

MINUTES
Executive Committee
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
3:15 p.m. – Room 106 - Administration

Present: Mary Stromberger, Chair; Stephanie Clemons, Vice Chair; Paul Doherty, Jr., BOG Faculty Representative; Rita Knoll, Executive Assistant; Jason Ahola, Agricultural Sciences; Troy Mumford, Business; TBD, Engineering; Carole Makela for Scott Glick, Health and Human Sciences; Angela Christian, Liberal Arts; Nancy Hunter, Libraries; Monique Rocca for Maria Fernandez-Gimenez, Natural Resources; George Barisas, Natural Sciences; Marie Legare for J Lucas Argueso, CVMBS; Rick Miranda, Provost/Executive Vice President

Guests: Dan Turk, Chair, CoRSAF

The meeting was called to order at 3:16 p.m. by Mary Stromberger.

February 7, 2017 FACULTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Proposed Faculty Council Agenda – February 7, 2017 – A101 BSB– 4:00 p.m.

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Faculty Council Meeting – March 7, 2017 – A101 Behavioral Sciences – 4:00 p.m.
2. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes located on FC website –

[\(http://facultycouncil.colostate.edu/faculty-council-meeting-dates-agendas-minutes/\)](http://facultycouncil.colostate.edu/faculty-council-meeting-dates-agendas-minutes/)

President Frank will be out of town and unable to attend the March FC meeting as well as the April and May FC meetings. Stromberger asked EC members if they wanted President Frank to give a report at the February FC meeting. Executive Committee unanimously decided they would like Tony to attend the February 7, 2017 meeting. Stromberger will extend the invitation.

B. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

1. Faculty Council Meeting Minutes –

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D. REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

1. Provost/Executive Vice President – Rick Miranda
2. Faculty Council Chair – Mary Stromberger
3. Board of Governors Faculty Representative – Paul Doherty, Jr.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. UCC Minutes –

F. ACTION ITEMS

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G. DISCUSSION

December 13, 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Minutes to be Approved

A. *Executive Committee Meeting Minutes*

1. November 29, 2016

The minutes were unanimously approved and will be placed on the Faculty Council website.

II. Items Pending/Discussion Items

A. *Announcements*

1. Next Executive Committee Meeting: January 17, 2017– 3:15 p.m. – Room 106 - Administration

Stromberger announced that the next Executive Committee meeting would be held on January 17, 2017. We will have three meetings in January before the February FC meeting.

Rocca stated that Maria Fernandez-Giminez might not be able to represent Natural Resources on Executive Committee for the spring semester. Stromberger will inquire.

B. *Action Items*

1. UCC Minutes – November 11, 2016 and December 2, 2016

Makela moved Clemons (2nd) to place the UCC meeting minutes from November 11, 2016 and December 2, 2016 on the FC meeting consent agenda.

Makela's motion was unanimously approved.

2. Proposed revisions to Section C.2.1.9.3 of the *Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual* – CoSFP

Doherty noted that the rationale was missing from the proposal.

Hunter noted that further down in Section C.2.1.9.3, it states that ex officio members are non-voting. This conflicts with standing committee language that designates

some ex officio members as voting members. Hunter advised that the language in C.2.1.9.3 be revised to say that ex officio members are non-voting, unless specified otherwise.

Barisas moved (Doherty 2nd) to refer the proposed revisions to Section C.2.1.9.3 of the *Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual* back to CoFG.

Barisas' motion was unanimously approved.

3. Proposed revisions to Section C.2.1.9.5.h of the *Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual* – CoSFP

EC discussed whether the dean member of CoSFP should be referred to as “ex officio”, as a dean has to be appointed to this committee and is not an automatic member due to being a dean.

Section C.2.1.9.3 and Section C.2.1.9.5.h of the *Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual* go hand-in-hand.

Turk moved (Doherty 2nd) to refer the proposed revisions to Section C.2.1.9.5.h of the *Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual* back to the CoFG

Turk's motion was unanimously approved.

4. Proposed revisions to Section E.15.1 of the *Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual* – CoRSAF

Hunter made a friendly amendment to lower case Academic Supervisor, so that it becomes academic supervisor.

Makela moved (Clemons 2nd) to place the proposed revisions to Section E.15.1 of the *Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual*, as amended by Hunter, on the February 7, 2017 FC meeting agenda.

Makela's motion was unanimously approved.

5. Honorary Degree Memo and Honorary Degree Guidelines

Honorary Degree Candidates

Executive Committee members reviewed the three Honorary Degree Candidates. EC members unanimously approved the candidates.

Stromberger will send a memo to President Frank with EC's recommendation.

Reports

1. Provost/Executive Vice President – Rick Miranda

Miranda reported the following:

At the last Committee of Deans meeting, the deans reviewed budget proposals from colleges. Brief rationales were presented. The deans will submit their final scores after the meeting.

During the BOG meeting, curricular proposals were presented and voted upon. Miranda gave a presentation on academic freedom in the classroom. He provided the rationale for academic freedom and value for such.

The presentation topic for the next BOG meeting will be on accreditations. Dept. of Education just pulled a for-profit accrediting body's ability to offer accreditation. Two institutions, with this accreditation, had failed and left students hanging. Should accreditation processes be changed? Is it too inbred with visiting teams from similar institutions?

Miranda is on a special ad hoc committee charged by the Colorado Department of Higher Education to study how to award credits for prior learning assessments (PLA). Different ways of giving credit (e.g., AP credit, work experience). The Colorado Commission of Higher Ed is putting pressure to accept as much credit as possible. Last year, credits for IB and AP exams were discussed and voted upon. CLEP and DSST exams were discussed this year. DSST is suitable for military requests. CLEP are challenge exams. After hearing reports, there was a decision NOT to force institutions to award credit for

DSST. With CLEP, there was more confidence in rigor and value. However, the CDHE and Colorado Commission on Higher Education have revised course content and competencies for guaranteed transfer pathway courses, and their contents and competencies may not be aligned with content and competencies tested by CLEP. The committee recommended that institutions continue to pursue CLEP credit, but should use a local challenge exam designed to assess competencies for individuals. CLEP would get the student into the local challenge exam, then the student's knowledge/skills could be assessed.

Miranda reported on an opportunity with Future Learning (<https://www.futurelearn.com>), a private company owned by The Open University that partners with higher education institutions to offer free mini-MOOCs. They have about 70 university partners—mostly in Europe and Asia. Short courses are offered; many courses meet over a few weeks, with a few hours per week. This could be an opportunity to provide life-long learning to alumni, to help them stay intellectually active. CSU can become a member for a relatively small fee - ~\$20,000/year. They have about 4.5 million students taking courses now. FutureLearn would like to roll out a suite of USA institutions in March or April. Mike Palmquist went to London to meet with FutureLearn. Easy to use. These are all non-credit courses. If a student wants a certificate of completion, there is a small fee (<\$100). CSU also offers three MOOCs. Each MOOC could be broken up into several mini-MOOCs so that CSU could offer some curriculum right away. More short courses could be added in the future. Good to be part of their PR splash. This is more of a marketing tool for CSU Online and to allow alum to take courses. No data available at this time re: bringing in additional students. Planning to join for 2-3 years. Miranda invited EC members to check out the site. Purdue and Penn State are on board already.

Miranda's report was received.

2. Faculty Council Chair – Mary Stromberger

Stromberger reported the following:

Last week met with Chairs of Standing Committees. Good meeting. Policies and procedures were discussed. The committees are working on the following issues:

NTTF: Drafting *Manual* language related to non-tenure track faculty appointments, compensation, and participation in shared governance.

CoSRGE: Discussion on professional doctorate program.

UCC: Curricular issues and competency, and contents for GT pathway courses.

CoRSAF: E9 document (negative behaviors language) is under revision now and will bring to EC in January. Also involved in reviewing the revised bullying policy. Richard Eykholt, as UGO, is also on CoRSAF and is part of the task force that is revising the policy. He will take it to CoRSAF to discuss. Service is another item (e.g., status of women faculty) that CoRSAF will work on, along with the Standing Committee on the Status of Women Faculty.

CoTL: Course survey redesign. Shared with Zinta Byrne, who drafted the committee on recommendations for Phase 1 survey. She seemed positive about it, although we don't know yet if she will be able to work on the questions due to other commitments.

CoSS: Meets to discuss retroactive withdrawals from the university. They are seeing an uptick of requests for retroactive withdrawals related to mental illness (i.e., depression, stress, anxiety-related issues). Also seeing a few cases of trauma. Could be physical abuse. If a student is experiencing a traumatic experience or event, can faculty recognize these signs? How can we get info to faculty re: signs of trauma and mental illness?

Other updates:

CoIA: Athletic department did not put a proposal forward for new funds.

CoFG: They are always busy finding faculty nominees for various Standing Committees throughout the year, due to faculty resignations, sabbaticals, etc. They are revising the

Manual to update our election procedures. Language in *Manual* talks about paper ballots. Departments vary on electing Faculty Council representatives, and election processes need to be consistent across campus. The committee is also drafting language to create a new committee called the University Policy Review committee. This committee could hear issues/concerns about the existing policies and recommend changes, and be a stakeholder to review new policies. President Frank and Miranda are supportive of this proposed committee. There is a lot of frustration identifying faculty to serve on Standing Committees. They do not feel they are getting the college support that can identify qualified candidates. How can we stabilize this and get names at the department level? They want to discuss this for some consistency with level of support given by the college.

Stromberger's report was received.

3. Board of Governors Faculty Representative – Paul F. Doherty, Jr.

Doherty reported the following:

BOG meeting last week:

1. Holiday party
2. Stadium discussion- on time and budget
3. Mark Gill presented veteran services report at CSU
4. Programs got approved
5. Sabbatical requests approved (n=45)
6. Graduation rates
7. Academic freedom
8. CSU Pueblo; salary increases requested. They have not had a salary raise for 7 years
9. Real estate discussion; public/private partnerships
10. Strategic planning (AP and CPC)
11. Lobbyists were there discussing state and federal levels
12. Hospital Provider Fee will be a hot topic in spring
13. Governor will be appointing a new rep in place of Joe Zimlich, who stepped off the Board
14. Water CO reported to the Board
15. CSU reserve discussed. CSU put \$2.7 million into the reserve. CSU Global put in \$27 million. \$9 million was withdrawn for IT systems. The monies

that go into the Board reserve are one time. They do not come out of base budgets. Pueblo will be the big winner. They will contribute little but will be able to receive much more than they put in.

Doherty's report was received.

D. Discussion Items

1. Discussion of ASSET students

Stromberger shared a communication from Dr. Steve Mumme, the chair of the Colorado chapter of AAUP. He asks that Executive Committee consider taking a resolution to Faculty Council, in support of the DACA/ASSET students at CSU. Stromberger asked EC to review the request and be prepared to discuss this in January.

2. Faculty Council Chair Evaluation
-Stephanie Clemons, Vice-Chair

Barisas moved (Doherty 2nd) to enter executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Barisas moved (Ahola 2nd) to exit executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Committee adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Mary Stromberger, Chair
Stephanie Clemons, Vice Chair
Rita Knoll, Executive Assistant