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Executive Committee
Tuesday, October 20, 2015
3:30 p.m. – Room 106 – Administration

Present: Mary Stromberger, Chair; Paul Doherty, Jr., BOG Faculty Representative; Rita Knoll, Executive Assistant; Bradley Goetz, Agricultural Sciences; Margarita Lenk, Business; Jose Chavez, Engineering; Scott Glick, Health and Human Sciences; Adrian Howkins, Liberal Arts; Nancy Hunter, Libraries; George Barisas, Natural Sciences; David Gilkey, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Rick Miranda, Provost/Executive Vice President

Absent: Monique Rocca, Natural Resources (excused); Stephanie Clemons, Vice Chair (excused)

Guests: Carole Makela, Chair, University Curriculum Committee

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Mary Stromberger.

November 3, 2015 FACULTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Proposed Faculty Council Agenda – November 3, 2015 – A201 Clark Building – 4:00 p.m.

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Faculty Council Meeting – December 1, 2015 – A201 Clark Building – 4 p.m.

2. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes located on the FC website – September 15 and 22, 2015 (http://facultycouncil.colostate.edu/faculty-council-meeting-dates-agendas-minutes/)

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.
4. Course survey redesign update – Zinta Byrne
5. Athletic Director – Joe Parker

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. UCC Minutes – September 11 and 25, 2015

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Revisions to the *Graduate and Professional Bulletin* – THE ADVISORY SYSTEM - CoSRGE

G. DISCUSSION

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October 20, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

II. Minutes to be Approved

A. Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

1. October 6, 2015

By unanimous consent, Executive Committee approved the placement of the October 6, 2015 Faculty Council meeting minutes on the November 3, 2015 Faculty Council meeting agenda.

III. Items Pending/Discussion Items

A. Announcements

1. Next Executive Committee Meeting: October 27, 2015 – 3:30 p.m. – Room 106 Administration

Stromberger announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on October 27, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in room 106 Administration Building.

Stromberger announced that the October 27 Executive Committee meeting will include an action item for the 2020-2022 academic calendars, and a discussion on “Principles of Community”, to be led by Vice President for Diversity, Mary Ontiveros.

B. Reports

1. Rick Miranda – Provost/Executive Vice President

Miranda reported that he recently returned from a trip to China that included stops at Shanghai Normal, East China Normal, Anhui, and Anhui Agriculture Universities. In Shanghai, Miranda attended a gathering of a new alumni chapter and visited a high school. In Anhui, Miranda attended conferences on USDA and Anhui officials to discuss reforms to China’s extension system. Extension offices and universities are disconnected right now in China, which makes it difficult for research to be translated to the field.

Miranda gave an update on the Department of Higher Education’s efforts to develop standards for awarding credit for Prior Learning Assessments across institutions. DHE would like the state institutions to offer similar
course credits for prior learning, based on exam scores (AP, IB) and other measurements. Institutions are in agreement on how to award credit for some things but not others. If institutions cannot agree, a constituent review team, on which Miranda sits, will assemble and try to negotiate.

Lenk asked if different credit could be awarded for an AP or IB score, depending on whether the student needed credit for general education or for a major.

Miranda: We are willing to accept slightly lower scores if credit is for general education (ex., a 3 vs. 4). Research institutions would like to insist on a higher score (ex. 4) if the AP or IB course is to serve as a prerequisite for further work in that area.

Lenk asked about the ability of community colleges to offer 4-year degree programs, and if this was putting pressure on prior learning assessment.

Miranda responded that 4-year degrees offered by community colleges are bachelors of applied science (B.A.S.) degrees, which differ significantly from B.S. degrees.

Gilkey talked about Red Rocks Community College offering a Bachelor of Science in water quality. He spoke against it because he saw it as conflicting with the water programs offered at CSU.

Miranda responded that CCHE approved Red Rocks’ program because they felt it educated students for a different career path than the CSU programs – namely, training students to work in wastewater treatment facilities. CCHE felt that Red Rocks’ curriculum was different enough from CSU’s curriculum.

Miranda’s report was received.

2. Faculty Council Chair – Mary Stromberger

Stromberger met recently with Professor Zinta Byrne, who is leading the course survey redesign. Recently, there were two open forums to discuss faculty issues and ideas for the course survey. Byrne is also working with college-level focus groups to get input. Stromberger asked if anyone in EC participated in the open forum or in a college focus group.

Lenk responded that she had. She said that the open forum she attended had greater attendance by administrators than faculty, which could be a conflict of interest.
Stromberger added that Byrne is working on an aggressive timeline. Byrne will give an update to faculty at the November 3 Faculty Council meeting. In her meeting with Byrne, Stromberger reported that Byrne suggested that multiple evaluations will be created for different purposes.

Stromberger announced an update on the University Curriculum Committee Curriculum Liaison Specialist position. The search process is underway and applications are being received.

Yesterday, Stromberger met with Beth Walker, Dean, College of Business, along with Dan Bush. They discussed Walker’s first 100 days at CSU. Walker has been meeting outside constituents, as well as faculty groups. Stromberger discussed faculty issues with Walker, such as the desire of NTTF to form college-level advisory committees.

Today, Stromberger met with the Committee on Libraries. The committee heard an update on the meeting of the subcommittee to study Unizin issues and opportunities. Right now the Unizin committee is working out how faculty from the partnering institutions should talk with one another. Conference calls/Skype calls among faculty? Face-to-face meetings with faculty by discipline, and at professional meetings? The CoL also talked about the need for policy on data sharing. Federal regulations are requiring data generated from federally-funded grants to be publically shared. A policy is needed to outline the requirements, process, embargo periods, etc., for uploading and sharing data.

Stromberger’s report was received.

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

No report was given.

C. Action Items

1. UCC Minutes – October 2, 2015

Barisas moved (Goetz 2nd) to place the October 2, 2015 UCC meeting minutes on the consent agenda for the November 3, 2015 Faculty Council meeting agenda.

Makela noted courses for spring 2016, and explained a listing of Electrical and Computer Engineering courses, where minimum grades were being changed from C- to C.

Barisas’ motion was adopted.
D. Discussion Items

1. November Faculty Council meeting discussion item

EC discussed possible discussion topics for the November 3 FC meeting. Stromberger outlined possibilities that fit under the umbrella theme of “re-envisioning CSU”:

- Teaching and Learning.
- Student success
- Research
- Research innovation
- How to integrate teaching and research together
- Work-life quality; finding balance. Being recognized for all different components of work
- Residential experience at CSU. What does the campus look like? How should we teach (on-line, face-to-face, blended formats)?
- Curriculum innovation – four-year on-line programs, dual degrees, etc.

Howkins added that he would like to have a discussion on public-private partnerships.

Stromberger added that other faculty has suggested a discussion on CSU’s philosophy on debt capacity. Miranda added that this could include a discussion on diversifying revenue streams.

EC talked about a discussion related to innovative teaching and high impact practices. Potential speakers could include Vice Provost Kathy Pickering, Gwen Gorzelsky (TILT), and 2 or three faculty.

Stromberger will talk with Kathy and Gwen about leading a discussion on high impact practices at the November 3, 2015 Faculty Council meeting.

Executive Committee adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Mary Stromberger, Chair
Rita Knoll, Executive Assistant