

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES-APPROVED
Thursday, February 25, 2016
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS: D. Anderson-Facile, D. Boschini, D. Dodd, J. Fielder, 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, M. Slaughter, D. Wilson, D. Zhou, J. Zorn

ABSENT: S. Frye, S. Schmidt

VISITORS: D. Schecter, V. Kohli, S. Bacon

1. **Call to Order**-Meeting called to order by Chair Kegley.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – February 11, 2016
Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Hartsell and Fiedler moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from February 11, 2016 are approved.
3. **Announcements and Information**
 - **Paul Newberry-AIMS Update**-Paul Newberry provided a quarterly update on the General Education Curriculum Committee (GECCo) activities stating that their main focus is in four areas: 1) professional development workshops for faculty; 2) developing class schedule; 3) creating and editing AIMS (Achieving Integration and Mastering Skills) policies; and 4) Title V grant implementation.

In response to Senator McGown’s inquiry on behalf of the AAC in regard to the Senate’s intent to delegate responsibilities of the GE Program to GECCo, the table clarified that it is not just for the Q2S transformation process, it is a permanent responsibility.

It was recommended that a referral be issued to the ACC requesting that they review the original charge for GECCo and establish a policy for dealing with appeals as well as controversial issues.
4. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Moore and Fiedler moved to approve the agenda. The agenda is approved.
5. **ASCSU Report**-Senator Murphy reported that a “blueprint” memo is being distributed by various campus presidents in regard to a possible strike. She added that there is concern for part-time and adjunct faculty who may feel intimidated. Following brief discussion in regard to direction from the Senate, it was agreed that the Senate is not a political body. A referral will be issued to the FAC requesting that the committee draft a statement to reaffirm the principle of academic freedom.
6. **Resolutions - (Time Certain 10:45 A.M.)**
 - a. **Consent Agenda:** -None
 - b. **Old Business:** None
 - c. **New Business:**
 - **Open Discussion: Senate Structure and Processes-**
 - **Faculty Constitution and the Academic Senate Constitution** Chair Kegley highlighted numerous inconsistencies within the *Constitution of the General Faculty* and the *Constitution of the Academic Senate*. It was recommended that a referral be issued to the FAC to review both documents.

- **Senate Officer Terms and Eligibility**-Chair Kegley reported that the length of time that an officer can serve on the Senate is unclear in the *Faculty Constitution* and the *Academic Senate Constitution*. Following brief discussion in regard to whether the chair and vice-chair are subject to the same term limits as Senators, the Executive Committee was charged with interpreting the documents and determining eligibility of Vice-Chair Boschini who has been nominated to serve as chair of the Senate.

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

- **Posting Committee Composition on Website**-V. Kohli recommended that the composition of all committees be posted on the Academic Senate website. It was recommended that a referral be issued to discuss the issue.
- **Signage on Fences**- Chair Kegley requested feedback on the issue of signage being posted on campus fences. Following brief discussion it was determined that a policy may already exist.
- **Parking Lot Shuttle**-Chair Kegley requested feedback on providing shuttle service from campus parking lots. Following brief discussion, the table determined that this a complex issue that should be discussed further.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.