

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES-APPROVED
Thursday, March 10, 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, E. Montoya, BJ Moore, C. Murphy, J. Paschal, S. Raczkowski (ALT), S. Schmidt, M. Slaughter, D. Wilson, D. Zhou, J. Zorn

ABSENT: J. Millar,

VISITORS: V. Kohli,

1. **Call to Order**-Meeting called to order by Chair Kegley.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – February 25, 2016
Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Fielder and Hartsell moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from February 25, 2016 are approved.
3. **Announcements and Information**
 - **Vandana Kohli-Title IVb:** V. Kohli summarized accomplishments as a result of the Title IVb grant. It was noted that a lounge and lab have been made available to graduate students.
4. **Approval of Agenda**

Senator Hartsell requested that the resolution on Academic Freedom be added as New Business. Senator Moore requested that the resolution on Elevation of the MA Concentrations in Education be added as New Business. The agenda is approved as amended.
5. **ASCSU Report**-Senator Murphy summarized the resolution summaries from the ASCSU Plenary meeting for March 2016 and reported that they have been emailed to faculty. Senator Frye added that AS3244-16 *Support for Four Years of Mathematics as a Requirement for Admission to the California State University* is encouraged by the Chancellor's Office; it would take a few years to implement.
6. **Provost's Report**-Provost Zorn reported the following:
 - In their exit interviews, the people from National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) who were here for the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) accreditation reported that they are impressed with our campus and outstanding faculty who are very committed to the students. They also gave special commendation for the Library and its archives.
 - She is very pleased to see a lot of faculty hiring going on and is hopeful that it will continue.
 - The EC has issued a call for SSE faculty to serve on the Search Committee for Dean of SSE.
 - Vernon Harper, the new AVP Academic Programs will be arriving on April 1, 2016.
 - She was very impressed with the level of research and professionalism at the recent Student Research Competition.
 - The book for 2016 is *The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water* by Charles Fishman. E. Case has encouraged faculty to consider activities around the book.
7. **Resolutions - (Time Certain 10:45 A.M.)**
 - a. **Consent Agenda**-None
 - b. **Old Business**: None
 - c. **New Business**:
 - **Elevation of the MA Concentrations in Education, RES 151612 (AAC) (First Reading)**-Senator Moore introduced the resolution stating that the Chancellors Office recently developed a policy that a degree program will contain a single set of core courses leaving a problematic situation in Education. There are no

changes in programs. The BPC and FAC found nothing that fit their charge; it is on the approval of the AAC.

Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Hartsell and Dodd moved to waive the first reading. Motion approved.

Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion.

Motion/Second/Approved: Motion by Senator Moore and seconded by Senator Hartsell to strike the last sentence of the rationale: "The three Academic Standing Committees. Budget and Planning, Academic Affairs, and Faculty Affairs have reviewed and approved the elevations." Motion approved.

Called/Approved: Chair Kegley called the question. Motion to approve the resolution on Elevation of the MA Concentrations in Education is approved.

- **Academic Freedom, RES 151611 (FAC) (First Reading)**-On behalf of the FAC, Senator Hartsell introduced the resolution in regard to the Potential California Faculty Association (CFA) Strike. The statement reaffirms the responsibilities of all members of the campus community to support academic freedom.

Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Fiedler and Moore moved to waive the first reading. Motion approved.

Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion.

Called/Approved: Chair Kegley called the question. Motion to approve the resolution on Academic Freedom is approved.

- **Robert's Rules of Order, RES 151610 (Floor) (First Reading)**-In response to concerns that the Senate is not following procedures, Senator Hartsell introduced the resolution stating that the proposed language reduces opportunities for confusion among various documents with similar names; there are different versions of *Robert's Rules of Order*. This issue will be placed on the Senate agenda for April 7, 2016 as a second reading.

Senator Hartsell reported that a referral has been issued to the FAC review the numerous contradictions that have been noted within the *Constitution of the General Faculty* and the *Constitution of the Academic Senate*. A list of the inconsistencies identified thus far will be distributed to the Senators for review. Chair Kegley requested that additional comments and concerns be directed to either her or the FAC.

Senator Knutzen stated that it is difficult to follow *Robert's Rules of Order* if we do not have a parliamentarian as an expert on the floor.

8. **Committee Reports and Requests-**

- a. **Executive Committee-** (D. Boschini) Vice Chair. Boschini reported that on March 1, 2016 the EC discussed the following issues: 1) the importance of faculty driven opportunities during University Week; 2) in regard to the Ed.D. referendum, the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership Proposal has been referred to all standing committees; Provost Zorn is facilitating the discussions; 3) I. Ebong summarized the draft Policy on Cost Sharing. It was recommended that the final policy be posted on the GRASP website; 4) in regard to term limits, the committee concluded that the offices of Senate Chair and Vice Chair are occupied by people who are elected directly by the general faculty to those positions; a referral has been issued to the FAC requesting that they clean up the language in *Handbook*; and 5) a parking survey has been sent to faculty on behalf of the AAC; a staff survey is forthcoming.
- b. **Academic Affairs Committee-** (H. McCown) Senator McCown reported that discussion on proposed changes to Liberal Studies, and the online instruction policy are complete; reports to the EC are forthcoming. In regard to Senator McCown's inquiry in regard to changes to the minor requirement being a school curriculum committee matter, Chair Kegley stated that since it impacts the entire University, it is an issue for the AAC. V. Kohli added that procedurally, a program petitions to remove a minor requirement first to the school curriculum committee followed by the AAC. In regard to the issue on GE implementation, Senator Moore clarified that the committee was charged with clarifying what the Senate had previously decided; there is nothing in previous resolutions that refer to particular procedure. Reports from the GE director will be reviewed.
- c. **Academic Support & Student Services Committee** (J. Millar)-Senator Wilson reported that there is already work being done by others in regard to the issue on posthumous degree policy; the committee is waiting for a

report. The committee discussed reconsideration of the Ed.D. leadership proposal and reaffirmed their previous concerns about students. S. Bozarth is scheduled to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss textbook affordability.

- d. **Budget & Planning Committee** (J. Fielder)-Senator Fielder reported that the committee has spent a great deal of time discussing policy and procedures for the use of university facilities; scheduling software, ownership of conference rooms, and who sets charge-back amounts continue to be issues of concern. The committee will continue to discuss the three referrals on parking issues. A plan for temporary parking has been approved by the Cabinet. He added that in regard to the issue on increased parking fees, parking fees

Committee Reports continued following Open Forum.

9. **Open Forum**

- Senator Jackson expressed concern that there is just a small body of faculty who serve on committees; faculty often serve on committees at multiple levels. For example, conflicts of interest occur where appeals will be made.
- In order to encourage participation, V. Kohli recommended that a wider group of individuals be informed when calls are issued to faculty. Senator Boschini stated that there have been concerns in the past that some faculty find it problematic to receive election information from administrators.

Committee Reports and Requests Continued

- e. **Faculty Affairs Committee** (B. Hartsell)-Senator Hartsell reported that discussion is ongoing in regard to the issues on faculty workload and adoption of new SOCI. In regard to increased parking fees, the committee has learned that per the bargaining agreement, faculty parking fees cannot be increased without collective bargaining.
- f. **Staff Report** (J. Paschal)-None
- g. **ASI Report** (M. Kwon)-Senator Kwon reported that the ASI Board has passed a resolution that would support a parking permit fee increase. He added that students agree that addition of Lot K3 would be beneficial. Senator Anderson-Facile added that a fee increase for students may become problematic once they realize that parking fees for faculty have been frozen. Senator Kwon stated that he does not have the sense that students approve of designated faculty/staff parking.
- h. **Rumor and Gossip Control**-None

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.