Degrees will be distributed to the Senate. Senator Tarjan stated that perhaps a resolution on 180 units should be referred to committee.

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

In the Provost's absence, C. Kelsey provided an update on the activity surrounding Q2S Conversion and reminded everyone that the Q2S material is available on the V-drive. A website should be made available by January, 2014. He stated that questions and comments have been gathered from all of the recent meetings which will be put in a question and answer format and will be made available to faculty. The Budget and Planning Committee is working on the semester calendar for academic year 2016-2017. An Exceptions Committee will be formed in Winter, 2014 to address curricular issues that are different than what is recommended.

The floor raised the following issues/concerns regarding Q2S:

- Why are faculty challenged to think outside the box but they are presented with the box?
- It was observed that uniformity and dictating the parameters doesn't sound like Chancellor White; on multiple occasions he has argued that faculty needs to be included in decisions.
- When considering lower- division coursework we need to include community colleges in the planning.
- Why 3 unit courses, not 4 unit courses?

7. **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)**-None

d. **Faculty Affairs Committee (R. Schultz)**- Senator Schultz reported that at its last meeting the committee completed discussion on Composition of Search Committees for Administrators. Discussion continued on University RTP Criteria; Senator Schultz encouraged faculty to post comments in the RTP folder which is available on FirstClass for discussion; the committee will hold an additional meeting on December 10, 2013 to discuss University RTP Criteria.

e. **Executive Committee (R. Negrini)**-Vice Chair Negrini reported that the Curriculum Conversion Committee, GE Implementation Committee, and the University Semester Conversion Committee have been constituted and announced the membership of each. He expressed appreciation to all who came forward and were willing to serve.

The floor raised the following issues/concerns regarding Q2S:

- There is a concern about the lack of issues being brought to the Standing Committees thus allowing the EC to be the Senate. It should be noted that the Senate did vote on the principles to guide Q2S. There are matters coming to the committees including calendar and time blocks.
- It was requested that the Provost provide a flow chart and time line for Q2S committees.
- We should monitor the process and progress of all Q2S Committees but especially those that are faculty committees.
- What exactly is the charge of the Curriculum Conversion Committee?

Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Gebauer and Moe moved to postpone New Business for fifteen minutes. The motion is approved.

- Summer Session; why aren't we considering going to three semesters? It would be important to utilize summer.
- There is no University-wide curriculum committee, and thus is there a role for Academic Affairs? It is assumed that much of the work on curriculum revision for Q2S will be done in school curriculum committees.
- Faculty should not be excluded from all Q2S discussion; they need to be proactive in the process and utilize creativity.
- Request regular reports from Administration summarizing progress to date.
- Exception Committee for anything other than 3 units suggests that it is "the law"; the number of units should be determined by the department/program. What is the exception committee and how did it originate?
- Why is there an arbitrary 66 unit cap for BS programs?
- Why weren't faculty involved with coming up with the parameters regarding the number of units?
- The faculty needs to be proactive in looking at the calendar and time blocks.

8. **Resolutions - (Time Certain 11:00 A.M.)**

a. **Consent Agenda**-None

b. **Old Business** -None

c. **New Business**

- **Composition of Search Committees for Administrators RES 1213024 (FAC) (First Reading)**

Chair Kegley noted that the resolution was originally sent to the Senate on April 25, 2013; this will be a first reading. Senator Schultz reported that the FAC revised the Handbook rather than revise the previous resolution. The idea was to reduce the size of the search committees of at all possible. The concern was that there are administrative positions that require faculty vote because they affect faculty while there are other administrative positions that don't affect faculty as much as others. Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion. Feedback from the floor was provided to the FAC.

Committee Reports and Requests Continued:

f. **ASI Report**-In the absence of H. Nieblas, the ASI representative invited faculty to attend more student activities on campus; their involvement would improve the relationship between faculty and students which in turn may increase retention rates. Senator Murphy suggested that ASI email faculty with invitations to the events and create a faculty/student committee to recruit faculty. Senator Moore suggested utilizing the CSUB homepage bulletin board.

g. **Rumor and Gossip Control**-None

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

The floor raised the following issues/concerns regarding Q2S:

- Encourage more discussion with colleagues; some faculty will interpret that 3 units is the law and others will think of it as general guidelines.
 - Challenge of the notion that we have to use CSULA as a model; there are semester campuses across the country that have the flexibility; we can adopt our own model.
 - It should not be accepted that "the train has already left the station."
 - The GE Implementation Committee has to know what the expected unit count is.
- **Coordinating Quarter to Semester Curricular Revisions with our Community College Partners RES 1314042 (Floor)**

Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Tarjan and Gebauer moved to propose the resolution.

Motion/Second/Approved: Vice Chair Negrini and Senator Gebauer moved to waive the first reading. Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion. The motion to waive the first reading is approved.

Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Gebauer and Moe moved to extend time for five minutes.

Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion.

Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Gebauer and Moe moved to end debate.

Called/Passed: Chair Kegley called the question. The resolution on Coordinating Quarter to Semester Curricular Revisions with our Community College Partners passed.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:35