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Faculty Council Minutes**

**November 8, 2017**

1. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 3:34 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda: approved
3. Approval of Minutes from Oct 11, 2017: approved
4. Reports
   1. Dean’s Report:
      1. Lane closures on 7th street will likely affect your regular commute. Consider taking alternative routes to campus.
      2. Tests revealed that fountain water on the second floor of MHB contains levels of lead that do not meet EPA water safety standards. This has initiated campus-wide water testing and has expedited the university’s plan to replace all water fountains with filtered hydration stations. Water fountains have been turned off, and temporary water dispensers have been provided in select locations.
      3. Tenure-track searches are underway at various stages of completion. Dean emphasized that candidates should be evaluated for fit within prospective departments, rather than on their excellence in any single academic/professional category.
      4. Dean and *Terie Bostic* have met with AVPs to discuss the provost’s new budget model. No clearer picture of the budget has emerged, so the college will remain conservative in its spending. 3% of the college budget (1.5 million dollars, currently) will likely carry forward without penalty/tax. Decisions on how to spend any surplus funds will be made at a later date.
      5. *Provost Jersky* has set a course to proceed with implementing EOs 1100 and 1110. The adverse effects associated with EO 1100 may ultimately be mitigated, but EO 1110 presents more complications. *Eileen Klink* added that the CSUs have mounted unprecedented opposition to the EOs in the form of votes for extension or to not implement and in a report of opposition delivered to the CSU Board of Trustees.
      6. Question from *Jeff Blutinger*: When will Beach Drive reopen? *Answer*: Not sure. Email Chris Burnett. *Malcolm Finney* reported Beach Drive is scheduled to reopen on November 21st. Question from *Jeff Blutinger*: Any updates on the discovery of mold in the library? Answer: Unusually high humidity in the summer months led to the growth of white mold on the library’s second floor. Cleanup is underway by the CSULB custodial staff, which, as a cost-saving measure, has been trained by mold removal specialists to perform the work.
   2. Chair’s Report
      1. The three candidates for CLA Director of Graduate Studies—Corey Wright (PHIL, current interim Director), Nancy Hall (LING), and Cora Goldstein (POSC)—will be interviewed in the coming weeks by the FC Exec and the Dean and Associate Dean.
      2. Dean Wallace has put forth a statement of intent in which he proposes that 1) Comparative World Literature will become an independent program within CLA and 2) The Classics major with its Latin and Greek options, minors, relevant curriculum and lecturers (along with their entitlements) will be moved to RGRLL. AS policy 95-19 dictates that concerned parties were given 22 working days to vote on the proposal from the date of its delivery. Paul Scotton’s (Chair, CWLC) written response, which opposes the dean’s proposal, automatically extended the voting period by 10 working days. Once voting has taken place, the results will be sent to the FC for open discussion and for the council to make a formal recommendation to the dean. Question from *Malcolm Finney*: what does this mean for faculty in the affected departments (faculty redundancy)?; from *Jeff Blutinger*: how will this affect course offerings?; from *Clorinda Donato*: how will EOs affect these proposed changes?; from *Gabriel Estrada*: is there any precedent for this type of proposal? Answer: This specific type of proposal is unprecedented, and the outcome of it remains undetermined at this point. *Eileen Klink* added that a previous attempt to reduce CLA was successfully opposed by department chairs and that this issue should be aired out in the open and with full transparency. [Follow up] *Misty Jaffe* will send FC members relevant documents.
5. Committee reports:
   * 1. Elections: *Misty Jaffe* reported that the RSCA Committee election and the Strategic Planning Committee (see agenda item 7a. below) election have been completed.
     2. Inclusive Excellence and High Impact Teaching: *Ilan Mitchell-Smith* and *Stacy Macías* reported on the upcoming faculty workshop “Latina/o/x & Chicana/o/x Experiences at CSULB,” which will take place on November 15th from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Multicultural Center conference room. *Rene H. Treviño* announced that the committee will archive footage of the event on the CLA website, and *Misty Jaffe* discussed the possibility of the steering committee becoming a university-level committee.
     3. Senate: *Eileen Klink* reported that Jessica Pandya will act as interim chair of the Academic Senate (AS) due to Norbert Schürer’s absence and that Dave Stewart was elected AS vice chair.
     4. Budget: *Kevin Johnson* reported on the ongoing development of a summer travel call.
6. New Business
7. For vote: RSCA awards: option to convert RSCA to SFG for faculty receiving outside awards: [General discussion] *Emily Berquist* noted that ORSP regulations provide justification for converting awards. *Kevin Johnson* reported that the Budget Committee has recommended that RSCA proposals use the actual faculty release rate instead of the lower faculty vacant rate. *Jeff Blutinger* reported that the RSCA Committee received 141 applications and that at least 100 are expected to be funded. *Clorinda Donato* raised the question whether the RSCA application is an empty exercise since the vast majority of applications receive funding. Question from *Kimberly Walters*: Could the conversion work vice versa, that is, could faculty convert SFG to RSCA? Question from *CJ Murphy*: Does this option mitigate or exacerbate the scheduling issues raised by assigned time? [**Result**] The resulting **motion passed unanimously:** The Faculty Council moved to give CLA faculty awarded an external grant in addition to a previously awarded RSCA or SFG the option to convert RSCA to SFG and vice versa. Such faculty must decide whether or not to convert their internal award by March 1 preceding the academic year in which their external award takes effect. [New RSCA Deadline] Questions from *Misty Jaffe*: Should the FC gather more input on the new deadline or move forward with the current input and think of ways to get the deadline changed? From *Eileen Klink*: We should follow up on the new RSCA deadline and monitor any of its unforeseen consequences. [Applying for more than one award] *Emily Berquist* reported a surplus of funds after MGSS funded all applications. This raised the question of whether or not faculty should be allowed to apply for more than one award. Question from *Kimberly Walters*: What is the logic behind not allowing faculty to do so? Answer from *Misty Jaffe*: The excessive workload it would create for award committees. [Follow up] The issues of applying for multiple awards, of the appropriate use of any surplus funds, and of award conversion will be sent to the Faculty and Professional Issues Committee.
   1. For discussion (CLA Constitution): Defining Quorum; Program Representation on FC; Joint appointees and departmental allotments: The effect of joint appointments on representation was clarified with the constitution. Members agreed that the ongoing practice of defining a quorum as a majority of members—50% plus one with any potential fractions rounded up—should be written into to the constitution. *Kevin Johnson* suggested that we should add language to the constitution regarding our general use of Robert’s Rules of Order. After discussion by *Eileen Klink*, *Carol Zitzer-Comfort*, *Rene H. Treviño*, *Jeff Blutinger*, and *Gabriel Estrada*, *Jeff Blutinger* **moved** to define a program as an academic area that offers, at minimum, a minor. The **motion was seconded** by *Carol Zitzer-Comfort*, and **the motion passed** unanimously. This resulted in one new FC representative for Latin American Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, and the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.
8. Strategic Planning
   1. Committee: Members of the Strategic Planning Committee were announced. Members are as follows: *Connie Calimbas* (ECON), *Pravina Cooper* (CWLC), *Clorinda Donato* (RGRLL), *Sheri Hale* (PSY), *Harvey Hunt* (CLA), *Maulana Karenga* (AFRS), *Kim Kelly* (HDEV), *Barbara LeMaster* (ASLD/ANTH/LING), *Richard Marcus* (IST), and *Lynda McCroskey* (COMM).
   2. Initial input on 3 pillars: FC members worked in small groups to provide feedback on the 3 pillars—Intellectual Achievement, Inclusive Excellence, and Public Good—of the university’s strategic priorities.
9. Retreat planning: tabled.
10. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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