

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE
Minutes

Thursday, March 22, 2018
Health Center Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

Absent: D. Boschini, S. Schmidt

Visitors: D. Wu, J. Deal, B. Zeng, F. Gorham, V. Harper, M. Danforth D. Schecter, J. Dirkse, S. Lemus

1. Call to Order

B. Hartsell called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March 8, 2018 unanimously approved.

3. Announcements and Information

- Antelope Valley Senator, S. Schmidt, is in Sacramento representing CSUB as a Lead Assessor for the new state-required teacher assessment. She is one of eight Lead Assessors selected for the entire state.
- The New Campus President is Dr. Lynnette Zelezny –A majority of members indicated a desire to invite Dr. Zelezny to address the Senate.
- Election Status: Senators At-Large for 2018-2020 will be M. Danforth, A. Lauer, and M. Martinez.
- Campus Conversation on Advising – J. Zorn summarized the meeting. The [Campus Conversation on Advising website](#) contains information on what took place and upcoming events. M. Gomez spoke on behalf of ASI: The student organization is grateful for the work that the Academic Senate, Provost Zorn, and Associate Vice President V. Harper have done to support students' academic success.
- Fairness in Evaluation – The Executive Committee made a referral regarding fairness in evaluation to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

4. Approval of Agenda

J. Kegley moved to address Old Business before New Business, and to move the Committee Reports to the end of the Agenda. All in favor. Approved.

5. ASCSU Report

Dominating the Board and state Senate was the *Call for Advocacy for Adequate Funding of the California State University in Lieu of a Tuition Increase*. Tuition has increased 5% recently. The call is for joint advocacy for adequate state funding. There is a need for a strategy to meet with many people and Members of the Assembly and Senate to make our case to go hand-in-hand with the students. M. Gomez will be proposing a resolution to ASI in response to the funding that Governor Brown proposed. The CSU Board of Trustees proposed an addition of \$ 263 million and Governor Brown is proposing only \$ 92 million. ASI is trying to form a coalition with the CSU Academic Senate and CFA for joint advocacy..

The Chancellor handed over the Tenure Density Task Force Report to the ASCSU Academic Affairs Committee chair. CSUB is within 1% of the system average on tenure density and far below the goal set by the legislature. There is a high degree of correlation between SFR and tenure density and student graduation rates. There are a number of resolutions listed in the [ASCSU Report](#).

6. Provost Report

J. Zorn reported that she has worked with the new CSUB President for more than ten years, and she asked that everyone please consider that what's best for the campus is for her to be successful.

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

a. Old Business

RES 171815 Maximum Units per Term (Second Reading) M. Rush spoke on behalf of FAC. They met after the last reading and are willing to table the resolution, version A. C. MacQuarrie spoke on behalf of version B. AAC, AS&SS, and BPC are in favor of keeping 19 units. The straw poll at last Senate meeting indicated that the majority of Senators are also in favor of a maximum of 19 units per term. Acting Chari Hartsell stated that the motion was on the floor as a motion from the committee and was open for discussion. Following discussion, he called the vote. The motion carried. .

RES 171818 Instructor Initiated Drop Policy (Second Reading hold for 4/12/18) *

b. New Business

RES 171819 – New Emphasis: Energy and Power Engineering (AAC, BPC) (First Reading) M. Danforth spoke on behalf of AAC. This new emphasis in energy sciences was developed in consultation with the Industrial Advisory Board. It's part of their US Department of Education grant for a collaboration program with the Engineering Science and Electrical Engineering departments. The students will take a couple of classes in Electrical Engineering in addition to their Engineering Sciences class to get them better suited for a broader range of energy topics. B. Street spoke on behalf of BPC. The equipment and other resources will be re-allocated from a current position on campus. A suggestion was made to address fiscal and academical soundness in the Rationale.

RES 171820 - Use of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) (First Reading) B. Hartsell stated that the request for approval came from GRASP. B. Street spoke on behalf of BPC. The proposal is tied in with other specific policy that sUASs already govern sUAS. The committee added that individuals from GRASP, Police Services, and the Foundation are involved.

RES 171821 - Academic Master Plan (AMP) Form and Process Improvement (First Reading) B. Hartsell announced the resolution on behalf of BPC. V. Harper recapped for the group that the AMP is a projection of future degree programs that then is developed into full proposals to be considered by the Board of Trustees (BOT). M. Rush moved to waive First Reading. The motion carried. . The motion to approve RES 171821 carried..

RES 171822 – At-Large Membership on University Committees * (First Reading) M. Rush spoke on behalf of the FAC addressing the issue of how to handle unfilled school seats. The structure of the university committees should be fully formed. If a call for nominees from the school fails, there should be an At-Large member to attend the committee. What is new is when the Second Call goes out, the Dean of that school will also be notified to help assure school representation on the committee. Failing that, there is a need for a member, and that member does not have the responsibility of representing that specific school. J. Tarjan suggested that the Whereas clause should be incorporated into the Rationale. Discussion ensued about processes for changing the Handbook, Constitution, and Bylaws that should be reflected in the resolution.

RES 171823 – Range Elevation Handbook Change * (First Reading) M. Rush spoke on behalf of FAC explaining that the proposed practice is for applications to be sent to the Provost in addition to the Chair and Dean because the Provost's office coordinates the range elevation process. The other proposed change is that the peer review panel be formed only when one or more individuals is denied their application.

RES 171824 – Faculty Awards –Handbook Changes for Consistency and Process Clarity * (First Reading) M. Rush explained that this issue came to FAC in prior years and they looked where there may be discrepancies. For example, the resolution proposes no self-nominations in any category, updates the names of schools, and clarifies timelines relative to the academic year, etc. J. Tarjan moved to waive the First Reading. J. Kegley seconded. The motion carried. . The motion to approve RES 171824 regarding Handbook Changes for Faculty Awards carried.

8. Committee and Report Requests

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

- a. Executive Committee (B. Hartsell) The most important things were already put to the Senate. The committee also discussed the selection process of the Faculty Director on GECCo. There is ongoing work on that.
- b. Academic Affairs Committee B. Hartsell stated that the business already done informs the Senate of AAC activities.

- c. Academic Support & Student Services Committee (C. MacQuarrie) The committee had guests J. Mimms, L. Zuzarte, and C. Morris to inform the discussion on two referrals: 1) Instructor Initiated Drop Policy contains issues connected to the electronic wait-list. AS&SS will meet again and then schedule a joint meeting with AAC. 2) CSUB Debt Report. The paper [Where Debt Comes Due at CSU, Unequal Debt Burdens Among California State University Graduates](#), taken from the Chancellor's Office (CO) webpage raised concern that the data may be flawed and the reporting is off. It states that 91% of CSUB graduates have debt. C. Morris, Director of Financial Aid, acknowledged that the number is closer to 51%. It also reports the typical debt (\$19,600) and the number of hours (48) per week required to pay off student debt. J. Mimms already contacted the CO to remove the report. AS&SS is going to ask the CO to take the report down and update the document to make it right. J. Zorn will follow up on it.
 - d. Budget & Planning Committee B. Street reported on behalf of BPC. The committee is examining Office Allocation and whether it is a policy issue or if it needs engagement from the Senate. . The committee is discussing whether faculty can be guaranteed an office for student privacy related to advising, etc.
 - e. Faculty Affairs Committee J. Kegley reported on behalf of the committee. The referrals that were presented today are the result of the committee's work. They are now working on Fairness in Evaluation.
 - f. Staff Report (K. Ziegler-Lopez) No report.
 - g. ASI Report (M. Gomez) The ASI resolution discussed earlier regarding a request for additional CSU funding will be put for a vote tomorrow. ASI will then request that the Academic Senate and CFA join the coalition.
9. Open Forum Items (Time Certain 11:15 a.m.)
- J. Tarjan suggested that the Executive Committee may be discuss financial transparency and faculty involvement in budgetary matters with the new President.
- K. Ziegler asked if the Senate is going to get the graduate rates from last year. The report includes the number of students who graduated in four years and in six years. The information isn't in Tableau. J. Zorn will follow-up.
- C. MacQuarrie has been unable to attend student meetings on Fridays to represent faculty because he has conflicting committee meetings. The Academic Support and Student Services (AS&SS) committee reported missing their student representative. B. Hartsell recalled a general agreement that we need people who are able to attend, and if someone consistently can't, we do what it takes to make sure we have representation both ways. M. Gomez will make sure that the student representative attends the AS&SS committee meetings.
10. Adjournment
- Meeting adjourned.

* Changes to be made to the University Handbook