

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES-APPROVED
Thursday, May 19, 2016
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

ABSENT: D. Anderson-Facile, S. Frye, M. Kwon

VISITORS: D. Schecter, S. Schilling, S. Bozarth, C. Hu, J. Clausen, C. Livingston

1. **Call to Order**-Meeting called to order by Chair Kegley.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – May 5, 2016
Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Hartsell and Moore moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from May 5, 2016 are approved as corrected.
3. **Announcements and Information**
 - **Paul Newberry: GE Quarterly Report**-P. Newberry summarized the GECCo Quarterly Report. He clarified that in during the transition to semesters, students under the “old catalog” cannot be held to GE prerequisites that didn’t exist during the old program. Senator Knutzen expressed concern that CSUB’s retention rate is lowest in the system and she believes that the prerequisite issue will increase the problem; students will not have classes to take in the second semester. She requested that GECCo carefully monitor the prerequisite issue as we move in to the second semester. Additional questions and concerns include: 1) GECCo should be making decisions based on facts and the number of students being effected; not philosophy; 2) the purpose of the GE reform grant is to improve retention and graduation; 3) design an assessment process for the first two years so we can gather data to help make policy decisions; 4) make a GE roadmap for students.

PN. Newberry urged the Senate not to make policy based on the transitional period. He encouraged faculty to attend the GECCo meeting scheduled for May 20, 2016 at 12:00 in the Student Health Center Conference Room.
4. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Hartsell and Jacobsen moved to approve the agenda. The agenda is approved.
5. **ASCSU Report**-None
6. **Provost’s Report** (J. Zorn) Provost Zorn reported the following:
 - Minor capital improvements are back in to existence after ten years; they will go through the BPA.
 - The search committees for BPA and SSE have held their initial meetings. Faculty is encouraged to be part of the recruiting team by circulating the job descriptions to ensure a good pool.
7. **Committee Reports and Requests-**
 - a. **Executive Committee (D. Boschini)**-Vice Chair Boschini reported that at its last meeting the EC discussed the process for updating the *University Handbook*. The schedule for University Week and the importance of engaging faculty was also discussed. The committee had a productive discussion with the President in regard to academic discourse interpersonal relations; they encouraged him to take a more personal role in reaching out to faculty.

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

a. **Consent Agenda**-None

b. **Old Business:**

- **Procedures for Honorary Doctorate Nomination and Selection RES 1213029 (EC) (Second Reading)**-Senator Hartsell introduced the resolution stating that it is from 2012-13 and has never been approved. He summarized the changes stating that the President's response is in response to information by the Chancellor's office requesting that the committees for Honorary Degrees be broadly constituted.

Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion.

Called/Passed: Chair Kegley called the question. The resolution on Procedures for Honorary Doctorate Nomination and Selection passed.

For the record, Senator Anderson Facile stated that she is opposed to the entire Honorary Doctorate.

c. **New Business:**

- **Eliminating Requirement for Minors RES 151613 (AAC) (First Reading)**- Senator McGown introduced the resolution stating that the requirement for a minor would be changed to an optional element for graduation.

Motion/Second/Passed: Senators Moore and Hartsell moved to waive the first reading. Motion passed.

Chair Kegley opened the floor to discussion.

Called/Passed: Chair Kegley called the question. The resolution on Eliminating Requirement for Minors passed.

- **Changes in GECCo: Thematic Connections RES 151618 (AAC) (First Reading)**-Senator McGown introduced the resolution stating that this is language from the GECCo.

In response to Senator Jackson's concern that the notion of connecting with themes is confusing, Chair Kegley recommended that school Deans communicate this information and request feedback Department Chairs.

Senator Moore recommended that a representative from the AAC attend the GECCo meeting scheduled to May 20, 2016 in order to receive clarification on this issue. The issue will return to the Academic Senate as a second reading on June 2, 2016.

- **Clarifying Responsibilities for GECCo RES 151619 (AAC) (First Reading)** -Senator McGown introduced the resolution stating that it is an attempt to clarify how much the GECCo should be bringing to the Academic Senate and what they should be doing internally.

Motion/Second/Passed: Senators Hartsell and Moore moved to waive the first reading. Motion passed.

Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion. Senator Knutzen expressed concern that there are logistic issues; there has been no pathway between GECCo and those who are responsible for workload and faculty development, and resource management. She recommended that a dean representative be added to the GECCo membership.

Motion/Second/Passed: Senators Jacobsen and Boschini moved to strike the language "semester rather than monthly" and replace it with "month" in the second resolved. Motion passed.

Motion/Second/Passed: Senators Hartsell and Jacobsen moved to return this issue to the AAC for clarification on who is responsible for operational implementation. Motion passed. It will return to the Academic Senate as a second reading on June 2, 2016.

Resolutions continued following Open Forum

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

- **Gender Identification**-Senator Paschal provided an update on the issue on gender identification in PeopleSoft stating that recommended changes were submitted to Information Technology for a campus

level fix. She anticipates changes in the future as the issue is also being discussed at the Chancellor level.

- **A&H Elections Issues-** Vice Chair Boschini reported that there have been a series of issues with the A&H nomination process. The A&H Election Committee has requested that the issue be considered by the Senate. Nomination issues include; 1) the first call for nominations may not have been effectively delivered and received by the faculty partly in fault of potential Outlook problems; 2) some nominations were not recorded. She added that there has been a request to redo the A&H Dean Search Committee. Senator Hartsell stated that according to Robert's Rules of Order, we need to consider if the rights of the individuals have been interfered.

Motion/Second/Passed: Senators Moore and Hartsell moved to the Academic Senate Elections Committee to make a decision on this issue. Motion passed. V. Kohli recommended that that sensitivity be considered for those who have been previously nominated.

Motion/Second/Passed: Senators Hartsell and Moore moved to extend time for five minutes. Motion passed.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:33.