Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2012

Present: Hill, Brooks, Norman, Gasco, Miller

Chair’s Report - Jim Hill - The following is the written report from Jim Hill:

(Exec committee) Chair report, 2012-02-22
I have talked to John T (UBC chair) about presenting to senate a "comprehensive, authoritative" synopsis to senate about what has been asked of divisions. All the main points he might address have been in other reports, but not generally all together or given as a 'big picture.' Unfortunately, he has class until 4 on Wednesdays, so –if everyone sees this as a good idea-- the three options are:

◦ do that, but late in the meeting
   The problem I see in this is that it would be nice to have it before the EPC/FPC/Provost reports.

This is what we decided to go with

◦ ask him to send a proxy (but it might be hard to find the right person)
◦ ask him to give his report to me (as a UBC member, so just a variation on the last option) to deliver for him.

I see a bit of a problem with this last option because part of the idea is to make it clear that this is from UBC.

∇ Two proposals for possible resolutions have come forward. These will be discussed in a separate agenda item.
∇ On the e-mail list for statewide council of chairs, there was a conversation about whether graduate programs might be being moved to extended education. An attempt at clarification by a few people seemed to settle on the idea that the CO was possibly opening up possibilities for campuses (not necessarily across the system).
∇ In a related note, (as reported previously) the CO has mentioned that there may be new ways to look at financial aid for graduate students. Apparently (new information today) the statewide senate chair heard from Eric Forbes:
   "Yes. Campus Financial Aid Officers have been told to suspend packaging SUG support for graduate students temporarily until a review of SUG allocation process is finished. Quite temporary."

∇ [Regarding my meeting with the provost yesterday]
   ◦ I asked about any administrative push to put grad programs into EE. He said ther is not any administrative push so far to him.
   ◦ I asked about whether he heard of any local interest to "join in" CSUonline. He has not had proposals given to him.
- We have both committed to be at the coming phone conferences on CSUonline.
- AA council has met to discuss budget plan request from UBC. Some colleges' chairs' councils have already met to address this as well.
Possible resolutions for exec/FPC/??

The subcommittees of the GE committee currently have no [explicit] charge, and their role based on past practice is a bit unclear. (In particular, the role they serve to evaluate proposals of new courses or of course waivers needs to be explicit.)

A faculty member has explicitly asked that SEC consider this issue. In particular, a policy that makes explicit the role of the SMT, SBS, and HUM subcommittees in the process of GE review is requested.

A noteworthy difficulty in crafting such a resolution is that the constitution of these committees is not (to my knowledge) spelled out. ←We decided to ask Ericka to work on this but "put it through" EPC

This year, "annual" faculty awards for Distinguished Service and for Outstanding Professor were not given. Apparently, the Faculty Awards and Honors committee did not put forth awardees (even though it is known there was at least one nominee for one of the awards).

There are two possible paths to address this:

- A "sense of the senate" calling for these awards to be given whenever possible. This solution is weak. It carries no way to enforce anything. It may be easy to pass however.
- A proposed policy that would actually require this and spell out a mode to elicit more nominations when necessary. This might take longer to work on because it needs to be more precise and explicit. It "would have teeth," in the sense that it would lead to a university policy. It should be accompanied by an explicit method for getting more nominations when too few have been made. ←We decided that FPC will work on this.

There was a discussion and Norman said that we should have UBC submit material in advance. Gasco asked what happened to the resolution that was sent back to committee.

We need to put on the agenda what to do about the faculty handbook

Should Miller or Norman deal with the resolution that was sent back to committee. Is it an Exec issue or an FPC issue? The decision was for it to remain an Exec resolution and for changes to be made to it. There was discussion about elimination of the 3rd resolve, changing the language from "charge" to "request," and mentioning the dean’s role. There was a suggestion of soliciting data (e.g. from the CFA faculty rights team) regarding the extent of the problem of departments not electing RTP committees and not providing written tenure standards upon hire.

It was decided that Miller would discuss the senate chair and the statewide senate chair release time regarding the upcoming call for nominations and also talk about how the statewide senators got their release time cut by 3 units.
Norman said that FPC had a short meeting on Monday. FPC will be bringing forward a resolution on the hiring of full time faculty.

**Time Certain: 3:30 p.m. President’s Report-Mildred Garcia**

The TIAA-CREF Institute announced Dr. Charles B. Reed, chancellor of the California State University system, and Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón, president of Miami Dade College, as the 2012 winners of the TIAA-CREF Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence. TIAA-CREF bestowed this honor yesterday at the American Council on Education’s (ACE) 2012 Annual Meeting held in Los Angeles.

White House education leaders met with a group of California State University (CSU) presidents and officials to discuss CSU’s initiatives to improve college access and graduation of African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Latino and Tribal students.

Financial Stability-Garcia reported that the UBC has met and set dates for the Vice Presidents to give their presentations. There are too many proposals on the ballot in November. We need the governor’s proposals to pass if not the trigger will happen. We need to plan very carefully.

**Enrollment**

The applications are up by 8.1%. The total applications are 24,824 and the admits are up by 25%.

There will be a HDC game tonight and there will be 6,000 in the parking lot. There is a phase II with the Home Depot that includes the building of a hotel. We need to relook at this and so the chancellor’s office is hiring us a professional negotiator. We don’t want a hotel or anything unless it works for us. The need for the hotel is the new football team in LA. They could train here, live in the South Bay and play football at the stadium in Los Angeles. Garcia said that we have done a market study of what our land is worth.

Miller said that at the CFA Equity Conference this past weekend she learned about AANAPISI (Asian American & Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions) funding and that the rep from D.C. she spoke with said that Dominguez Hills fits the criteria. East Bay and San Jose have applied. Miller said that she shared the information with Greg Saks and Jim Till and David Gamboa and that she contacted Dr. Jung Sun Park about it and Dr. Park is interested on taking the lead on applying. Garcia asked Miller to send the information to Maki as well.

Garcia was asked about sabbaticals and she said that she would review every sabbatical application and that she would follow the contract. Miller said faculty raised these concerns about sabbaticals based on what the Provost said in the last senate meeting regarding needing to wait. Garcia said that she would have to look at each one case by case.
Norman mentioned Cal State Online. He said that his understanding is that departments will retain control over their curriculum.

**EPC Report-Janine Gasco**-Gasco said that the grade appeal policy is pending and her committee will be working on it. Gasco and Brooks will go to the archives and look for senate information from 1997 on the faculty handbook and for the chancellor’s office document from 1980 on programs and departments.

Norman said that we could do a resolution to implement PM 00-03. Miller said that if the policy already exists we should not have to do a resolution. It is just a matter of bringing it to the attention of the administration. Gasco said that she is certain the senate would support budget transparency.

**FPC Report-Thomas Norman**-Norman said that his committee met on Monday and he is wondering if he should fire 2 FPC members. Ken Ganezer and Salim Faraji. Norman said that they are not attending. He said that Carl Sneed was attending as past chair but now he doesn’t come either. We would like to add some people to our committee. We could have each college elect a representative to FPC?

**Parliamentarian-Diane Miller**-Miller said that she would be changing the dates on the forms and letter for the election and nomination of a statewide senator and a statewide chair. She will also add information regarding reassigned time which comes with the positions. She will give them back to Brooks to send out when they are completed. There will be one election this next Wednesday for the search committee for the director of facilities and construction planning.

Hill spoke about the GE committee. He said that the sub-committee of the GE committee has no role. Hill asked if EPC would work on this.

Hill spoke about the faculty awards issue. There is concern that all of the awards were not given out this year. What can we do to ensure that all the awards are given. There was a discussion about a sense of the senate. There could be a proposed policy to also give the Leaves and Honors committee some explicit mechanism to get more nominations. Maybe we could go to the deans, faculty or the Council of Chairs.

Hill reminded the Exec that our senate meeting on April 11, 2012 will be from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. and from 4 to 5 p.m. all RTP committee members will be invited to attend a special session of the Senate (as the Senate is guided to do by the faculty handbook). Mary will request from Gus’ office the names and contact information of all members of RTP committees for AY 2011-2012 to invite them to the special Senate session.
Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.