

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

M I N U T E S

February 14, 2017

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Pine Room

Members Present: A. Bodman, M. Boland, H. Brown, K. Grisham, K. Kolehmainen, S. McMahan, A. Muhtaseb, B. Steffel, N. Tórréz, J. Ullman

Guests Present: C. Crawford, D. Fischman, D. Freer, R. Fremont, J. Gilbert, K. Hartley, B. Haynes, T. Morales, S. Sudhakar

1. **Approval of EC Minutes, 1/31/17:**

The Executive Committee approved the EC minutes from January 31, 2017 as written.

2. **GE Structure (attachment):**

The Executive Committee decided to add this as a first reading item on the March 7, 2017 Faculty Senate agenda.

3. **Revisions to Establishing a Department Policy, FAM 112.5 (attachment):**

This item is deferred to the next Executive Committee meeting due to time constraints.

4. **Chair's Report:**

Chair Kolehmainen stated that she would distribute two graduation initiative reports (one report regarding metrics and the other an update to the CSUSB graduation initiative plan) to the EC to review and provide input to Provost McMahan.

5. **EPRC Report:**

This item is deferred to the next Executive Committee meeting due to time constraints.

6. **FAC Report:**

This item is deferred to the next Executive Committee meeting due to time constraints.

7. **Statewide Academic Senate Report:**

This item is deferred to the next Executive Committee meeting due to time constraints.

8. **Administrative Update:**

This item is deferred to the next Executive Committee meeting due to time constraints.

9. **Other Business:**

Time did not permit the discussion of other business.

3:00pm Time Certain (If preceding items have not been completed).

10. **Meeting with President and VPs (attachment):**

D. Fischman and C. Crawford presented the Faculty Center for Excellence governing structure proposal to the Executive Committee. The center would bring together the TRC Director, the Director of Academic Research, Scholarship, and Creative activities (new position), and Faculty Fellow for Community Engagement (new position) in one space to assist faculty. Each would be separate and maintain separate budgets but could collaborate when needed and reduce duplicative efforts across campus while providing more resources to faculty. The EC had concerns that in light of the likely possibility of at a \$700,000 structural deficit that funding may need to be re-directed and the center could then lose funds or resources. President Morales stated that he is committed to funding faculty development as it is a critical and is committed to continue funding professional development and reassigned time as \$7 million of reassigned time has been funded this past year. The EC also shared concerns that with such board and diverse activities being supported that the center could be difficult to support financially and staff with enough expertise that could address the needs across disciplines as they vary greatly. The EC discussed that while faculty could benefit from the resources the center could provide, the biggest issue is time and with moving to a 4/4 teaching load after semester conversion, the EC felt that most faculty may not have the time to fully benefit from the center. Provost McMahan noted that the Workload Committee met for the first time last week and will be looking at how to reduce the teaching load under a semester system. Provost McMahan suggested the EC invite the Workload Committee Chair R. Ricco to EC meetings for updates on the committee's work. President Morales hopes the center can streamline the bureaucracy for faculty so faculty can move forward more easily and implement projects.

The Executive Committee will consider referring the governing structure to EPRC and FAC for consideration of the development of a policy. The EC stated that finding a space for the center in the meantime would be

permissible as long as nothing formally occurs until a policy is developed and goes through the Senate approval process.

Chair Kolehmainen stated that since this was to be the first in a series of meetings between the President, VPs, and EC, that the EC would like to discuss with the President and VPs other aspects of the strategic plan at the next meeting.