

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE Minutes-APPROVED
Thursday, May 8, 2014
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS: D. Boschini, S. Coley (ALT), D. Dodd, J. Emery, A. Gebauer, K. Hartlep, B. Hartsell, A. Hegde, J. Kegley (Chair), H. McCown, J. Millar, M. Moe, C. Murphy, M. Rush, P. Smith, J. Talamantes, J. Tarjan, K. Ziegler

ABSENT: S. Campagna-Pinto, R. Negrini, H. Nieblas, C. Petit, R. Provencio,

VISITORS: C. Kemnitz, D. Schecter, V. Kohli, C. Meyers, J. Dirkse

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by Chair Kegley.

2. Approval of Minutes – April 24, 2014

Motion/Second/Approved: Motion by Senator Hartsell and seconded by Senator Talamantes to approve the minutes. The minutes from April 10, 2014 are approved.

3. Announcements and Information

- **Honors and Awards Committee Recommendations**-On behalf of the Faculty Honors and Awards Committee Jeff Moffit announced their recommendations as follows:

Faculty Leadership and Service Award: Robert Carlisle, English

Faculty Scholarship and Creative Award: Jianjun Wang, Advanced Educational Studies

There were three nominations for the Millie Ablin Excellence in Teaching Award. However, none were selected

Senators Tarjan and Hartsell moved to endorse the recommendations by acclamation. The recommendations were approved.

4. Approval of Agenda

Chair Kegley announced that New Business has been put above of Old Business for today's meeting in order to move through business then return to Performance Review of Faculty.

Motion/Second/Approved: The agenda is approved as amended

5. ASCSU Report-None

6. Provost's Report (S. Coley)-Provost Coley announced that Mark Novak has accepted the position of Dean of Extended University; he will start on July 1, 2014. Also, Kris Krishnan reported on May 5, 2014 as Assistant Vice-President of Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment (IRPA).

The Honors Consortium in honor of Michael Flachmann was held on May 3, 2014 at CSU Fullerton. Two CSUB students earned the first Michael Flachmann Honors Award for their outstanding presentation.

8. Committee Reports and Requests-Committee reports were waived.

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

a. Consent Agenda

- **Amended Time Blocks 2016-17 RES 1314061 (BPC)**
Consent item approved.

b. New Business:

- **Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business Pilot Degree RES 1314057 (AAC/BPC) (First Reading)- Motion/Second/Approved:** Motion by Senator Hegde and seconded by Senator Gebauer to move to a second reading. Motion approved.

Senator Talamantes reported that the AAC recommended approving the resolution which was previously on the Consent agenda. In regard to his request to remove the resolution from the April 24, 2014 consent agenda, Senator Tarjan reported that he has discussed his concerns about coordination. He expressed concern about taking on new responsibilities without hiring new faculty.

Called/Passed: Chair Kegley calls the question. The resolution passes.

- **New Concentration: Health Care Management RES 1314058 (AAC/BPC) (First Reading)**

Motion/Second/Approved: Motion by Senator Hegde and seconded by Senator Gebauer to move to a second reading. Motion approved.

Senator Talamantes reported that the AAC recommended approving the resolution which was previously on the Consent agenda.

Called/Passed: Chair Kegley calls the question. The resolution passes.

- **Student Final Exam Scheduling RES 1314052 (FAC) (First Reading)**

Motion/Second/Approved: Motion by Senator Hartlep and seconded by Senator Hartsell to move to a second reading. Motion approved.

Senator Hartlep introduced the resolution stating that the current policy in regard to students who have more than two exams scheduled on the same day does not clarify which exam is to be changed. The FAC recommends that the exam in the lowest enrolled course be rescheduled for the student.

C. Kemnitz stated that there is no mechanism for allowing other professors to reschedule if they want to. Also as is currently stands, exams shall be rescheduled regardless or not if the student wants to reschedule.

Motion/Second/Approved: Motion by Senator Rush and seconded to add the language "upon request" to the last sentence of the resolved. Motion approved with 6 opposed.

Provost Coley inquired about how the FAC sees this as operational; is it the student's responsibility to go to classes to meet with each of the faculty members to determine the enrollment and what is the expectation from the University? Senator Hartsell stated that the student will talk to the professor of the class with the smallest enrollment; the professor will verify enrollment numbers.

Motion/Second/Failed: Motion by Senator Gebauer and seconded by Senator Rush to add the language "if no instructor agrees to reschedule the exam upon request" to the last sentence of the resolved. Motion failed.

Motion/Second/Approved: Motion by Senator Moe and seconded by Senator Gebauer to amend the last sentence of the resolve to read "If no instructor agrees to reschedule, the exam in the lowest-enrolled course(s) shall rescheduled for that student". Motion approved.

Called/Passed: Chair Kegley calls the question. The resolution on Student Final Exam Scheduling passes.

- **Responsibilities of Faculty RES 1314056 (FAC) (First Reading)-** Senator Hartlep introduced the resolution stating that the FAC wanted to make clear the role of the Committee on Professional Responsibility. Comments and recommendations were provided to the FAC.
- **Nomination for Election to School Positions on University Committees RES 1314060 (EC) (First Reading) -** Senator Gebauer introduced the resolution stating that it addresses the recurring problem of receiving no

nominations following numerous calls for school representation on various university committees. To ensure broad faculty representation the EC recommends amending the Handbook to allow calls to be opened to the general university faculty following the third call with no nominations. Comments and recommendations were provided to the EC.

In response to V. Kohli's inquiry, Chair Kegley reported that the EC has considered looking at the University committees to if all are essential and how to be more efficient in the number of committees we have.

c. **Old Business:**

- **Performance Review of Faculty RES 1314045 (FAC) (Second Reading Continued)**-Discussion began with Section 305.4.2.1. Senator Harstell distributed a proposed amendment to replace Sections 305.4.2.8 and 305.4.2.9 to address concerns in regard to teaching effectiveness in Section 305.4.2.1.

Motion/Second/Failed: Motion by Senator Hartsell and seconded by Senator Rush to replace the current language of Sections 305.4.2.8 and 305.4.2.9 with the language provided in the handout. Motion failed.

Senator Rush distributed an alternative amendment to replace the language of Section 305.4.2.8 and stated that it addresses concerns in regard to an effective teacher needing to stay current in their scholarly work.

Motion/Second/Passed: Motion by Senator Rush and seconded by Senator Hegde to replace the current language of Sections 305.4.2.8 of the Rush amendment with the language provided in the handout. Motion passed.

Continued following Open Forum

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

- Senator Moe asked if it's true that Department Chairs are being nominated for Faculty Director of GECCo; if a Chair is selected, is it a conflict of interest? Chair Kegley stated that the EC is aware of the issue and it will be dealt with during the interview/selection process.

Old Business Continued:

V. Kohli recommended that in regard to "currency in one's field", we get away from the use of the word "scholarly" and "effort".

Motion/Second/Passed: Motion by Senator Hartsell and seconded by Senator Tarjan to replace the language in point "f" of amended Section 305.4.2.8 with "evidence of currency in one's discipline". Motion passed.

Motion/Second/Failed: Motion by Senator Moe and seconded by Senator Rush to strike point "c" stating classrooms visits should be up to the program. Motion failed.

Motion/Second/Passed: Motion by Senator Rush and seconded by Senator Hartlep to strike the third sentence of the first paragraph of amended Section .05.4.2.8 "Therefore the most important criterion for teaching will be effectiveness". Motion passed.

Motion/Second/Passed: Motion by Senator McCown and seconded by Senator Hegde to language to point "f" of amended Section 305.4.2.8 that reads "and the integration of that currency into the classroom". Motion passed.

Motion/Second/Passed: Motion and seconded to extend time 10 minutes. Motion passed.

Motion/Second: Motion by Senator Gebauer and seconded by Senator Rush to amend the first paragraph of amended Section 305.4.2.8 to strike "and the SOCI shall not be weighted more than 50% in the evaluation of teaching". He stated that we would have to define what the other 50% of effectiveness would be.

Discussion ended without a vote on the proposed amendment by Senator Gebauer.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40