

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES-APPROVED
Thursday, October 22, 2015
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS: D. Anderson-Facile, D. Boschini, D. Dodd, J. Fielder (ALT), S. Frye, B. Hartsell, D. Jackson, A. Jacobsen, J. Kegley, H. McCown (ALT), J. Millar, E. Montoya, BJ Moore, C. Murphy, J. Paschal, S. Raczkowski, M. Slaughter, D. Wilson, D. Zhou (ALT), J. Zorn

ABSENT: K. Knutzen, J. Sanchez, S. Schmidt,

VISITORS: P. O'Neil, P. Sidhu, P. Newberry, L. Gubkin, S. Bacon, D. Schecter

1. **Call to Order**-Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Boschini
2. **Approval of Minutes** – October 8, 2015
Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Hartsell and Jacobsen moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from October 8, 2015 are approved.
3. **Announcements and Information**
 - **Paul Newberry-Update on General Education**-P. Newberry reported that his job is to implement the GE Program that the Senate approved; he requested that comments and inquiries regarding the program be sent to him. He summarized the timeline of the *Operating Principles for GE Program*. He stated that rather giving Chairs a course schedule; he will be asking them to look at the needs of the program, how best to divide it, and adjust as needed. He added that with all of the changes we are facing, it is unrealistic to think that the schedule a year from now will be concrete.

The gavel was passed to Chair Kegley upon her arrival

Comments and recommendations from the floor include; 1) departments can't adjust; they are obligated to put out the schedule two years ahead; 2) chairs need to know exactly how many courses are needed in order to schedule; 3) courses can be modified through a streamlined process; 4) cannot see where the problems are because the operational piece of the program is not in place; 5) we are doing students a disservice; they are already planning their schedules; 6) three courses in an area is not enough; 7) this is an opportunity to do a better job for the students so they have more options available; students would benefit from more variety; 8) only some individuals may teach GE which implies that somebody who might be needed by the department to teach something else will be the only person available to teach GE which leaves departments with challenges; 9) the Honors Program is based entirely on GE; it is unknown what courses are going to be available to them in the different areas and there are very few courses for social sciences upper division; 10) it is unclear what campus leaders want from the GE Program; 11) very few instructors are willing to teach early morning and late evening courses; 12) courses offered in the major and approximately how many GE courses will be offered can be determined by estimating how much has been done in the past; 13) a lottery may be needed for undesirable time blocks; and 14) the Senate should not come up with a directive.

Following lengthy discussion it was recommended that P. Newberry map out a proposal of a master schedule for GE in conjunction with Academic Operations for everyone to see.

- **Senate Alternates**-Chair Kegley reminded Senators to designate an alternate.
 - **RTP Binder**-The FAC has sent clarification on the RTP Binder to faculty.
 - **Office 365**-Additional information regarding implementation of Office 365 will be distributed to the campus community.
4. **Approval of Agenda**
Senator Hartsell recommended that the time certain for Resolutions be moved to 11:00.
Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Fielder and Frye moved to approve the agenda. The agenda is approved as amended.

5. **ASCSU Report**-None
6. **Provost's Report** (J. Zorn)- Provost Zorn inquired to the standing committees about the need for additional information in regard to the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership proposal.

Four candidates for the AVP Academic Programs are scheduled to visit campus beginning November 9, 2015; details will be distributed in the coming week.

A plan is being discussed on how to re-engage retired faculty.

An announcement from President Mitchell regarding the repurposing of the old dorms is forthcoming.

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

- a. **Consent Agenda**-No consent item was presented.

- b. **Old Business:**

- **Anthropology Concentration: Cultural Resource Management RES 151603 (AAC/BPC) (Second Reading)**-Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion, hearing none.

Called/Passed: Chair Kegley called the question. The resolution for Policy on Anthropology Concentration Resource Management passed.

- c. **New Business:**

- **Research Council of the University APM Language RES 151604 (FAC) (First Reading)**-Senator Hartsell introduced the resolution stating that requests were received from the GRASP office to clarify roles and improve functionality of the RCU.

Motion/Second/Passed: Senators Fielder and Frye moved to waive the first reading. Motion passed.

Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion.

Senator Jacobsen requested that reference to the *Academic Policy Manual* Section 483 be changed to the *Handbook* Section 308.4. Senator Hartsell indicated that this is a friendly amendment.

In Senator Zhou's absence, J. Tarjan requested justification for deleting a student from the composition. He added that a student elected by the ASI can be trusted and should be found to be responsible. Senator Jacobsen stated that historically, it has been difficult to find a student willing to serve on this committee. She added that there were also concerns regarding faculty critiquing another faculty's research ideas with a student present limits the openness of discussion; the proposals are very technical. Senator Murphy expressed concern that in annual reports and program reviews committees are asked to address how students are involved in scholarship; by keeping a student off the committee, it negates the vision of the University.

Motion/Second/Failed: Senators Tarjan and Moore moved to reinstate a student member in the membership. Motion failed.

Called/Passed: Chair Kegley called the question. The resolution for Research Council of the University APM Language passed.

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

- **Intellectual Property**-Senator Anderson-Facile stated that students often record in the classroom. She expressed concern that they could edit content and represent the University in a negative way. Senator Jacobsen reported that Biology has a classroom recording agreement for students. This issue will be added the Executive Committee agenda for October 27, 2015.

9. **Adjournment**

Senator Anderson-Facile moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:28.