

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES-APPROVED
Thursday, September 18, 2014
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS: D. Boschini, S. Coley, J. Fielder, S. Frye, K. Hartlep, B. Hartsell, A. Hegde, A. Houtman, J. Kegley, H. McCown, E. Montoya, BJ Moore, C. Murphy, C. Raczkowski, D. Stotler, J. Tarjan, D. Wilson

ABSENT: S. Campagna-Pinto, P. Smith,

VISITORS: I. Ebong, V. Kohli, C. Kemnitz, K. Krishnan, M. Novak, D. Schecter, C. Lam.

1. **Call to Order**-Meeting called to order by Chair Kegley.
2. **Approval of Minutes**-June 5, 2014, regular and organizational
Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Hartlep and Moore moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from June 5, 2014 are approved.
3. **Approval of Agenda**-
Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Fielder and Frye moved to approve the agenda. The agenda is approved.
4. **Announcements and Information**
 - **Introductions** (Time certain 10:00-10:30)-Chair Kegley welcomed everyone to the first Senate meeting of 2014-15 and expressed appreciation to those who worked throughout the summer on various committees.

Mark Novak, Dean of Extended University (EU)-M. Novak provided a brief overview of the goals of Extended University Division; CSUB has the lowest revenue of any other Extended University in the CSU system. He stated the goal is to set new policies in place: a) new distribution model where EU will manage programs but the schools and departments will be getting shares of revenue brought in along with incentives to participate in programs; b) a new set of RFP's i.e. requests for proposals for innovation in online education.

In response to Senator Tarjan's inquiry in regard to the status of Antelope Valley (AV), Provost Coley there is no plans to make AV part of EU. She added that confirmation on the budget has just been received from the Chancellor's office; from that a report has been prepared on what the next steps will be.

Provost Coley added the experience that M. Novak brings to campus relative to International education is perfect timing; we haven't integrated the English Language Center sufficiently in terms of international students. M. Novak stated that plans for aggressive recruiting activity of international students as well as growth of the language program are in the works.

Imeh, Ebong, AVP of Grants Research and Sponsored Programs (GRaSP)- I. Ebong explained that he sees the primary purpose of GRaSP as a service unit that supports faculty in looking for funding to support their programs. The challenge for GRaSP is to be able to offer services that enable faculty to do their work and spend less time chasing paper. Up until now, GRaSP has been primarily a post-award operation; they are trying to focus more pre-award support for faculty. Provost Coley added that institutional strategy includes faculty opportunities in summer; support for student assistants; focus on scholarship for teaching; and fundraising efforts to support student/faculty engagement.

- **Proposed Handbook Organization**-Chair Kegley announced that work began over the summer on organization of the University Handbook; a draft is posted on the Senate website. She requested input from faculty. Senator Moore requested that the Academic Planning Manual be incorporated. K. Krishnan

recommended that legislative history be included on the bottom of all policies and procedures so changes can be tracked.

- **Senate Orientation**-Chair Kegley provided an overview of how the Senate works; orientation materials can be found on the Senate website.
- **Abstentions**- Chair Kegley announced that abstentions are not a common practice in Robert's Rules of Order; she will no longer ask for them. Senator Moore added that there is a common misunderstanding in the formal definition of abstention and the process of abstaining. The issue will be clarified.

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

a. **Consent Agenda**-None

b. **Old Business**: None

c. **New Business**:

- **Transition from CARS to GECCo (EC) RES141501 (First Reading)**-Senator Tarjan moved the resolution forward and spoke in favor of it; he reported that CARS is currently being charged with coordinating assessment of the old General Education program. Members of the CARS report that the process is not working well. GECCo has been formed and will transition to the new program; perhaps charging them with assessment makes more sense. C. Kemnitz added part of the consideration is the faculty workload of staffing 15 additional committees.

Motion/Second/Passed: Motion by Senator Tarjan and seconded by Senator Fiedler to waive the first reading stating that he is not aware of any opposition. Motion passed.

Chair Kegley opened the floor for amendments. Senator Tarjan offered a friendly amendment to strike the word "is" in the second resolved and replace it with "be".

Called/Passed: Chair Kegley calls the question. The resolution on Transition from CARS to GECCo passed.

Provost Coley recommended that the Senate commend the CARS membership for their service. Senator Moore added it was a job well done; that this committee was formed during a time of trouble where people had to extend themselves. A resolution will be prepared for the Senate meeting scheduled for October 2, 2014.

6. **ASCSU Report**-C. Murphy summarized the September 2014 ASCSU Plenary; the report is posted on the Senate website.

7. **Provost's Report (S. Coley)**-Chair Kegley congratulated Provost Coley on her new appointment as President of Cal Poly Pomona.

Provost Coley commended Senator Murphy, Mariam Vivian and the others who worked to open the Historical Research Center in the library and encouraged everyone to visit.

The President will be meeting with the Executive Committee on September 23, 2014 to discuss the Provost's transitioning away from campus; he is hoping to get input from various sectors and hopefully move forward this year with a search. The Provost is preparing a transition plan; she has asked each of the areas that report to her on areas that need to be addressed before her projected full-time departure at the end of October, 2014.

In response to Senator Murphy's inquiry in regard to the five year hiring plan, Provost Coley stated that before she leaves there will be a meeting with all of the deans to move forward.

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

Program Reviews-Senator Fiedler expressed concern in regard to the issue of ongoing program reviews two years away from the switch to semesters as well as in absence of a permanent provost; there is sentiment amongst faculty that the reviews are meaningless. Chair Kegley reported that this issue is on the EC agenda for September 23, 2014. C. Kemnitz added that our WASC interim report Fall, 2015 asks us to report on how we are adhering to the regular schedule for our program review; this is relevant and we should accommodate these programs so it is not meaningless. Provost Coley added the review is a historical piece; we need to look forward at trends.

9. **Committee Reports and Requests**

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

- a. **Academic Affairs Committee** (H. McCown)-None
- b. **Academic Support & Student Services Committee** (J. Tarjan)-None
- c. **Budget & Planning Committee** (J. Fiedler)-None
- d. **Faculty Affairs Committee** (B. Hartsell)-None
- e. **Executive Committee** (D. Boschini) –Senator Boschini reported that at the EC meeting on September 23, 2014 the committee discussed the implications of Yes Means Yes; we will be waiting for direction from the Chancellor’s office as well as our campus. She also reviewed the referrals that have been sent to the standing committees. A call for interest has been issued to the Senate for a representative on the Alumni Board.

Senator Tarjan provided a brief report on the EC meeting on September 15, 2014 with the General Council; The Executive Vice-Chancellor reported that our campus is very unusual in terms of lecturer service. He hopes to be a resource; that the legal department will facilitate what we do. In terms of the lecturer issue, Provost Coley stated that any feedback is great; she added that it is an issue of workload; the administration is going to be looking at it from a work standpoint. She wants to make sure it does not preclude the work that administration is already doing.

- f. **Staff Report**-None
- g. **ASI Report** (D. Stotler)-Senator Stotler reported that ASI is going through a rebranding with a new logo as well as a restructure. They realize that they are not being proactive in their sustainability efforts; they will be appointing a director of sustainability as well as a director of diversity to meet the needs of the campus. This year they will be implementing a senior project to allow students to leave their mark and give back to CSUB. Provost Coley acknowledged Senator Stotler as a recipient of the Bright Minds scholarship. Chair Kegley added that she appreciated the enthusiasm of ASI at Welcome Day and Student Convocation. At the same time, she was disappointed that there were very few faculty during this important time for students and their families; we need to do a better job informing the faculty.
- h. **Rumor and Gossip Control**-None

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.