



**ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

Approved 3-13-12

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MH-141

Present: Bedell, Dabirian, Fidalgo, Guerin, Pasternack, Randall, Walicki, Walk, Walker

Absent: Stambough

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bedell called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

None

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3.1 (Dabirian) Gave an update regarding the Blackboard problems that occurred on Sunday, 2-12-12, when 2 disks failed. The Blackboard System lost all data. There has been 85% recovery of data up through Saturday night, 2-10-12; however, data inputted from Sunday through Monday has been lost. IT employees have worked around the clock to help alleviate faculty angst. A.S. Chair could offer support for the overburdened underfunded system with a *thank you* to faculty for their patience through a difficult time. Infrastructure on Titanium is in place.
- 3.2 (Bedell) Thanked Senators Walker and Walicki for volunteering to replace the A.S. Chair at the Academic Senate Reads event on 2-17-12 in the Academic Senate Chambers, when Valerie Orleans and Bob Voeks will facilitate discussion on the book *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett. There is a conflict of ASCSU Chair's meeting at the Chancellor's Office.
- 3.3 WASC Writing Team Member Trotter has asked if A.S. calendar dates can be changed – making March 1st a definite meeting and March 8th "if needed". The WASC Visiting Team will be on our campus R, 3-8-12. Senator Guerin will convey to Dr. Trotter that an announcement will be made to the campus that dates for March 1 and March 8 will be switched.
- 3.4 (Pasternack) There is a bill before the Legislature which will fund the development of 50 open source textbooks for the most popular lower division courses. The CSU has entered into an agreement with Cengage to give a small discount on e-textbooks which I have forwarded to the Senate. A major concern that faculty should have in this regard is if the use of e-textbooks will be optional vs mandatory.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 EC Minutes (Draft) 2-7-12 - approved
- 4.2 EC Minutes (Draft) 2-14-12 - approved

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- 5.1. We've asked all the standing committees to review committee functions in the Bylaws toward adding sustainability where applicable. No responses have been received to date.
- 5.2 Front & Center event is scheduled for February 25th.
- 5.3 The ad hoc committee overseeing CollegeTown project and activities has asked for a faculty member to serve who could bring an historical perspective to the committee.
- 5.4 Review of standing committee curricular and work flow issues needs to be completed in spring 2012.

VI. STAFF REPORT

- 6.1 Special Election will be held T-F, 2/21 through 24/12. Two candidates will be on the Administration ballot: Anil Puri and Mitch Avila. The number of administration constituents is 84.
- 6.2 Special Election will be needed to replace an MCBE faculty member on the General Committee of Faculty Personnel Committee through May 2012. An "Academic Senate Nominee" will be asked to serve, and a timeline made for a Special Election ASAP.

- 6.3 Two Standing Committees need a replacement faculty member:
1. Graduate Education Committee – Humanities
 2. PRBC – Library
- Names were discussed from each respective constituency.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

ASI Board of Directors [Dabirian] T, 2-21-12 1:15 – 3:30 PM, TSU No Report

Academic Standards Committee [Walk] F, 2-17-12 1:00-2:00 PM

M. Filowitz summarized nine UPS documents submitted to the president's office that remain unsigned. The major issue of discussion was the dual requirement of the EWP and upper division writing requirement at CSUF. E. Himmelheber said that her experience at an R1 institution was that students had a writing requirement within each major in the form of a course, with a rule requiring a minimum B grade. If the B grade was not achieved, students were required to pass an exit exam in order to graduate. Concerns about the quality of the EWP as a measure of writing proficiency was expressed by a number of committee members. It was also reported that some students prepare for the EWP by obtaining samples of each of the ten themes used as prompts, essentially cheating on the exam. The consensus of the group was that the EWP does not appear to add value to the degree and that alternatives should be explored. Finally, M. Filowitz encouraged existing members to indicate high interest in the committee in the new AS call for interest.

General Education Committee [Fidalgo] T, 2/3/2012 2:00-4:00 PM MH-141

We discussed assessment of areas A (with Sheryl Fontaine in charge of writing and Bridget of critical thinking) and B (which Koch will start). The committee has been asked to start planning the CSUF GE program Performance Review, its possible format and, parameters, and measurements; it is an overarching review of GE, not of specific courses or departmental offers. A subcommittee will look into other documents such as Department PR. The plan for the Fall semester is to start the recertification and the assessment of areas C and D.

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Review of WASC GE handout and discussion of descriptors by which we are going to be rated. They--WASC-- found that we were including too many objectives in each category. A conversation and review of the GE Program Performance Review draft written by the subcommittee--Renne, David, and Craig--ensued. There were too many parts that were merely history and background: Double counting of GE units, Second Language Graduation Requirement, etc., and it was decided that the document would be placed in the Dropbox so that everybody could list the items with which we can collaborate. VIET 214 passed the first reading, and HUM 350T was approved.

Graduation Education Committee [Walker] F, 2-17-12, 2:00-4:00, KHS 221 Meeting Cancelled

International Education Committee [Randall] W, 2-15-12, 11:00-12:00, MH-141

Mikyong Kim-Goh reported on a meeting of SOCCIS (Southern California Consortium for International Studies) that she attended at Loyola Marymount. The focus of the meeting was on how to sustain levels of federal funding for programs that support global education. The goal of the meeting was to strategize and promote advocacy for increasing funding, and specifically the Fulbright-Hays program.

The committee reviewed recommendations for and removed minor revisions to the already revised UPS 320.104 as requested by Senate Executive Committee. The changes include several spelling corrections, inclusion of additional definition of "host unit," and a statement of how program evaluation data will be used.

The committee will explore strategies for increasing the number of CSUF students who choose to study abroad. Kathryn Morrissey, Study Abroad Advisor, does extensive orientation of target groups such as students in residence halls, veteran students, McNair, honors, business honors, and President's scholars, to stimulate interest. Articulation agreements (regarding transfer credits) and departmental advocacy are important factors in promoting study abroad. Dr. Juan Carlos Gallego, Faculty Coordinator of International Programs, will be working with departments to consider possible programs.

Planning, Resource, & Budget Committee [Walicki] F, 2-17-12, 12:30-2:30 PM, MH-141. Report was given verbally at Executive Committee meeting.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 PAB/AS Executive Committee Retreat – 4-10-12 Topics [Expand topics for discussion] Moved to next meeting.

- 8.2 Strengthen Faculty Voice on Academic Senate (Collective Memory from previous A.S. Chairs)
There was further discussion on ways the Constitution and Bylaws could be revised. The Constitution Committee will be asked to discuss and give a recommendation on the wisdom of revising the current model for constituency and at-large seats as well as possibly giving alternative proposals for strengthening faculty voice. Data will be needed for the Constitution Committee to consider.
- 8.3 Senator Gradilla Suggestion re Transition
Chair Bedell will talk with Senator Gradilla about the excellent Forum held on 2-22-12 at the Marriott Hotel, which addressed many of his transitional ideas and suggestions.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Standing Committee Nominations – Library (NSM)
Faculty names were discussed.

Items will be moved to next Executive Committee agenda.

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- 9.2 UPS 292.000 Faculty Leadership in Collegial Governance Award [3-25-08]
- 9.3 General Committee Nominations – FPC, FRC, FLC
- 9.4 Statements of Opinion for All University Elections, Spring 2012 [BL 05-1 states to A.S. 3-20-12]
- 9.5 UPS 100.610 Program Discontinuance [7-7-06]
- 9.6 UPS 108.000 Visiting Scholars & Other Formal Delegations of Visitors from Abroad: Procedures for Invitations & Consideration for Hosting [Source: IEC]
- 9.7 GE Committee – Assessment and Recertification, Etc. [A.S. TC 10-13-11: GE Update]
- 9.8 Streamlining RTP Process
- 9.9 Update Mission and Goals
- 9.10 Statement on Professional Ethics

XI ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.