

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES-APPROVED
Thursday, November 21, 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 (ALT), A. Gebauer, K. Hartlep, A. Hegde, J. Kegley, V. Kohli, H. McCown, M. Moe, C. Murphy, R. Negrini, M. Rush, R. Schultz, P. Smith (ALT), J. Talamantes, J. Tarjan

ABSENT: J. Millar, H. Nieblas, C. Petit, R. Provencio,

VISITORS: C. Kemnitz

1. **Call to Order 10:30 a.m.**- Meeting called to order by Chair Kegley.
2. **Approval of Minutes** –November 7, 2013
Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Gebauer and Campagna-Pinto moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from November 7, 2013 are approved.
3. **Announcements and Information**
 - Chair Kegley expressed appreciation to President Mitchell and Provost Coley for hosting an informative open forum for department chairs on Q2S.
 - Senator Campagna-Pinto thanked the Provost and her office for their efforts on Ethics Across the Curriculum.
 - Chair Kegley announced that a Q2S open forum for the campus community is scheduled for January 10, 2014 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.
 - Chair Kegley announced that the GE Implementation Committee has met; Senator Tarjan, Committee Chair has developed a list of tasks and a timeline has been established for their aggressive agenda. Suggestions and concerns should be directed to the Committee. Chair Kegley added that a student focus group will also provide feedback and interaction.
 - Chair Kegley announced that the Q2S Curriculum Conversion Committee will hold an organizational meeting on November 22, 2013. She added that one of the duties of the committee is exceptions and clarified that there is no such thing as an Exceptions Committee.
 - Chair Kelgey reported that the issue of CSUB retention was brought to life following a recent article in the Bakersfield Californian regarding CSUB retention rates being the lowest in the CSU system. Provost Coley shared the following regarding Retention Rates/Culture Capital:
 - The administration has been conducting analysis of data on students going back to Fall, 2009; there are some data prior to that time.
 - Retention is an important issue that will continue to receive focus.
 - We need to broaden our thinking regarding retention.
 - There are challenges with retention as well as graduation rates.
 - A full report of the analysis of data will be scheduled for January, 2014; the Senate will be invited to engage in discussion.

The following are comments and suggestions from the floor:

 - Many students do not have the opportunity to engage in cultural enrichment activities; many students are at a disadvantage when there are conflicting schedules of courses and special events.
 - Advising has helped to address the issue of retention in Sociology.

- NSME has a successful advising center; it is a good model that is being mimicked by other schools on campus; It was noted that the NSME center is funded externally and that outside resources should be utilized for similar centers whenever possible..
- The Kegley Success Center has been successful in retaining athletes and increasing graduation rates.
- Resources should be made available for tutoring and development/support of basic skills throughout the university.
- We need to increase opportunities for students to work on campus including paying them well; also to make resources available for things like peer tutoring and supplemental instruction.
- There is concern about how the Q2S conversion will affect retention rates.
- The fitness center is underutilized which reflects the commuter culture of our students; perhaps we can make it a more welcoming environment towards academics and tutoring.
- Beyond advising we need mentoring across schools.
- We need to watch how we define cultural capital; students do come with culture and family traditions.
- A list of academic vocabulary would be helpful to students.
- Services such as early intervention and mentoring should be made available to all students, not just athletes.
- At other campuses significant student papers must be approved by the English Department before they can be submitted.
- Listen to what the students are telling us that they want i.e., implement experimental programs.
- We need to focus on getting more cultural classes.
- We have to look collectively at establishing expectations and setting the structure particularly for first year students.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Senator Talamantes requested that the agenda be amended to remove Academic Plan Through 2023 (RES 1314) from the consent agenda and move it to new business.

Motion/Second/Approved: The agenda from November 21, 2013 is approved as amended.

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

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

- An assessment workshop will held on December 5-6, 2013 to assist departments.
- Randy Schultz has been named as interim Dean of Extended University.
- There was an excellent engagement Q and A session regarding Q2S at the recent DCLC meeting; comments and FAQ's will be posted to the Q2S website in January, 2014.

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

a. **Consent Agenda**-None

b. **Old Business:**

- **Composition of Search Committees for Administrators RES 1213024 (FAC) (Second Reading)**-Senator Schultz reported that the committee considered the Senate's recommended changes and summarized the revisions which were made to the resolution.

Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion. Provost Coley reported in a recent meeting with the EC, President Mitchell indicated he desires that language be considered to allow him the right to appoint the chair for the search committee of the provost. Following brief discussion Cabinet level positions.

Motion/Second/Passed: Senator Gebauer made a motion to amend item 6 and add the following language to the resolution, "in the case of cabinet level positions the President in consultation with the search committee will appoint the chair. Vice-Chair Negrini second the motion. The motion passed.

Called/Approved: Chair Kegley called the question. The motion to approve the resolution on Composition of Search Committees for Administrators is approved.

c. New Business:

- **Academic Plan Through 2023 RES 1314044 (AAC/BPC) (First Reading)**-Senator Talamantes indicated that the reason that he asked for the resolution to be moved from the Consent Agenda is because the plan that the AAC saw was through 2021 while the document on the agenda goes through 2023. C. Kemnitz reported that the difference is regarding Nursing and moving it to coincide with their accreditation; as a result, he changed the date. In response to Senator Talamantes inquiry, C. Kemnitz stated that the change does not affect any other programs.

Motion/Second/Passed: Senator Gebauer made a motion to waive the first reading. The motion passed.

Called/Approved: Chair Kegley called the question. The motion to approve the resolution on Academic Plan Through 2023 is approved.

8. Committee Reports and Requests

- a) Academic Affairs Committee:** Senator Talamantes reported that the AAC submitted the resolution on Academic Plan Through 2023 that is before the Senate today. The committee discussed the Moratorium in Anthropology and saw nothing wrong with it; the referral has been completed. The committee is looking at the Issue of Three Unit Courses; there are concerns about whether the President can make the decision alone as well as there is confusion about the process is going to be to change over to semesters. Senator Gebauer reported that at the November 20, 2013 meeting of the DCLC there was discussion about how we need some sort of standard; having both three unit courses and four unit courses makes it difficult. The discussion ended with the chairs as a whole agreeing that three units should be the standard. C. Kemnitz pointed out that for those with questions regarding the flow of curriculum approval for conversion that it is exactly the same as it has been in the past with the exception that instead of interschool issues going to the AAC as the University Curriculum Committee, they will go to the Curriculum Conversion Committee.
- b) Academic Support and Student Services-None**
- c) Budget and Planning Committee:** Senator Hegde reported that the committee did not have any issues with the Moratorium in Anthropology. There are some concerns with the Q2S Academic Calendar and the issue of the number of units required for a major; there are also questions about the length of inter-session as well as the actual semester. Senator Gebauer added that at the recent DCLC meeting, the chairs endorsed a model that has 15 week semesters with a one week exam period.

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

FAC Committee-Senator Gebauer congratulated Senator Schultz on his new position as interim Dean of EU and stated that it would behoove the Senate to think about who will step into his place as Chair on the Faculty Affairs Committee. With such important issues on the Log, Senator Kohli stated that the Senate needs to have a method which allows Senators to continue. According to the By-Laws Chair Kelgey reminded everyone that it has to be a member of the Senate and asked for nominations to replace Senator Shultz on the FAC.

Motion: Senator Gebauer nominated Senator Hartlep.

Motion: Senator Rush nominated Senator Moe who declined the nomination.

Passed: Senator Hartlep is approved by acclamation.

Chair Kegley thanked Senator Schultz for his service. Senator Schultz stated that being a member of the Senate has helped him understand the working of the governance of the University in a positive way.

Committee Reports and Requests Continued

- d) **Faculty Affairs Committee:** Senator Schultz reported that the FAC will be meeting on December 12, 2013; the goal of the committee is to have a first reading of the Performance Review of Faculty for the Senate meeting scheduled for January 16, 2014.
- e) **Executive Committee:** Vice Chair Negrini reported that a majority of the meeting was spent discussing retention and advising. Calls have been issued for various Q2S subcommittees.
- f) **ASI Report:**ASI hopes that it can get started on recommendations for the Faculty Student Committee in Winter, 2014.
- g) **Rumor and Gossip Control:**
Senator Campagna-Pinto reported that he heard a rumor which has been proven false about the GE Committee and the idea that the Philosophy of Critical Thinking course would be combined with English 110.

As a member of the GE Committee, Senator Kohli expressed concern about how rumors come about and that committees need to be careful while deliberating. Senator Campagna-Pinto suggested with the scrutiny that perhaps a report following each meeting would be a good idea. Senator Gebauer added that the committees should have the ability to discuss things; periodic updates on progress are fine but requiring a report following each meeting is going overboard. He encouraged the GE Committee to focus on basic skills and less disciplinary focus.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am