

MINUTES

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS
Wednesday, November 6, 2013
12 – 12:50 p.m. ~ Commons 206

Voters Present	Vivienne Bennett, Chair Chet Kumar, APC Marshall Whittlesey, GEC Jay Robertson-Howell, SAC David Barsky, ASCSU	Laurie Stowell, Vice chair Staci Beavers, BLP Ed Price, LATAAC Matthew Escobar, UCC Glen Brodowsky, ASCSU	Carmen Nava, FAC Linda Shaw, PAC Toni Olivas, Library
Ex Officio Present	Graham Oberem, Provost		
Parliamentarian	Beverlee Anderson		
Not represented	NEAC, CFA		
Staff	Marcia Woolf		

I. Approval of agenda

Motion #1 M/S/P*
To approve the agenda as presented.

II. Approval of minutes of 10/30/2013 meeting

Motion #2 M/S/P*
To approve the minutes as presented.

III. Chair's report, Vivienne Bennett: • A list of referrals was printed on the agenda. Bennett explained some of the parameters discussed by the officers regarding the lecturer seats issue. • Bennett reminded EC members of today's deadline for submitting feedback on the vice provost candidates.

IV. Provost's report, Graham Oberem • Oberem expressed his appreciation to the members of EC for making time to meet the vice provost candidates and for providing feedback; he noted that this will not be an easy choice. The search committee will meet next week and provide their recommendations, and a decision may be made next week. • There will be a Student Research Poster Showcase in the Clarke on November 21st at noon. Eighty students have signed up for this event. Please come and encourage others to attend and support this event. • There has been a drive to develop our directory of faculty research and there are now 100 faculty members listed. If you have not yet done so, contact AVP Gonzalez. • Our campus will be the site of the 17th annual CSU Symposium on University Teaching. Grant-Vallone and the Faculty Center will be hosting this event on March 7-8, 2014. • Oberem expressed his appreciation to those who participated in the listening tour he and the president conducted in October. He will be following up soon with progress reports on certain issues raised.

V. ASCSU report, Glen Brodowsky Report deferred to Senate.

VI. Consent Calendar items EC members referred to the NEAC and UCC lists printed in the Senate agenda packet.

Motion #3 M/S/P*
To forward these items as presented to today's Senate Consent Calendar.

**All motions were passed unanimously unless stated otherwise.*

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VII. Discussion items

A. FAC University RTP policy revisions: joint hires Nava noted that no substantive changes have been made, but FAC tried to clarify the areas which raised concern at the last EC meeting. She explained that there is no legal entity referred to as a tenure home. Rather, there is the concept of a "majority department / unit," where the faculty member's MOU specifies that the appointment in one of the departments / units has greater weight than the other (i.e., is not a 50/50 appointment). Bennett, whose department is in the midst of such a hire, noted that as we put the policy to the test we will learn how to improve it.

Motion #4 M/S/P*

To forward these documents as presented to today's Senate agenda for discussion.

B. UCC MILS courses Escobar explained that these courses, to be housed in CoBA, would serve the ROTC students on our campus. They are required courses for ROTC and our students have had to travel to SDSU to take these courses for years and then they transfer the course credit to CSUSM. He noted that the ROTC study group in 2008 recommended that ROTC courses not be presented to the Senate for approval via the Consent Calendar, but rather be included on the agenda for discussion. The courses first came to UCC last year and were reviewed and some revisions were made. They are not typical college courses, and posed challenges to the committee; there is no standard prerequisite structure and course content is repetitive. The majority of the committee voted to approve the courses and submit to the Senate. Those members who voted against were concerned about the repetitive nature of the curriculum and not about the ROTC program as a whole. Brodowsky pointed out that we would be doing a great service to our students by offering these courses. He added that we have little if any control over the courses since the content is specified by ROTC. Barsky explained that the courses would be taught by U.S. Army personnel who are not employed by the University. FTES accrues to CoBA (the current population is about two dozen students). Questions were raised about: (1) the ability for CSUSM to review these courses; (2) why the courses are not being offered through Extended Learning (the 2008 study group recommended against this); (3) where such courses are housed on other CSU campuses (there is no consistency in this regard); (4) possible Area E certification; (5) possible impact on library resources (none anticipated, since all materials are provided by ROTC); (6) whether these courses might have some weight within the CSUSM curriculum (not anticipated); and (7) that ROTC conducts reviews of the courses.

Motion #4 M/S/P*

To forward these courses as presented to today's Senate agenda for discussion.

Other discussion items were postponed to the next EC meeting due to lack of time.

VIII. EC members' concerns and announcements Whittlesey raised an issue concerning the charge to the "golden four" grade minima study group. Bennett referred him to the list of referrals provided to chairs at the start of the year (before GEC had a chair) and to GEC's AY 12/13 year-end report for clarification.

Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Woolf, Senate Coordinator

Approved by the Executive Committee _____
Linda Holt, Secretary Date

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