

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO*FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***M I N U T E S**

September 26, 2017

2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

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Members Present: H. Brown, M. Groen, K. Kolehmainen, J. Kottke, S. McMahan, T. Morales, A. Muhstaseb, B. Steffel, J. Ullman

Guests Present:**1. EC Discussion with President Morales:**

President Morales made several announcements. The President stated that Chancellor White, along with three Board of Trustees, will be visit CSUSB on October 4, 2017 and are working to arrangement a meeting time with the Senate. President Morales noted that the CFA and CSU have reached a tentative agreement. President Morales also stated that census is about fifteen days away and CSUSB is expected to be at 100% of its headcount target and 102% of its FTEs target. The President added that this is largely due to students taking more courses. President Morales also noted that CSUSB, like much of the nation, is struggling with increasing its international students. President Morales noted that CUSB and the city of San Bernardino signed the first of its kind MOU to help mitigate traffic issues. The first presentation of the Palm Desert Campus Master Plan has gone well and plans are in the works to sign a similar MOU with the city of Palm Desert. CSUSB has also been awarded a transportation grant with the city of \$200,000 which will look at things like adding more bike lanes. President Morales reported that a Budget Open Forum will be scheduled in November. Currently, the budget does not look promising. While the Governor has provided a 3% baseline cut to the CSU budget. President Morales is hopeful that students, faculty, and staff can all work together to strengthen advocacy efforts. The second year implementation of the Strategic Plan will be posted soon and open to input from the campus community. President Morales also encouraged everyone to attend the Collegiality Forum on October 16, 2017. President Morales also notified the Senate that several institutional policies are needing review and those policies will be brought forward to the Administrative Council for review and possible revision or to be sunset and open to the campus community for input as they move through a two reading format.

The EC and President Morales discussed the possible ways to better use his time during the President's report. The EC asked if the report could focus more on bigger issues he would like faculty input and expertise.

Senator Kottke asked if the MOU with the city of San Bernardino would impact faculty at all and if the Leonard Transportation Center was consulted. President Morales stated that the Master Plan involved the entire campus community and that the MOU aims to split the costs when traffic mitigation measures are needed when a certain enrollment is reached, CUSB will pay approximately \$627,000 and the City will pay approximately \$259,000.

Senator Ullman asked to think about what path CSUSB may take to move forward and think about how the Senate and Administration can agree to a working definition of shared governance. Senator Ullman thanked President Morales for committing to attend more EC meetings and working with the Senate and starting the conversation.

Chair Kolehmainen asked how the newly formed Staff Council was selected and if staff had input into the members. President Morales stated that he will ask VP Freer to follow up on providing the process used.

Chair Kolehmainen noted that there were fifteen new faculty hires and thirteen were tenure-track faculty. Chair Kolehmainen stated she remembers a higher number of tenure-track line searches being reported last year and had concerns as to what occurred. Provost McMahan stated that some searches failed and have been rolled over to this year, however, Academic Affairs did not cancel any searches. President Morales stated that there are thirty-one searches planned for this year and that he is committed to an aggressive approach to hiring more faculty. President Morales added that he is also committed to replacing faculty that have resigned or retired and working to look at FERPing faculty and figuring out how many faculty can be added.

Senator Muhtaseb stated that several faculty have shared concerns that the new Faculty Center for Excellence (FCE) may be taking away resources from funding more professional development. Provost McMahan stated that the FCE aims to pool resources and create a more collaborative workplace for faculty to address many needs dealing with professional development, teaching, and service. The FCE also has special funding as outlined in the Strategic Plan.

2. **Approval of EC Minutes, 06/13/17:**

The Executive Committee approved the EC minutes from June 13, 2017 as written.

3. **Approval of EC Minutes, 09/19/17:**

The Executive Committee approved the EC minutes from September 19, 2017 as written.

4. **Appointment:**

4.1 SPAC and Facilities Planning Committees (attachment):

The Executive Committee agreed to merge the Facilities Planning Committee into the SPAC and appointed R. Keener, A. Horner, and M. Kohout to serve for the rest of the academic year.

4.2 Graduate Council Senate Chair Designee:

The Executive Committee appointed Senator Ullman to serve as the designee.

5. Chair's Report:

Chair Kolehmainen explained that there are four outstanding policies that the Senate passed during the last academic year that have not been signed (SOTE, Recruiting Part Time Temporary Faculty, Department/School Establishment, and Provost Review). Chair Kolehmainen noted that the SOTE policy will be considered later on the agenda. Provost McMahan would like to consider allowing the process for hiring part time temporary faculty to be handled by Academic Personnel but Departments would still make the hiring decisions. The EC agreed to place the Recruiting of Part Time Temporary Faculty policy on the next EC agenda for discussion.

6. EPRC Report:

EPRC Chair Groen stated that the committee is working on establishing a meeting time and is in need of representatives from CAL and COE.

7. FAC Report:

FAC Chair Bodman was not present to give a report.

8. Statewide Academic Senate Report:

Statewide Academic Senator Ullman reported that much of the committee meetings and plenary focused on EOs 1100 and 1110. The ASCSU passed a first reading waiver for a resolution regarding the tight timelines and need for more faculty input. Senator Ullman noted that the CFA has also asked for a meet and confer regarding the EOs. Provost McMahan added that CSUSB has requested an implementation extension to coincide with semester conversion and will report back to the EC when an answer is received.

Statewide Academic Senator Steffel stated that there are several senate and assembly bills moving through to support DACA students. A previous senate bill, SB 769 regarding extending the community colleges' baccalaureate degree pilot programs, has been put into suspension. Senator Steffel also noted that the bills the Fiscal and Governmental Affairs committee strongly opposed last year did not move forward.

Senator Steffel reported that she has been appointed as the ASCSU representative on the Information Technology Advisory Council. President Morales suggested reaching out to VP Sudhakar to see about adding Senator Steffel to the IT Governance Committee.

9. **Administrative Update:**

Provost McMahan stated that the Associate Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies positions have been posted and the search committees should be convening soon.

Provost McMahan reminded everyone to attend the Faculty Center for Excellence grand opening on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. Provost McMahan also invited everyone to attend the Wedge, “The Cave” study center opening on September 27, 2017 as well as the Obershaw DEN grand re-opening and re-naming on September 28, 2017.

10. **Items Forwarded to 2017-18 EC for Possible Continued Referral from 2016-2017 EC (attachment):**

The EC referred the outstanding items to the respective committees. The Committees will decide whether and how to proceed on each item.

11. **Revisions to FAM 820.5, SOTE (attachment):**

The Executive Committee approved the edit and will include it as an information item on the October 10, 2017 Faculty Senate agenda while the policy moves forward for signature.

Chair Kolehmainen noted that she heard some faculty and/or departments may be confused about the SOTE exclusion policy. The exclusion may be being applied at the front end and every course may not be being SOTE'd as required by policy, rather than excluding SOTEs from the PAF as permitted. Provost McMahan stated she would check with Academic Personnel.

12. **DACA Resolution (attachment):**

The EC agreed that a resolution supporting DACA students and the program in general is needed. Chair Kolehmainen will draft a resolution for inclusion on the October 10, 2017 Faculty Senate agenda. President Morales suggested that the resolution be distributed to local representatives.

13. **EO 1100 and 1110 (attachment):**

The EC agreed the rushed timeline for implementation will be difficult for campuses and the need for some revision and more faculty input is

warranted. Chair Kolehmainen will draft a resolution for inclusion on the October 10, 2017 Faculty Senate agenda.

14. **Other Business:**

The Executive Committee did not discuss other business.