Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2015

MINUTES  
Executive Committee  
Tuesday, December 8, 2015  
3:30 p.m. – Room 106 – Administration

Present: Mary Stromberger, Chair; Stephanie Clemons, Vice 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)

Guests: Carole Makela, Chair, University Curriculum Committee

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

February 2, 2016 FACULTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Proposed Faculty Council Agenda – February 2, 2016 – A202 Clark Building – 4:00 p.m.

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Faculty Council Meeting – March 1, 2016 – A202 Clark Building – 4 p.m.

2. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes located on the FC website – (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. UGO Annual Report

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. UCC Minutes –

F. ACTION ITEMS

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G. DISCUSSION

1. Principles of Community statement
December 8, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

II. Minutes to be Approved

A. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1. November 10 and 17, 2015

By unanimous consent, Executive Committee approved the November 10 and 17, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

The minutes will be placed on the Faculty Council web site.

III. Items Pending/Discussion Items

A. Announcements

1. Next Executive Committee Meeting: December 15, 2015 – 3:30 p.m. – Room 106 Administration

Stromberger announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on December 15, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in room 106 Administration and it will be the last meeting of the semester.

Nancy Hunter sent Stromberger an email; Apple Day, Thursday, January 14, 2016, 9:00 - 3:15 p.m. at the Morgan Library. Hunter explained that event helps faculty learn how technologies are begin used to enhance K-12 education.

Stromberger also announced an Open Forum for faculty with President Frank on January 29, 2016, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Cherokee Park in LSC.

Next week’s meeting will have a full agenda. Gwen Gorzelsky, Anton Betten, along with others, will be talking about learning analytics. They will be sharing questions and concerns they are hearing from faculty, and also questions related to ethics.

There are two nominations for Honorary Degree candidates. Miranda forwarded the names to Tony Frank.

Bob Schur will be attending the December 15, 2015 EC meeting regarding policies: Alcohol and Drugs; Protection of Minors.
B. Reports

1. Rick Miranda – Provost/Executive Vice President

Miranda reported the following:

Last week, Lynn Johnson and Miranda visited the facility fee advisory board. They would like to hear provost’s and colleges’ needs for campus facilities. One time funds are available to fund certain projects. The advisory board doesn’t like to fund faculty research labs or infrastructure – more interested in updating classrooms and buildings.

Hunter: how much money are we talking about?

Miranda: About $500,000.

Gilkey: Any discussions about improving student safety?

Miranda: I don’t remember it coming up in a big way, or if at all. They have funded lighting projects around campus and curb cuts for wheelchair students.

Miranda and others met with the marketing director of INTO, who visited from England (one of the founders from the company). The group discussed some modifications to the CSU-INTO’s marketing strategy.

Miranda gave an update on the Magnolia House, which was donated by Dave and Paula Edwards. They intend it to be the home of the President some day. President Frank is currently using it for receptions, in the same way we use the Remington house now. Last night, the house was used to host a dinner for University Distinguished Professors.

The Faculty Open Forum with President Frank is scheduled for the end of January.

Miranda reported on the activities of the Space committee. The committee went over a report generated by a consultant team, who evaluated space availability and use on campus. The consultant grades space based on condition and to the extent that the space is enough (right kind of space). We have a lot of maintenance to do around the campus. A positive was the library (no space considered in trouble). Business was in pretty good space. Other areas need attention. The consultants will release a detailed report with individual building results.
Miranda is on the CCHE Math pathways task force, and in this capacity, attended a meeting of TPSE (Transforming Post-Secondary Education) meeting at Duke over the weekend.

At Faculty Council, Miranda talked about the budget and will present the same budget to the BOG on December 10-11, 2015. Miranda will also present a report on enrollment, and on open access textbooks.

Makela: Space assessment report available?

Miranda: Ask Lynn Johnson.

Question: What would be deliverable from this exercise?

Miranda: A database that has every room on the campus classified in different ways and can analyze from that as well.

Chavez: Facility fees. What do you need back?

Miranda: They are taking proposals from all the colleges and units to fund a few things, then they consider those proposals over the spring. Lynn Johnson and Miranda will meet with the committee this spring; however the committee is rather independent.

Doherty: Does it involve the mountain campus at all?

Miranda: I don’t believe so.

Miranda’s report was received.

2. Faculty Council Chair – Mary Stromberger

Stromberger reported the following:

Hunter activated the survey monkey for the UGO evaluations and Richard Eykholt gave the deadline of this Friday, December 11, 2015 for feedback. An email was also sent to the University Mediators.

At last Wednesday’s Council of Deans meeting, Kim Kita and Kathleen Pickering talked about Todos Santos. Questions arose re: the purpose of Todos Santos. Is the purpose of Todos Santos teaching, service, research or a combination? Kathleen Pickering indicated service to the community is essential.
Miranda: We want to be good partner for the community. Some tensions exist between two fishing businesses. Building/construction is receiving some controversy. It is a complex place.

Gilkey: Is CSU managing the situation?

Miranda: Yes. The complexity is one of the fascinating parts of why we are attracted to Todos Santos and the community. Students are exposed to thorny issues. We want to make contributions when we can, but more importantly, our students can learn about complex issues related to development, climate change issues, water, sustainability.

Stromberer chaired the Honorary Degree Committee meeting recently to discuss two nominations for Honorary Degrees. The nominations will be reviewed by Executive Committee.

Stromberger reported on diversity issues. Stromberger met recently with Albert Bimper, Irene Vernon, and Tony Frank to discuss faculty concerns related to diversity and race.

Students in a Social Work course came forward with request that CSU create a mandatory requirement (3 credits) for all students to take a course regarding diversity and racial issues prior to graduation. The letter was followed with 64 pages of student signatures. Stromberger reported that there is a second list of recommendations from students, and that this one recommends that CSU require 6 credits of diversity/race courses for all students. In terms of the role of students, what is their right when demanding a required course? Not sure who should be involved in this discussion of the issue and ramifications of such an issue. Not sure if majority of students support this request. Stromberger noted that while this raises many questions (what is impact for transfer students? What type of burden would this put on programs that have intense curriculum demands), it is important to listen and be sensitive to what students are saying. Think about what is the best for our university.

Makela, Chair of UCC, discussed UCC’s role in curriculum development. The college reps on UCC are going back to their colleges to see if there are existing courses that can provide what the students are looking for.

Lenk: Given sensitivity to the racial tensions, do we want to go around the ASCSU process?

Miranda: There is no channel for students to use to get to the curriculum committee. They are not going around the process; there is no process for something like this.
Stromberger: This is a faculty process. The faculty are in charge of the curriculum. There are a variety of solutions. For example, look at category 3. Do the existing courses have the diversity components desired? There may be as much push back from other students who do not want to take a required class. In fact, many may push to have a choice.

Miranda: I am little less compelled by student choice argument. We have other situations in AUCC where we require students to take a course such as COMP 150. More problematic to me is the issue of quality. Would such a required course be developed based on a lowest common denominator? Is that the type of experience we want to give our students? How would we staff such a course? Quality is more my issue, not the choice. Are we going to get the learning outcomes we want students to get from this experience?

Chavez: Is there online training that could be taken rather than a face-to-face course?

Stromberger: We do have a lot of diversity events on campus that may be used to develop a co-curricular badging system. There are a lot of possibilities already available.

Makela: Engineering requires co-curricular activities. They check off these student involvements. It seems to be working well with them.

Miranda: This is mandated for engineering students by accreditation.

Stromberger gave an update on the Faculty Ombuds position. The job description has been finalized and will be entered into TMS. The position should be announced by end of semester/early in the spring semester and will be open through January.

Stromberger’s report was received.

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

BOG agenda is out. The BOG meeting is this Thursday and Friday (December 10-11, 2015). Most likely a lot of budget talk.

C. Action Items

1. UCC Minutes – November 6 and November 13, 2015
Goetz moved, (Lenk 2nd) to place the November 6 and 13, 2015 UCC meeting minutes on the consent agenda for the February 2, 2016 Faculty Council meeting agenda.

Goetz’s motion was adopted.

D. Discussion Items

1. Open records and electronic documents

Stromberger is getting mixed feedback from faculty re: demand by Coloradoan for salary data. Some faculty are supportive of open records in the name of transparency, others do not want the names to be released with salaries. So far there is no strong consensus among faculty.

Makela: Too early to do anything right now. Senator Kefalas is on campus. Let’s ask him to visit EC to explain goals of his bill.

Stromberger, Clemons and Doherty had a meeting with President Frank yesterday. What are other universities doing? CSU is more transparent than other university in the state. If the senator moves ahead with this, then other universities will be upset as well – perhaps even more than we are.

Hunter heard feedback from one person in Libraries. Not positive.

Gilkey: Since we have a consistent policy, I feel we stay this way, and people are free to go to the library for information.

Makela: Kefalas may put something totally different in the bill. He may be reacting more to the issue of need for more public record transparency in Colorado than the issue raised by the Coloradoan.

Stromberger: Senator Kefalas could be invited to come to EC, or to meet with a small group from EC. Should Stromberger invite?

Miranda: Is the sentiment the same around campus?

Lenk: My college wants to keep things as they are.

Howkins: Has heard both sides of the sentiment in his college. He has seen a generational reaction: younger yes; older – no. (Clemons had the same reaction). Coloradoan is making more of an issue of open access than it would take to pay one staff member to take a day to type up the CSU salary information from the library.
Stromberger: No consensus. Interested to have Senator Kefalas here at EC?

Clemons: What would we gain having Senator Kefalas coming to EC to present his side?

Glick: It may be a waste of his time and EC members.

It was decided to wait to invite Senator Kefalas to EC until we see a draft bill, then possibly invite him in and ask EC for feedback.

2. Faculty Council Chair Evaluation

Gilkey moved (Doherty 2\textsuperscript{nd}) to have Executive Committee go into executive session (unanimously agreed).

Gilkey motioned (Hunter 2\textsuperscript{nd}) to exit executive Session.

Executive Committee adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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