

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES-APPROVED
Thursday, April 10, 2014
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS: D. Boschini, S. Campagna-Pinto, S. Coley (ALT), D. Dodd, J. Emery, A. Gebauer, K. Hartlep, B. Hartsell, A. Hegde, H. McCown, M. Moe, R. Negrini, H. Nieblas, R. Provencio, M. Rush, P. Smith, J. Talamantes, J. Tarjan, K. Ziegler

ABSENT: J. Kegley, J. Millar, C. Murphy, C. Petit,

VISITORS: D. Schecter, V. Kohli, M. Danforth, D. Meza, A. Serrano, K. Haddad, J. Dirkse

1. **Call to Order** -In Chair Kegley's absence, the meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Negrini.

2. **Approval of Minutes** – March 11, and March 13, 2014

Motion/Second/Approved: Motion by Senator Hartsell and seconded by Senator Rush to approve the minutes. The minutes from March 11 and March 13, 2014 are approved.

3. **Announcements and Information**

- **Voting Period Extended**-Due to a glitch in the electronic voting server, the voting period for GECCo and the Evaluation Committee for the Dean of BPA has been extended until 5:00 pm on April 11, 2014.
- **Crystal Becks and Therese Dozier Housing**-Vice Chair Negrini welcomed Crystal Becks and Therese Dozier of Student Housing. A presentation on the new housing project and its amenities was provided. The first phase of 500 bed facility will be ready for occupancy by students in Winter, 2015. Tours will be offered in May; faculty is invited to attend.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion/Second/Failed: Motion by Senator Tarjan and seconded by Senator Gebauer to add a resolution from the floor on Removal of Mandatory Minor Requirement. Senator Dodd spoke against the motion stating that the AAC has already discussed the issue thoroughly.

Motion/Second/Approved: Motion by Senator Campagna-Pinto and seconded by Senator Rush to approve the agenda. The agenda is approved.

5. **ASCSU Report**-Vice Chair Negrini reported that the ASSCU report from March, 2014 has been emailed to faculty.

6. **Provost's Report (S. Coley)**-In the absence of the Provost, C. Kemnitz reported that a productive meeting on General Education was held on April 4, 2014. He inquired about the status of the election for SSE representative on GECCo; Vice Chair Negrini reported that the call expires on April 10, 2014.

8. **Committee Reports and Requests**

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

a. **Academic Affairs Committee** (J. Talamantes)-Senator Talamantes reported that the AAC met on

April 3, 2014. The committee discussed the issue on Changes of the Minor. The committee decided to leave the policy unchanged; the benefits of the minor outweighed the possible benefit of “scrapping it”. The issue of BA in Natural Sciences was also discussed; a resolution is on today’s consent agenda. The committee has finished discussion on Concerns Regarding a Community College Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program and has forwarded comments to the ASCSU. The committee continues to look at catalog revisions and academic policies as related to the Q2S conversion. C. Kemnitz added for the record that “scrapping” the minor means not getting rid of the ability of getting a minor but getting rid of the requirement.

- b. **Academic Support & Student Services Committee** (J. Tarjan)-The committee did not meet on April 4, 2014.
- c. **Budget & Planning Committee** (A. Hegde)-Senator Hegde reported that the BPC met on April 4, 2014. The committee revised the Academic Calendar and the resolution is on today’s agenda. The committee also looked at Time Blocks and BS in Agriculture Business Pilot Degree.
- d. **Faculty Affairs Committee** (K. Hartlep)-Senator Hartlep reported that the committee discussed the policy on Student Final Exam Scheduling; a resolution is on today’s agenda. The committee also discussed issues surrounding Handbook changes for the Professional Responsibility Committee.
- e. **Executive Committee** (R. Negrini)-Senator Talamantes reported at its last meeting the committee discussed concerns regarding the charge and procedures of the Committee on Professional Responsibility in regards to the procedures used when faculty feud as well as the administration’s ways of handling crisis; a referral was sent to the FAC to look at the issues. The committee had a brief discussion on the Liberal Studies Semester Conversion. There is concern that the Dean of SSE is in charge of the transformation of the Liberal Studies program rather than faculty being in charge as well as cross-listing of courses. Provost Coley will take the concerns up with the Deans. The committee also discussed the issue of differential funding; CSUB funding is disproportionate compared to other CSU campuses. The EC will work with Administration to come up with quantitative information.
- f. **Staff Report** (K. Ziegler)- Senator Ziegler reported that there is concern among staff members in regards to rumors surrounding their workload as well as the increase of their workload. They are hopeful that a temporary increase associated with additional duties may be an option.
- g. **ASI Report** (H. Nieblas)-Senator Nieblas reported that elections will begin in May.
- h. **Rumor and Gossip Control**-None

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

a. **Consent Agenda**

- **Commendation for GEIC RES 1314053 (EC)**
Consent Item Approved
- **Conversion of BA in Natural Sciences RES 1314054 (AAC/BPC)**
Consent Item Approved

b. **Old Business:**

As a point of order, Senator Gebauer stated that second reading items are normally presented ahead of first reading items on the agenda.

Motion/Second/Approved: Motion by Senator Moe and seconded by Senator Rush to move the resolution on Academic Calendar before Performance Review of Faculty. Motion is approved.

- **Academic Calendar 2016-17 RES 1314051 (BPC) (Second Reading)**-Senator Hegde summarized the revisions to the resolution addressing extra study and grading days as well as a change in start/end dates.

C. Kemnitz encouraged the body to pass something in order to get advice to the President as soon as possible; consultants for PeopleSoft are anxious to know what the calendar is so they can get started. He added that there is an issue with having two summer sessions; there can only be one census date.

As a point of information, Senator Harsell added that this is approximately a 4% increase in workload; CFA will do impact bargaining around the issue.

Called/Passed: Vice Chair Negrini calls the question. The resolution regarding the Academic Calendar passes.

- **Performance Review of Faculty RES 1314045 (FAC) (First Reading Continued)**-The floor provided input to the FAC.

Senator Hartsell moved to extend time 5 minutes, Senator Moe seconds the motion. Motion Passes to extend time.

The first reading concluded.

10. **Open Forum Items (Time Certain 11:15 a.m.)**-None

11. **Adjournment**

Senator Moe moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:33.