

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes
Thursday, February 8, 2018
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members: S. Bacon, D. Boschini (Chair), E. Correa, S. Forester, M. Gomez (ALT), B. Hartsell (Vice-Chair), M. Gomez, A. Hegde, A. Jacobsen, J. Kegley, C. Lam, M. Martinez, H. McCown, J. Millar, Y. Ortiz-Bush (ALT), M. Rush, S. Schmidt, M. Slaughter, L. Sakomoto, B. Street, K. Szick, J. Tarjan, D. Zhou, K. Ziegler-Lopez, J. Zorn

Absent: C. MacQuarrie

Visitors: H. Mitchell (President), Y. Ortiz-Bush, K. Krishnan, P. Newberry, F. Gorham, J. Dirkse, V. Kohli, M. Cook

1. Call to Order D. Boschini called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Minutes B. Hartsell moved to approve minutes from 11/30/17. E. Correa seconded. Approved.
3. Announcements and Information
 - All Faculty Meeting, Monday February 12, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Education Advisory Board (EAB) scheduled an open forum with faculty regarding Advising:
 - February 12: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Main Campus WSL Studio A, and AV Campus 121 Studio E
 - February 13: 9:00-10:00 a.m. BDC 402D
 - Elections 2018-2019 – Elections Committee Chair (B. Hartsell) announced that there will be five separate calls scheduled in a logical order so that faculty reps have opportunity to choose committee involvement: 1) Senate Chair and Vice-Chair, 2) Senators representing each school, 3) Senators for at-large positions, 4) Committee members representing each school on university-wide committees, 5) Committee members for at-large positions on university-wide committees. D. Boschini recommended that Lecturers be considered. In some cases, faculty on tenure-track should serve. The Senate website lists committees, description, terms and roster.
 - President Mitchell (Time Certain 10:15-10:30)
 - 1) President Mitchel thanked the faculty for their work as instructors, research supervisors, advisors, - having the most impact on students. The university received a certificate that recognized CSUB as an education champion facilitating transfer students from community colleges.

2) The budget is a real problem. The Governor backed off on his previous commitment of support for the CSU system. BOT decided not to increase tuition. There isn't enough money to fund the negotiated salary increases. Absent a very aggressive advocacy program, CSUB is faced with the possibility of campus reduction to cover mandatory costs. We need advocacy from our community to write to the governor on the impact on the university and its ability to enroll and graduate students. The advocacy has to be directed toward the Governor from people who are influential to the Governor.

3) The recent meetings with Senate Chair D. Boschini and the Executive Committee have focused on financial transparency. The Senate has not gotten what's desired. He is committed to making financial details available.

4) The new president is to be announced at the March BOT meeting.

D. Boschini opened the floor to questions for President Mitchell.

- When we can expect the financial data? President Mitchell responded that he wants T. Davis to get on it immediately and to get the resources to make it available.
- Will that information be available by the February 28 Budget Forum? President Mitchell responded that that's the intention.

D. Boschini stated that the requests for engagement in the process are satisfied. However, the requests for financial transparency have not been satisfied. It must be easy for anyone on campus to see what is available and how CSUB compares to other campuses. Financial information is to be thorough, accurate, and of high quality. These specific items have been discussed directly with President Mitchell in conjunction with what actions would be taken if we didn't see that level of information. President Mitchell responded that it's true, and yes we will get the information.

- Can we come up with a methodology so conversations regarding contingency plans in light of budget uncertainty start taking place now? President Mitchell responded, 'Absolutely'.

Chair Boschini thanked Dr. Mitchell and T. Davis for being receptive by showing up and taking the input - yet, if we could get the actual work product we would then be where we need to be. Dr. Mitchell responded, 'I'll make sure that you get it'.

4. Approval of Agenda

C. Lam moved to approve. B. Hartsell seconded. Approved.

5. ASCSU Report

J. Tarjan thinks the climate of ASCSU has improved. Budget was the main topic. The Governor's proposal is to take \$10M out due to USC system fund indiscretions—a level of funding that cannot sustain the mission of the CSU. Graduation Initiative 2025 is another priority. There are many professional workshops about developing curriculum, supplemental instruction, etc. [ASCSU reports](#) can be found on the Senate website.

6. Provost Report (Hand out)

CSUB #6 in the nation for Most Affordable Universities in America by Best Value Schools.

Advising conversation and survey: Remember to complete survey.

EdD update: There are regular meetings of graduate group, three new hires in EDAD for fall 2018 who will also teach in EdD-research experience, and reinforcement of a Doctoral culture through standards for admissions and qualifying exams, Institutional Review Board for presentation of research, publication, etc. and Library support.

Development team: Four school deans, AV Dean, two new development officers, VP of Advancement, and Provost attended a CSU two-day workshop on development and relationship building. Deans will have regular reporting to Provost on development activity. Deans have established letters to alumni, case statements, and priorities. Deans presented their priorities to the Foundation Board. VP Advancement and Provost have regular meetings focused on development and PR. They are working on outward facing messages on academics.

AV visit: Open forum to hear student comments.

WSCUC (WASC) essays are coming along.

Summer session will be run through Extended Education and Global Outreach (EEGO).

The focus is on offering a curriculum that will help students advance towards graduation and offering so-called bottleneck courses.

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

a. New Business

- i. RES 171814 Administrator Review – University Handbook (First Reading) * M. Rush introduced the resolution and rationale. The referral charged FAC with developing a policy to avoid a conflict of interest in administrator evaluation committees. They used University Handbook #311 as a point of reference. The University Handbook contains a list of relationships that are conflicted, and that list may need expansion. Recommendations were made for the committee's consideration.
- ii. RES 171815 Maximum Units per Term (First Reading) M. Rush introduced resolution from FAC. M. Slaughter raised a point of order that there is a version in development in AAC, AS&SS, and BPC with conflicting views. D. Boschini said that differences can be addressed via feedback to the committee. M. Rush described FAC's process: They approached the referral from a quarter-to-semester

perspective whereby taking more than 19 units required a petition for overload in the quarter system, and graduate programs are capped at 15 units. J. Tarjan moved to send the resolution back to EC. A. Hegde seconded. B. Hartsell clarified that the intent is to have both resolutions presented to the Senate at the same time. D. Boschini thanked Senator Rush for bringing this subject forward and stated that this conversation is helpful. The motion to refer back to EC passed without opposition.

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

Dr. Boschini passed along a list of concerns gleaned from the All Faculty Spring 2018 registration form. The possible agenda topics are 1) Financial transparency. What was heard today on where we are and the President's commitment needs to be shared with faculty, 2) report on resolutions, 3) Presidential search and 4) to hear from faculty (and for faculty to hear from each other) what they are experiencing so Senate can take action. D. Boschini summarized that the issues expressed relate to finances and resources. Workload, hiring, office space, etc. Workload is listed a few times. The Provost said she'd look at the 4-4 issue. M. Martinez suggested if we're not going to get 4-4 reduced to 4-3, maybe we should go back to the GE committee to talk about doubling up on some of the intro classes. D. Boschini invited Senators to think more about issues and then email their thoughts to her.

K. Ziegler-Lopez asked about the vetting of the questions and the status of the Advising surveys. The Provost said that the questions came from two standing committees, then URPA pulled them together. K. Ziegler-Lopez stated that several advisors are concerned about the way the questions were worded. They seemed biased. Examples: 1) What are your highest priority? The survey doesn't cover a lot of what advisors do for the students. 2) Who should be your primary advisor? The response doesn't allow selection of 'Both' Staff Advisor and Faculty Advisor, which would capture collaboration. 3) Is it the responsibility of Advisors to approve course substitutions? Advisors would not answer that question because it's a faculty purview. Discussion ensued. The provost assured staff and faculty of opportunities for input and that the surveys are just one source of data.

10. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

* Changes to be made to University Handbook