

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES
Thursday, March 30, 2017
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS: A. Hegde, BJ Moore, B. Hartsell (Vice Chair), C. Murphy, C. Cruz-Boone, C. MacQuarrie, D. Zhou, D. Whetton, D. Wilson, D. Boschini (Chair), J. Paschal, J. Kegley, K. Madden, M. Slaughter, S. Forester, S. Frye, S. Schmidt, Y. Lee

ABSENT: H. McCown, J. Millar, A. Dominguez, M. Martinez, M. Rush, J. Zorn

VISITORS: L. Gobkin, J. Woods, P. Newberry, V. Harper, M. Danforth, B. Ryals, J. Drnek

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by Chair Boschini at 10:00 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2017(pages 2-5)
Chair Boschini inquired of the Senate if any changes were needed to the minutes.

Motion/Second/Approved: The Academic Senate reviewed the minutes. A motion was initiated for approval, which was seconded. The minutes from March 16, 2017 stand approved.

3. Announcements and Information
Chair Boschini announced that the Instructionally Related Activities Grant process is open. Faculty who are advisors to club(s) can assist students, and money is available. Applications are to be received by April 28.

A. Hegde announced the April 17 food distribution from food bank at the Stockdale Room 11:00 – 2:00 p.m.

General Education report presented by P. Newberry (**Time Certain of 10:10**)

Report of the General Education Curriculum Committee (GECCo) Activities Spring 2017 (handout)

- Substitution Policies and Principles – standardized process whereby class substitution(s) requests come to the General Education office, and then are sent to Chairs for recommendations.
- Student Access Working Group (SAWG) – examined pre-requisites and co-requisites and then reported recommendations: a) that GECCo implement “the full complement of pre- and co-requisites beginning in Fall 2017;” and b) “that GECCo maintain this, or similar, working group to assess student access to GE courses and which should begin examining other aspects of GE such as themes and faculty professional development to determine how well other aspects of GE are meeting their goals.”
- Grading Basis Decisions – a working group of relevant campus constituencies recommended to GECCo that a) First Year Students (FYS) Grading Basis change to A-D/NC, and b) A1-A4 remain at A-F. GECCo approved both recommendations.
- ePortfolio Pilot – a group was formed for using e-portfolios in Guidepost Sequence courses: a) one FYS Instructor from each school b) three Capstone Instructors. The Instructors are piloting e-

portfolios in their Spring FYS or Capstone courses and meeting to share best practices and problem-solve.

- Assessment Report – M. Ault was appointed GE Assessment Coordinator in December, 2016 and is actively working on assessment.

4. Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Hartsell motioned that the committee reports be moved to the end of report.

Add Open Forum and Adjournment to Agenda.

Motion/Second/Approved: A motion was initiated for approval of modified Agenda, which was seconded. The motion carried.

5. ASCSU Report

Senator Frye reported key resolutions from [March Resolution Packet](#)

- AS-3285-17/FA (Rev) - Saving California's Master Plan through Tax Reform – Approved by the State Senate, favoring strategy for free tuition.
- AS-3287-17/FA (Rev) – In Support of Students Admitted to the CSU Under Deferred Action – Childhood Arrivals (DACA) – Approved by State Senate, to protect students' rights under DACA.
- AS-3290-17/FA - Opposition to President Trump's Restrictive Orders (13769 and 137880) Restricting Travel from Several Muslim Countries – Approved by State Senate.

Senator Moore questioned whether the Statewide Senate has talked to Chancellor about AS-3285-17, as Chancellor voiced his opposition when he last visited CSUB. Senator Frye responded that the Chancellor has heard discussion. The CSU Senate presents this resolution on Tax Reform as a model for discussion between Republicans and Democrats at the State Legislature. A model is important to guide the process.

6. Provost Report

Students on Probation Report -

Chair Boschini distributed a copy of the report on the Provost's behalf, which included her response to questions previously posed by the Academic Senate. Time was taken to read Provost Zorn's report.

Lengthy discussion regarding the First Year Experience ensued, and members acknowledged that it needs much more attention for it to achieve its potential, perhaps with a formal report to the Senate, and then a referral for action, if appropriate.

Members discussed the announcement in The Bakersfield Californian that CSUB and the Kern High School District has an agreement that any incoming ninth-grade student in the KHSD who completes specified requirements has an admissions guarantee at CSUB. Members expressed concern that the President could make such an announcement without consulting faculty.

Chair Boschini reminded members that there only two more regular senate meetings for year. If there's interest to refer to subcommittees, we need to move them forward. We may need to adjust the calendar, just to be efficient.

Members discussed the data in the Provost's report regarding academic probation. V. Harper said that the Task Force is disaggregating data to identify the drivers. Once they do so, they will make a recommendation to the Provost regarding action.

7. Resolutions – (Time Certain 10:45 a.m.)

a. Old Business

- i) Review draft of University Handbook for amendments, “quarter” to “semester” by going through every instance of “quarter” to gain agreement and note concerns. After review and discussion,

Motion/Second/Approved: BJ Moore moved to adopt changes. B. Hartsell second. All approved

b. New Business

- i) Annual Faculty Awards for Excellence RES 161713 (FAC) (First Reading) Senator Whetton and committee bring forth to amend 308.3 in Handbook to include changes to Annual Faculty Awards for Excellence. There is an exhibit or form as an attachment to go with recommendation. The resolution eliminates self-nominations and added two new awards. Discussion ensued.

8. Open Forum – (Time Certain 11:15)

Senator J. Paschal said that it came to the attention of faculty and staff advisors that the overload unit dropped from 19 units to 16; students will now be required to get an approval for an overload after 16 units. We were unaware of the issue. Further, the maximum units allowed on a wait list is six units. Discussion ensued regarding who has authority to make changes in the catalogue and other policies and how to communicate those changes. V. Harper said we can table the change until we can properly address issue. He will draft a memo today, and requested that it be reviewed by Graduation Initiative for the Student Success impact.

Vice Chair Hartsell moved to extend the meeting by five minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion/Second/Approved

J. Paschal would like for us to go back to the previous catalogue, because current catalogue has immediate consequences to Science students, those with other majors, and students that want to join ASI that have to fill out an overload petition. J. Paschal motioned to refer issue to Academic Affairs Committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

Regarding summer time blocks, A. Hegde announced that he learned from J. Dirkse that he informed all the schools that they should start summer courses on the hours. It's up to each school to set those times, and it's a matter that needs to be discussed by the Senate and taken up by committee in the next year.

General Principles RES 161714 (FAC) (First Reading) Senator Whetton introduced the resolution, and discussion ensued.

Adjourned at 11:35