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Faculty Council Minutes

October 11, 2017

- 1) Call to Order: meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Agenda: approved with two amendments 1) adding an announcement from *Malcolm Finney* and 2) moving agenda item 6f. [RSCA deadlines] higher up in the agenda order
- 3) Approval of Minutes from Sept 6, 2017: approved
- 4) Reports
 - a) Dean's Report
 - i) Parking remains reasonable, especially in Lot 7, where the Dean, forgoing his assigned space, has chosen to park.
 - ii) The college's budget remains stable, but the decision to modify its budget model by Academic Affairs has introduced a degree of future uncertainty. Substantial changes to the model could take 1-2 years to be implemented fully, so the college will remain conservative in the areas of its highest expenses: assigned time, course offerings, and travel funding. The forthcoming budget model, however, will grant the college more control over its budget, and it will allow for 3% of the budget (1.5 million dollars, currently) to carry forward without penalty/tax. Dean fought to keep funds from retirements and resignations in the college but was denied that option.
 - iii) EO 1100 (CSU General Education Breadth) will disrupt the recently-achieved stability following the 2012 GE overhaul. Resistance to this order from faculty across CSUs has left its outcome in the balance. EO 1110 (academic preparation for and placement in ENGL and MATH) has likewise been met with widespread resistance from CSU faculty. *Eileen Klink* and *Gary Griswold* from the English department are spearheading the resistance efforts for CSULB. The fate of EO 1110 also remains undetermined. *Barbara LeMaster* added that the Academic Senate will present a motion on these executive orders at its next meeting.
 - iv) Encouraged FC members to send recommendations for redesigning the Faculty Center for Professional Development to Associate Dean Dan O'Connor (daniel.oconnor@csulb.edu). [Also see agenda item 5a.]
 - v) Dean, who worked with *Misty Jaffe* to keep flexibility in Internal CSULB Funding Opportunities (RSCA, Mini Grants, and Summer Stipends), expressed his concern over the university's choice to nonetheless move up the RSCA deadline.
 - b) Chair's Report
 - i) Email is forthcoming that will solicit feedback from FC members on the Academic Senate policy on nepotism (AS-968-17/FPPC).
 - ii) Solicited feedback on the university's Highly Valued Degree Initiative 2025 and its related task force on Research and Evaluation. Feedback can be sent to *Misty Jaffe* (alexandra.jaffe@csulb.edu) or to *Gwen Shaffer* (gwen.shaffer@csulb.edu).

- iii) CSULB President is seeking to form an advisory council and a committee on logistics to further the university's strategic plan. Faculty interested in serving in these roles should contact *Norbert Schürer* (norbert.schurer@csulb.edu).
 - iv) Graduate Council is addressing GS 700 (see agenda item 5a. below), the college-level review of theses, and the council's organizational makeup. *Corey Wright* will attend future FC meetings to provide updates.
- 5) Guest presentations
 - a) [added to agenda] *Malcolm Finney*: Document regarding procedures for GS 700—approval from graduate advisors or department chairs and limits on number of times students can enroll in the course—will be sent to Academic Senate. The Faculty Center for Professional Development is conducting a search for a new director. The 12-month position, which pays 15% above faculty salary rates, will take effect in spring 2018. Solicited recommendations and suggestions on the center redesign.
 - b) *Dave Stewart*: The Paideia Fellows Program and Scholars' Studio initiatives, born out the task force on first-year student experience, are designed to provide a challenging, inquiry-based scholarly experience for first-year students. 10-12 pilot seminars have been created to deliver this experience to roughly 2600 students who do not currently get this experience. A call for syllabi for spring 2018 seminars is forthcoming, and other future opportunities for program growth exist, especially since it will take 89-90 seminars to reach all first-year students. Some of this work could balance out the detrimental effects of EO 1100 and 1110. *Question from Kimberly Walters*: Could you elaborate on inquiry-based learning? *Answer* provided in the meeting document pack.
 - c) *Leslie Farmer*, president of the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society (International Education), reported on the benefits of joining the society. For more information, see the meeting document pack or contact information officer *Chris Karadjov* (Chris.Karadjov@csulb.edu). *Question from Misty Jaffe*: What is the cost of membership? *Answer*: \$50 for new membership and \$15 for membership renewal. Student membership can be sponsored, and scholarships are available. *Question from Malcolm Finney*: How would former members reactivate their membership? *Answer*: Pay the membership renewal fee.
 - d) *Sharlene Sayegh* clarified the roles of a PARC representative and a UPRC member within a program review. PARC representatives (4) are elected by CLA, serve three-year terms, serve on program review teams, and write reports. The UPRC is a subcommittee of PARC. UPRC members (5) are chosen by FC nomination process. UPRC members attend external visits, advise PARC members about college-specific issues, and can participate in report writing.
 - e) Committee reports:
 - i) *Theresa Gregor* (Elections): Committee has completed elections for the Scholarly Intersections Review Committee and the RTP Committee and is gearing up for spring elections.
 - ii) *Ilan Mitchell-Smith* and *M. Keith Claybrook* (Inclusive Excellence and High Impact Teaching) reported on the panel event "African-American Experiences at CSULB," which took place on October 4th. *Stacy Macías* announced a second panel (Latinx experience at CSULB) scheduled for November 15th.

- Question from Ken Curtis:* Will the event times/days be varied for the benefit of those who teach at the usual event time? *Answer:* The committee will consider that course of action.
- iii) Senate: no updates at this time.
 - iv) *Kevin Johnson* (Budget): Committee approved all travel requests that met the application criteria and is drafting a document on pre-authorization for summer travel, which will remedy the problem of faculty carrying debt for an unreasonable amount of time before reimbursement. Provided a document detailing the funded SEF-T proposals (see meeting document pack).
 - v) *Darin DeWitt* (Scholarly Intersections Review Committee): Committee has selected Scholarly Intersections awardees (35 of 37 applications received partial or total funding). Committee received roughly double the applications compared to the previous application cycle. *Question from Misty Jaffe:* Is a formal announcement of awardees forthcoming? *Answer:* Yes, very soon.
- 6) New Business
- a) FPIC (Faculty Personnel Issues Committee) election: *Misty Jaffe* solicited nominations and self-nominations for serving of the FPIC. *Isabella Lanza*, former chair of the committee, and committee member *Bill Mohr* spoke to the value of the committee. **Emily Schryer self-nominated and was subsequently appointed.** *Question from Bill Mohr:* Is the FPIC responsible for reviewing summer stipends and mini-grants? *Answer:* No, that is the responsibility of the RSCA committee.
 - b) RSCA Committee composition: After a group discussion led by *Misty Jaffe*, *Emily Berquist*, *Ken Curtis*, *Bill Mohr*, *Araceli Gonzalez*, and *Gabriel Estrada*, the FC **passed a resolution** to suspend for one year the stipulation (13.1.b.) in its constitution preventing professors at the rank of Assistant from serving on the RSCA Committee. Following this period of deferral, the council will make a final determination on whether or not to allow Assistant professors to serve on RSCA. If allowed, the council will stipulate how many of the nine RSCA positions can be occupied at any given time by Assistant professors.
 - c) Interim Vice Chair (discussion and possible vote): tabled.
 - d) Defining Quorum: tabled.
 - e) Strategic Planning Committee composition: tabled.
 - f) RSCA deadlines: *Emily Berquist* **presented a motion** on the recently changed RSCA deadline to be sent to the Academic Senate (see meeting document pack). The motion 1) recognizes that the new RSCA deadline violates university regulation (AS Policy 1108) 2) asks that the deadline be moved back to the previous deadline and 3) requests that if the deadline remains the same, faculty must be allowed to apply for more than one source of funding. The **motion passed** after discussion and questions from *Emily Berquist*, *Barbara LeMaster*, *Ken Curtis*, *Dmitrii Sidorov*, *Misty Jaffe*, and *Clorinda Donato*.
- 7) Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

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