EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, January 23, 2018
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Academic Senate Conference Room (AS 125)


Guests: J. Torabzadeh, C. Chapman, G. Reynolds-Fisher


1. Called to Order—welcomed Scot Apel to the EC
2. Approved Agenda with two changes (add 7.5 and 7.6)
3. Approved minutes: Meeting of December 12, 2017
4. Announcements and Information from Chair (and others)

4.1. Searches for (1) Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies; (2) VP Faculty Affairs; (3) FCPD Director (waiting on Task Force); (4) new VP for University Research & Development (2 faculty reps for Senate needed). ACTION: Chair will send out call for nominees for these search cmtes.

4.2. Assoc. Dean of CHHS issue—should there be a “temporary” AD? Not in policy. So Dean has now appointed an Interim Assoc. Dean according to policy.

4.3. “Beach Pathways” (=Alternate admission process. John Hamilton made request for application readers). Goal: Identify students who have a good chance of succeeding at CSULB but do not meet some numerical requirements. Need Faculty to read applications. Formal call will come out,

4.4. Cross-disciplinary Seminar in Yellowstone, May 21-26 on environment. Provost will support up to 5 faculty. Expect a presentation after from participants. 100 word application statement. ACTION: Will decide who will go next Tuesday from applicants.

4.5. Agenda items of the future: Jared Ceja (discuss spring schedule and indications of free textbooks). ACTION: Have visit Exec. Cmte. In 2 weeks before have visit AS.

4.6. Klink: CO brought Writing Program directors together—a good thing.

5. Reminder
5.1. Academic Senate meeting on February 1, 2018, 2:00 – 4:00, PSY 150

6. Special Orders
6.1. Report: Provost Jersky: In Sacramento on 1/9/18 at Academic Council: (1) budget announcement by Governor of 2.7% increase of CSULB budget (Compact was 4%/yr.; CO was working on 3%). May revise may make better, but bad starting position. This level of support falls below regular level of growth in budget. Thus would presuppose budget cuts. CSULB would make strategic cuts, not across-the-board cuts to budget; would meet with campus townhalls to explain (could
result in cuts of 3-4%; COLA goes up 2.2 % because salaries and benefits have gone up and inflation. Therefore we must reduce some of what we do. No money to apply to graduation initiatives because they are not funded again. They were funded by one-time funds; (2) discussion on EO 1100 and 1110 planning

6.2. Policies related to graduate studies came up in admin. discussion: projects, theses, disqualifications.

6.3. Safety related to a student—problem of a threat perceived by others does not rise to the level of legally-defined threat: Could we have rapid reaction teams of faculty to deal with some people? K12 teachers have had a protocol for 20 years+. If they have an episode, they know who to call to come and help in the classroom. NS: Are police not responding to requests for help when there is a threat? BJ: If there is a perception of a threat, but legal folk says there is not one, what can you do? Let a process work out or have some other kind of intervention. JP: what about Cares Team or DSS. ACTION: Talk more about the problem of scaling responses.

6.4. Tues. 1/30 8:00-12:00 workshop for GEGC, CEPC, and senate exec: BJ will speak.

6.5. Strategic planning: hiring a consultant, “Institute for Forecasting the Future” [IFTF].


6.7. Enrollment for spring: 1356 transfers expected (80 over last year). We are funded by FTES and capitation. Capitation funding drops as people graduate faster and the two numbers draw closer to each other.

6.8. Commencement is changing according to President’s direction. Will be on the Intramural Field [Announcement has since circulated to deans and faculties]—advantages include parking, access, safety, and cost (reduced numbers of ceremonies). CLA will have two ceremonies instead of three.

6.9. Questions: DDF: How does the proposed 4% tuition increase fit in to the overall budget picture? EK: Need it to fund new student growth. 2.7% can’t cover deferred maintenance for instance. BJ: If system gets just 2.7%, then $130MM deficit. Tuition increase would net about $70MM. So $60MM short including 30MM deferred maintenance. ACTION: Next Exec meeting Scot Apel and BJ will give a presentation on this.

7. New Business

7.1. Academic Senate agenda for February 1, 2018: Added Business Analytics to next Exec Cmte. meeting. Moved BA in Biochemistry to New Business.

7.2. Academic Senate Data Fellows report: J. Torabzadeh, Cheryl Chapman, Grace Reynolds-Fisher—TIME CERTAIN: 3:00 pm. Plan to identify (and report preliminary findings in May 2018) classes that are obstacles or “super successful” in moving students toward graduation (including identifying correlations with certain student characteristics, class size, and possible advising effects). Once such courses were identified, the team would look to qualitative data to try and understand the causes of student failure or success.

7.3. Certificate in Business Analytics redux—see above
7.4. GE 1100 and 1110 retreat consultation on 1/30/18. Planning for fora on GE that will collect info. Policy draft by end of semester and then open it in the Senate in the fall.

7.5. Interpretation for AS 14-01, Requirements for Master’s Degree—HOMEWORK: see sec. 2.3. and revisit at next week’s EC.

7.6. Legacy Lecture planning: The lecture will be combined with the spring senate reception on 3/8/18 @ Anatol.

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9. Adjournment at 4:05