EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Academic Senate Conference Room (AS-125)


1. Call to Order
   • 2:01pm
   • David Stewart served as the “Acting Interim Chair of the Academic Senate” in the absence of Interim Chair Jessica Pandya, and presided over the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda
   • J. Cormack requested a brief discussion regarding WSCUC
     o A summary of the discussion included:
       ▪ There will be an informational campaign starting in Spring 2018 to share information across campus about the changes in approaches and reporting requirements as we transition from WASC to WSCUC.
       ▪ There are nine steps under the new WSCUC approach. J. Cormack requested the opportunity to present a summary of the new approach at an upcoming Academic Senate meeting.
       ▪ There is a report due in early February 2018, but it should not be a major concern.
     • The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of minutes: Meeting of December 5, 2017
   • Minutes were approved with minor comments.

4. Announcements and Information
   • De-departmentalization of CWLC & RGRLL. A vote was taken. CWLC voted in favor, and RGRLL voted against. It will now go to the faculty council in CLA.

5. Reminder
   5.1. Academic Senate Meeting February 1, 2:00-4:00, PSY-150
     • Review of proposed agenda
6. Special Orders
6.1. Report: Provost Jersky
   • Provost Jersky reported the following:
     o There have been some updates from the Chancellor’s Office regarding the CSU budget.
     o The CSU is currently admitting the top 40.7% of applicants, but we are only supposed to be admitting the top 33.3%. However, CSULB is not having a problem with this, because we are an impacted campus and do not go beyond the 33.3%.
     o The progress on the updates to Blair Field look good.
     o President Jane Conoley was recognized for her work on inclusive excellence.
     o Regarding CSU Apply:
       ▪ There are some inaccuracies with the new online program. However, this is not a big deal for CSULB with 105 thousand applications, but it is a potential problem for smaller campuses.
       ▪ We have noticed a decrease in international students, and there are some problems with students applying for credential programs.

7. New
7.1. TIME CERTAIN 3:00 PM: Business Analytics Certificate—clarifications
   • Guests: Michael Solt & Sam Min
   • TIME: 3:02pm
     o The adjustments to the certificate were presented to the group in attendance.
     o They have attempted to make the certificate more inclusive, by:
       ▪ Allowing for the possibility of including “equivalent courses.” Several examples are included in the revised certificate language.
       ▪ There was a discussion regarding the number of minimum units needed to complete the certificate. Should it be 12, 21, or 24?
     o A question was asked regarding whether “there is a substantial difference between IS majors and this certificate?”
       ▪ This question was raised because Policy 16-17 on Certificates requires a “substantial” difference.
       ▪ There was a discussion about the need to clarify the pre- post-baccalaureate status of the certificate in order to avoid internal contradictions in the policy.

7.2. Formal Interpretation of AS 12-00 sec 4.9
   • There was a discussion regarding the need for the AS Executive Committee to provide a formal interpretation of this policy section. A suggested interpretation was, “The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate interprets section 4.9 of PS 12-00 to allow departments to provide written
justification in favor of certifying GE courses with degree-specific pre-requisites in high-unit majors. Such justification must indicate that enough other courses are available in the category to prevent unduly restricting enrollment.”

• A discussion ensued regarding:
  o The willingness and ability of GEGC to accept this language in a timely manner,
  o The need for certain colleges to have specific language / parameters to work with ASAP,
  o The upcoming curriculum change deadlines that would require some guidance on how to operate within our current GE Policy on campus.

• The Acting Interim Chair of the AS will communicate with the GEGC to seek feedback by December 19th on this issue in order to assist the AS Executive Committee in deciding what actions can be taken by the Executive Committee.

7.3. Reassigned Time for Exceptional Service (AS-1044-17/FPPC)
  • A discussion began at 3:26pm. Not many comments were made at this meeting.

8. Old Business
8.1. Senate debrief continued (R. Fischer, C Bowles, J. Doering)
  • Started 3:34pm
  • Progress was made on reviewing and revising the “Solutions” document. The committee started the discussion with the “Limited Study Time” section and moved on to the “Who can answer my questions?” section.

8.2. Departmentalization Policy process
  • Discussion on this topic was very limited and held for the next meeting.

9. Adjournment – 4:00pm