MINUTES
Executive Committee
Tuesday, January 31, 2017
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; Stephen Coleman for Jason Ahola Agriculture; Russ Schumacher, Engineering; Scott Glick, Health and Human Sciences; Angela Christian, Liberal Arts; Nancy Hunter, Libraries; George Barisas, Natural Sciences; J Lucas Argueso, CVMBS; Rick Miranda, Provost/Executive Vice President

Guests: Carole Makela, Chair, UCC; Toni-Lee Viney, Chair, APC; Stacey Baumgarn, Chair, CPC; Shannon Wagner, APC Treasurer; Tenley French, APC Secretary

Absent: William Sanford, Natural Resources (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 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 – December 13, 2016 (http://facultycouncil.colostate.edu/faculty-council-meeting-dates-agendas-minutes/)
3. Elections for Faculty Council Chair, Vice Chair, and Board of Governors Faculty Representative – March 7, 2017 – Committee on Faculty Governance. Nominations close February 15, 2017.
4. President Frank – Open Forum – Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – 3:00-4:00 p.m. Cherokee Park Ballroom
5. Introduce Kathryn Rickard, Faculty Ombuds

B. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

1. Faculty Council Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2016
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 – December 9, 2016

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Elections – University Committees
2. Proposed revisions to Section E.15.1 of the Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual – CoRSAF
3. Proposed revisions to Section C.2.1.9.3 Membership and Organization of the Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual – CoFG
4. Proposed revisions to Section C.2.1.9.5.h Committee on Strategic and Financial Planning of the Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual – CoFG
5. Proposed revisions to Section C.2.1.9.5.i Committee on Teaching and Learning of the Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual – CoFG
6. Biennial Review for Discontinuance and Continuance of Centers, Institutes, and Other Special Units (CIOSUs) for the academic year 2016 (Reporting Period FY15 and FY16) - CUP

G. DISCUSSION

1. Engaging Faculty in Student Success
   -Paul Thayer, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
   -Rebecca Martin, NASH
January 31, 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Minutes to be Approved

A. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1. January 17, 2017

The minutes were unanimously approved and will be placed on the February 7, 2017 FC meeting agenda.

II. Items Pending/Discussion Items

A. Announcements

1. Next Executive Committee Meeting: February 14, 2017 – 3:15 p.m. – Room 106 - Administration

Stromberger announced that the next Executive Committee meeting would be held on February 14, 2017.

B. Action Items

1. UCC Minutes – January 20, 2017
   - January 27, 2017 (forthcoming)

Knoll sent an email with January 27, 2017 minutes this morning.

Makela explained that UCC now has their website on the FC website. All the agendas and minutes for last 3 years; searchable by course.

January 20 minutes – New courses plus 3 graduate certificates.

January 27 minutes – New courses out of Ag Ed and some major changes in other courses. Some courses need FC approval for Fall 2018 deadline. Pushing as rapidly as we can.

Glick moved (Hunter 2nd) to place the January 20 and January 27, 2017 UCC Minutes on the February 7, 2017 FC meeting agenda.
Glick’s motion was unanimously approved.

Reports

1. Provost/Executive Vice President – Rick Miranda

Miranda reported the following:

Budget hearings were held last Wednesday, during which the budget review committees presented their recommendations. Big unknowns include the state budget and the Long Bill. We are having weekly legislative calls to monitor progress of various bills that could impact higher education.

Last semester, the Provost Council on Engagement was launched. CSU has lots of activity in regards to faculty instruction and research efforts. Did not have a good faculty group to talk about engagement and extension. This will be the purpose of the Council on Engagement.

Miranda recently attended a meeting of the Association of Chief Academic Officers (ACAO). This is connected with ACE. Very active in higher ed in general. Open to membership by provosts.

CSU is monitoring executive orders from D.C. Have three students of concern trying to get back home to continue their studies. Best avenue for influence is to work through the senator’s office. For the general discussion, we believe that our voice is more appropriately joined with those of other universities and national organizations like APLU. Ensure D.C. hears our perspective through those collaborative venues.

Doherty: Veterinary medicine took the diagnostic unit and moved it into a department status. What is a process to become a department?

Miranda: Not sure how that happens…but it is not clearly codified.

Miranda’s report was received.

2. Faculty Council Chair – Mary Stromberger

Stromberger reported the following:
Cabinet meeting this morning. President Frank spoke about student issues (DACA, international students whose visas were cancelled). Jason Johnson, OGC, gave a presentation on academic freedom: How should students respond if an inflammatory speaker would come to CSU? Johnson went through examples and, at what point is it freedom of speech and at what point is it crossing the line? Good discussion for a future Faculty Council meeting.

Stephanie Clemons has been nominated for Chair of FC. There has also been another nomination. Will make sure we have the correct parliamentary procedures in place for elections at the March FC meeting--e.g., paper ballots, etc.

Stromberger’s report was received.

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

Doherty reported the following:

BOG meets in Pueblo tomorrow (February 1-3, 2017). Doherty will give a report at the February 7 FC meeting.

Doherty’s report was received.

D. Discussion Items

1. DREAMERS statement

Nancy Hunter did not use DREAMERS language, and used the ASSET students instead. Is this something EC adopts as a resolution and we send it to Tony Frank, or send to Faculty Council for approval? What should we do with this?

EC discussed the draft statement and the focus from Steve Mumme on it as a message to the students.

EC agreed the letter will be directed to DACA and ASSET students, as well as international students impacted by visa cancellations. Plan is to revise the statement and circulate it over email. A final copy will be sent to Tony Frank and to appropriate people on campus to with the emails of the students.

2. Feedback on Inclusive Policy
Stromberger received feedback on this policy. Stromberger will send comments related to a series of questions: cost to implement, clarity on who is responsible initially and how it would be enforced? What if this program (ADA/universal) is already addressed on campus? The other two councils (AP and CPC) had the same concerns. They had not received a draft policy either. These are wonderful goals to aspire to and should be designed with new buildings. They have the same concerns as we did.

Stromberger will send feedback to Mary Ontiveros.

3. Budget – Provost Miranda

Miranda went through the draft FY18 E & G incremental budget that he gave at budget hearings last week.

Budget hasn’t changed much since its presentation to Faculty Council in the fall.

Right now, modeling a 5% increase in resident undergraduate tuition. Alternative models include a 4.5% and a 6% increase.

For this year, joint budget analysts came up with 7% undergrad increase to keep up with costs. Last year the state allowed up maximum increase at 6%. This year we started with a 5% increase. We set aside about 20% of increase towards financial aid. Because state funding is ¼ of our budget, if that stays flat, and if you want the expense budget to go up about 3%, you have to increase about 5%. If you want the budget to go up about 3%, you have to increase at least 5%. Effect is $1.5 million per 1% increase or decrease.

Revenues from tuition are modeled assuming flat enrollment.

Currently modeling $3 million in additional revenue from new state funding. This is a good guess for now, though, and it could be as low as $0 or perhaps as much as $6 million. We really won’t know until the Long Bill is signed in April.

For expenses, faculty and staff compensation includes a 2.5% salary increase and an additional 0.5% DCP contribution. State classified is also set at 2.5% increase. Total compensation incremental expense is around $11.7 million.
Academic incentive funding: 2/3/6; colleges would get half back as net tuition increase; some goes to student success initiatives; graduate sharing programs, PVM program (they get most back).

Financial aid – merit and need based; non-resident (international) discount programs; agreements with WUE states.

Mandatory costs: Things we can’t avoid. Utility bills/bond payments. Pressure: a couple million for bond payments. For example, biology building is mostly paid by student fees, but 30% is paid by a bond. Also maintenance bills.

Reallocation: Last year had $3 million reallocated. Ask colleges to reallocate to give back to pay the bills. What if you have to give it back? Would you tighten belts on financial aid? May not be able to give a smaller percent to salary.

Miranda’s report was received.

Executive Committee adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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