

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES-APPROVED
Thursday, February 11, 2016
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: H. Mitchell, D. Schechter, M. Suleiman, D. Whetton, V. Kohli, J. McCune, S. Bacon, J. Graves, R. Schultz, S. Rodriguez, M. Wright, M. O'Neil, K. Shenoy

1. **Call to Order**-Meeting called to order by Chair Kegley
2. **Approval of Minutes** – January 28, 2016
Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Hartsell and Fiedler moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from January 28, 2016 are approved.
3. **Announcements and Information**
Chair Kegley announced the following:
 - President Mitchell has approved funding for increased library hours of operation through AY 2016-17.
 - A call for nominations for Chair of the Academic Senate has been initiated.
 - The EC has discussed the issue of the Adoption of a New SOCI Instrument (RES 151609) and recommends that each resolve be divided into a different resolution. Senator Moore recommended that the Senate accept the recommendation of the SOCI Task Force. Also, that the FAC discuss concerns raised at the January 28, 2016 meeting of the Senate.
4. **Approval of Agenda**-
The agenda is approved.
5. **ASCSU Report**-None
6. **Provost's Report** (J. Zorn)-Provost Zorn reiterated her commitment to the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership.

President Mitchell stated that he supports the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership. He indicated that the program is very important to our community; student dissertations relate specifically to the educational issues in Kern County. He is committed to working with faculty and making sure that they have the resources that are necessary and that they are able to work in ways that enhance the quality of the program. He added that if there is a sense that we are not ready to transition to the independent program, then hopefully there will ways to define and address how to take care of the issues that people have before the academic year is out; everyone agrees that the program has to be quality.

7. **Committee Reports and Requests**
 - a. **Executive Committee (D. Boschini)**-Vice Chair Boschini provided a statement on behalf of the EC asserting that discussion will be initiated regarding the referendum on the issue of the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, RES 151607. She summarized the recent events surrounding the issue and requested guidance by the Senate regarding the will of the faculty.
 - b. **Open Discussion in Response to Referendum**
Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion. Comments and concerns are as follows:
 - the Ed.D. proposal was brought forward without assent of the FAC and the AAC

- there was a difference of opinions from the four standing committees with no guiding principles on how to proceed
- all instructors in the program faculty are currently CSUB faculty or adjunct; they are not from Fresno State
- letters of support from community superintendents as well as former and current students are available for review
- program faculty are fully committed even though they receive adjunct pay
- there is no other face to face doctoral program in the area
- appalled that this discussion is happening again after the Senate made a decision
- the program has allowed former students to achieve success and affects students of Kern County
- with the vote there a strong message that faculty were not okay with the passage of the proposal
- fairness issue for other programs that go through the proper committees
- there is no need to rush a program that faculty is not comfortable with
- the program is caught in a power struggle; it should not be political
- the voices of program faculty were not properly heard by the standing committees
- past politics and history are not relevant in this decision
- once a plan is in place the Senate should discuss its own operation issues
- the proposal has conceptual and operational issues that have been recognized by leadership
- standing committee members want the program to succeed; their role is to make sure that it meets certain standards
- return the issue to all four standing committees, allow the Provost an opportunity to facilitate the program, and then resubmit it
- it is now clear that the program is faculty driven
- the program allows CSUB to be a progressive institution
- other than some minor tweaks, this is a solid program,

For clarification, President Mitchell added that he does not have questions about the quality of the faculty or the work that is being done; if others have those concerns, there are commitments to work on them. He added that he “has confidence that the faculty has the capacity to operate this program and to teach in this program in ways that are consistent with what has been built over the years in terms of working with an established program and evolving from that, our independent program.”

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

a. **Consent Agenda**-None

b. **Old Business**-None

c. **New Business**:

- **RES 141514 Response to Referendum**

Motion/Second/Passed: Senators Fiedler and Frye moved to reaffirm the recommendation to the President to approve the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership Proposal.

Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion. Senators Moore, Jacobsen, Dodd, and Rush (ALT) spoke against the resolution stating that a proposal reaching the Senate floor without approval from the committees and with operational and conceptual issues is unusual. Also, concerns of the faculty have not been heard. Senators Frye, Anderson Facile, and Wilson spoke for the resolution stating that the vote represented a minority of the faculty and that areas of concern have been addressed during discussion.

Motion/Second/Approved: Motion by Senator Anderson-Facile and seconded by Senator Hartsell to vote by ballot. Motion approved.

Called/Approved: Chair Kegley called the question. Motion to approve the resolution on the Response to Referendum is carried. Ballot results: 12 in favor; 9 opposed.

9. **Open Forum Items**-None

10. **Adjournment**

Motion/Second/Approved: Motion by Senator Hartsell and seconded by Senator Fiedler to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.