

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
MINUTES-Approved  
Thursday, January 29, 2015  
Health Center Conference Room  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS:** S. Campagna-Pinto (ALT), D. Dodd, J. Fielder, S. Frye, K. Hartlep, B. Hartsell, A. Hegde, K. Holloway, A. Houtman (ALT), A. Jacobsen, J. Kegley, K. Knutzen (ALT) H. McCown, BJ Moore, C. Murphy (ALT), J. Paschal, S. Raczkowski, P. Smith, D. Stotler, J. Tarjan, D. Wilson

**ABSENT:** D. Boschini, E. Montoya,

**VISITORS:** C. Kemnitz, D. Schechter

1. **Call to Order**-Meeting called to order by Chair Kegley
2. **Approval of Minutes** – January 15, 2015  
**Motion/Second/Approved:** Senators Fiedler and Hartsell moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from January 15, 2015 are approved.
3. **Announcements and Information**
  - Chair Kegley announced that the Faculty Teaching and Learning Center in conjunction with the Walter Stiern Library will be hosting a Chinese New Year Celebration on February 19, 2015 from 11:00-2:00 in the Dezember Reading Room.
  - Chair Kegley announced that the CSU Board of Trustees approved construction of University Office Park, Phase I on the campus.
  - Senator Fiedler congratulated Senator Tarjan for being one of four finalists for the Faculty Trustee position.
  - Kathleen Knutzen: Graduation Initiative 2025-Interim VPAA Knutzen summarized the *California State University, Bakersfield 2025 Goals* stating that the Chancellor's office has requested that by 2025 to have a system-wide, six year graduation rate of 60%. The CSUB freshman graduation goal for 2025 is 46%; the four year graduation rate is going to be the biggest challenge. Progress will be monitored and reports will be submitted regularly to the Chancellor's office. She encouraged faculty to visit the [CSU Student Success Dashboard](#) for additional information. In our sister comparison group, we rate low in terms of six year graduation rates. Senator Tarjan recommended that there is a balanced approach to success; the skills that students leave us with should be a real focus. In response to Senator Moore's inquiry in regard to faculty involvement, K. Knutzen stated that this is a complex issue, we have to get the entire campus engaged; without faculty involvement this will not happen. In response to Senator Moore's comment that little has been done to market the new semester schedule, K. Knutzen reported that University Advancement will be launching a campaign in the near future.
4. **Approval of Agenda**  
**Motion/Second/Approved:** Senators Hartsell and Hartlep moved to approve the agenda. The agenda is approved.
5. **ASCSU Report**-Senator Murphy stated that the Report on the [ASCSU Plenary 21-23, 2015](#) has been emailed to faculty. She reported on the following:
  - A major concern is the issue on pilot baccalaureate degree programs being proposed by the California Community College; some proposals might duplicate something that we have. Chair Kegley urged everyone to respond to the survey on program duplication which has been sent to all CSUB faculty. Senator Frye emphasized the importance of this issue and urged faculty to pay close attention to the titles of the courses very carefully; they can be deceptive.
  - The costs of CSU Library publications are increasing as they are now required to be purchased in bundles; Library officials have met to discuss the issue.
  - Over 30,000 eligible students so far have been turned down by the CSU because of lack of funds.
  - The number of CSU tenure faculty has decreased.
  - There have been a high number of failed searches for faculty and administrators across the CSU's; salary is a factor.

- o This year the CSU will be celebration 3 million living alumni; there will be a big campaign at each campus to make contact.

Senator Frye summarized the five resolutions acted on by the ASCSU. Senator Moore expressed concern that the Chancellor is leading discussion on *Academic Freedom of CSU Faculty*. She added that the ASCSU should begin the process.

6. **Provost's Report (K. Knutzen)**-None

7. **Committee Reports and Requests**

(Minutes from AAC, AS&SS, BPC and FAC are posted on the Academic Senate Webpage)

- a. **Academic Affairs Committee (H. McCown)**- Senator McCown reported that the committee has made the following recommendations:
- o *Criteria of Teaching Online Courses*-no procedural changes; procedures seem to be in compliance
  - o *Certificate Program Policy*- Dean of Extended University designs one certificate following the proper campus procedure for name, color, etc.
  - o *Revision of SOCI's*- The task force limit itself to the immediate, pressing technical/administrative issues; If an overall review is desired, a separate task force be created to revise the questionnaire, after extensive consultation with the faculty, and extending the time frame for a conclusion.
  - o *Intellectual Property Policy*- a task force be formed to discuss this issue; the task force should include expertise in many differing areas. D. Schechter added that legal representation has been asked to try to coordinate the CSU Intellectual Property Policies; they may be asking campuses to consider a system-wide policy. Senator Houtman added that there is an urgent need for a patent policy to help junior faculty to move forward.

Committee reports continue following Resolutions.

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

a. **Consent Agenda**-None

b. **Old Business:**

- **Implementation of Article 20.37-Assigned Time for Exceptional Service RES 141520 (FAC) (Second Reading)**-On behalf of the FAC Senator Hartsell stated that the FAC submitted a simple resolution as the result of recommendations by the Senate and urged adoption. Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion.

**Called/Passed:** Chair Kegley called the question. The resolution for Implementation of Article 20.37-Assigned Time for Exceptional Service passed.

c. **New Business:**

- **Academic Calendar Summer 2016 RES 141524 (BPC) (First Reading)**-Senator Fiedler introduced the resolution stating that the academic calendar begins one week after grades are due for Spring 2016 and grades are due for Summer 2016 one week before faculty are due back on campus for Fall 2016.

**Motion/Second/Passed:** Senators Raczkowski and Moore moved to waive the first reading stating there is no other option and the issue has been discussed extensively. Motion passed. Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion.

**Called/Passed:** Chair Kegley called the question. The resolution for Implementation of Academic Calendar Summer 2016 passed.

- **Emeritus Status RES 141525 (FAC) (First Reading)**-Senator Hartsell introduced the resolution stating that the proposed changes to the Handbook addresses the issues in regard to the circumstances under which Emeritus status should be offered and who might qualify.

**Motion/Second/Failed:** Senators Hartsell and Moore moved to waive the first reading stating it would be beneficial to those who are involved if this process would move quickly. Senator Jacobsen spoke against

the motion stating that she would like to have time to consult with faculty. Motion failed. Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion.

Recommendations and concerns were presented to the FAC for consideration.

### **Committee Reports and Requests Continued**

#### **Academic Affairs Committee (H. McCown)-**

- o *Grad Check Process*- After meeting with C. Kemnitz, the committee concluded not to recommend any procedural changes; the computerized system will be replacing the current manual system. C. Kemnitz added that many of the issues are implementation issues; not policy issues. Senator Moore stated that students are not using the computerized system; she recommended an advising session for Juniors until we have a routine way.

Committee reports continue following Open Forum.

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

Senator Tarjan reported a rumor that there is a GE workshop today for people who wish to submit courses to be considered for Spring 2017.

Senator Tarjan distributed the document Comparison of CSUB CSU Faculty, Enrollments, SFR. He indicated that CSUB is "way out of wack". He added when hiring a new Provost, reasonability in terms of our number of faculty has to be top criteria.

### **Committee Reports and Requests Continued**

- b. **Academic Support & Student Services Committee (J. Tarjan)**-Senator Tarjan reported that the AS&SS log is clear.
- c. **Budget & Planning Committee (J. Fiedler)**-Senator Fielder reported that the committee discussed Revision of SOCI's and has requested financial information from the Provost's office. They also began discussion on Grant Funding of the Engineering programs.
- d. **Faculty Affairs Committee (B. Hartsell)**-Senator Hartsell reported that in addition to the resolutions on today's agenda, the committee developed some principles for the Revision of SOCI's.
- e. **Executive Committee (D. Boschini)**-None
- f. **Staff Report (J. Paschal)**-None
- g. **ASI Report (D. Stotler)**-Senator Stotler reported that the Runner Ride Share Program has been approved; 20 bicycles will be purchased and available for the campus community to check out at no cost. RecycleMania will kicking off soon.
- h. **Rumor and Gossip Control**-Senator Moore reported there was rich discussion at the last University Council meeting to move forward on the following issues:
  - o a courtesy cart to transfer disabled students, faculty, and staff on campus
  - o faculty parking concerns
  - o clarity for naming of buildings on campus

#### 10. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30