MINUTES
Executive Committee
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
3:00 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; Carole Makela for Scott Glick, Health and Human Sciences; Adrian Howkins, Liberal Arts; Nancy Hunter, Libraries; George Barisas, Natural Sciences; C.W. Miller, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Rick Miranda, Provost/Executive Vice President

Absent: Monique Rocca, Natural Resources (excused); Scott Glick, Health and Human Sciences (excused)

Guests: Jen Aberle, Chair, Committee on Non-Tenure Track Faculty

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 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. Elections for Faculty Council Chair, Vice Chair, and Board of Governors Faculty Representative – March 1, 2016 – Committee on Faculty Governance. Nominations close February 15, 2016.

3. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes located on the FC website – November 10 and 17, 2015
   (http://facultycouncil.colostate.edu/faculty-council-meeting-dates-agendas-minutes/)

4. Revision to the 2014-2016 Academic Calendar – Acting for Faculty Council – Adopted by Executive Committee December 15, 2015

B. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

1. Faculty Council Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2015
C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Faculty Council Standing Committee Graduate Student Election

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 – November 6 and 13, 2015
2. Approval of Degree Candidates – Spring and Summer Semesters

F. ACTION ITEMS

1.

G. DISCUSSION

1. Principles of Community statement
II. Minutes to be Approved

A. Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

1. December 1, 2015

By unanimous consent, Executive Committee approved the placement of the December 1, 2015 Faculty Council meeting minutes on the February 2, 2016 Faculty Council meeting agenda.

B. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1. December 8, 2015

By unanimous consent, Executive Committee approved the December 8, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. The minutes will be posted on the FC web site.

III. Items Pending/Discussion Items

A. Announcements

1. Next Executive Committee Meeting: January 26, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.
   – Room 106 Administration

Stromberger announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on January 26, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in room 106 Administration.

2. Faculty Open Forum with President Frank: January 29, 2016 – 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Cherokee Park Ballroom, Lory Student Center.

Stromberger announced the Faculty Open Forum with President Frank on January 29, 2016. Knoll will send out a reminder email to faculty via the Faculty Council list serve.

B. Action Items

1. UCC Minutes – December 4 and 11, 2015

Makela moved (Goetz 2nd) to place the December 4 and 11, 2015 UCC meeting minutes on the consent agenda for the February 2, 2016 Faculty Council meeting agenda.
Makela’s motion was adopted.

2. Proposed revisions to Section E.2.1.5 Temporary Appointments of the Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual - CoNTTF

Jen Aberle, Chair, CoNTTF, explained the rationale for the proposed revision to Section E.2.1.5. Aberle explained that the conversation was brought from the college of Business who often hire professionals to teach one course every semester or year. These NTTF are part-time (less than 50%) and truly temporary. The current language in E.2.1.5 requires that temporary NTTF to automatically be converted to special appointments after two consecutive semesters of teaching. However, special appointment status may not make sense for part-time NTTF who truly are temporary.

Hunter moved and (Doherty 2nd) to place the proposed revision on the February 2, 2016 Faculty Council agenda.

Hunter’s motion was approved.

C. Discussion Items

1. UGO and UM Evaluations.

Stromberger discussed the feedback received so far on UGO Richard Eykholt and the faculty UM’s. Stromberger will email draft evaluation letters (one for the UGO and one for the UM’s) to EC and will also attach the UGO annual report. Stromberger asked EC members to send suggestions for any changes by Monday.

D. Reports

1. Rick Miranda – Provost/Executive Vice President

Miranda reported the following:

A. Commencement

Commencements went well in December. A Sunday morning commencement will be added in May 2016.

B. Semester at Sea
The Semester at Sea Board of Trustees met on January 2-3, 2016. Rick Miranda and Lynn Johnson are non-voting members, appointed by the University. The meeting was held on the ship in San Diego, which departed for its spring voyage at the conclusion of the meeting. Miranda reported that the facilities are very nice and well maintained. The operation is quite solvent. The new ship is leased for next 5 voyages/5 semesters, after which the lease will be renewed or a lease signed with a new ship.

The Spring 2016 voyage route includes Shanghai, Singapore, India, east coast of Africa, and then west coast of Africa. They will end up in London in May 2016. Ship will be cleaned/maintained over the summer, and will be ready for the first CSU voyage in Fall 2016. Folks from CSU financial aid and registrar’s office also visited the ship in January.

Hunter: There are three categories of people on ship. Staff, students, and life-long learners. Who are the life-long learners?

Miranda: The latter category includes those who want to participate in the voyage but do not take any classes. They are a resource for the Dean and serve as a mentor for students. They are a cadre of adults (n=25) who pay for the experience and assist by auditing the classes, etc. Staff personnel include the captain, engineers and others who run the boat. A second staffing group is a company of employees who run the housing and dining operations.

Miller: What about our access mission? Is this experience only for rich kids?

Miranda: Tuition is about $25,000/semester. There is financial aid from Semester at Sea to subsidize tuition for CSU students. It is a unique experience with a price tag similar to a private university.

Barisas: How many classes do the students take?

Miranda: 4 or 5. Each faculty person teaches 3 classes. You need about 100 sections for all of the students, and about 30 faculty. All 550 students take one general class.

Miller: Are we going to lose money on this?

Miranda: CSU is a contractor to them. Money is provided to CSU to host the students, transfer credits, and provide administrative support (deans, librarians, etc.). Semester at Sea carries the financial liability.
Miller: Security issues?

Miranda: There is security on board the ship. This came up at the Board meeting. How much risk do you take to get students to specific parts of the world? For example, Istanbul and Egypt are no longer ports of travel. The Suez Canal is not used either. The company must consult with CSU, but CSU does not have veto power.

Stromberger: Does Semester at Sea report crimes, in compliance with the Cleary Act?

Miranda: Cleary Act necessitates the reporting of crimes at CSU. Semester at Sea in not required to follow the Cleary Act, as we are. This was something negotiated with Semester at Sea. The processes are not identical to CSU’s however.

C. VPUA

David Gilkey was appointed as the acting VPUA, effective immediately until June 30, 2016. Miranda launched an internal search for the position and someone will be in place by summer.

D. Course Fees

Course fee changes are coming. Miranda is looking at a few details to clean up, such as those related to the ability to charge access to digital materials that are part of a course. Another example is the need to pay site licenses.

Doherty: Can we approve these fees more than one time a year? The current timing causes a long delay before implementation for summer courses.

Miranda: The summer is considered part of this fiscal year. When the Board acts in April, the application of the fees does not start until the following summer (more than one year away). There is a constraint that BOG approves only once a year. Miranda will take this issue up with President Frank to see if there is some flexibility to have a vote more than one time a year.

E. Budget Reviews

Everyone is taking this process quite seriously. The Council of Deans is the budget review committee that is looking at new faculty and GTA lines. The COD met two weeks ago. Every member of COD rated each proposal
prior to meeting and then went around room to discuss their individual proposals, then collective ratings were revealed. Miranda requested COD to come back in two weeks with new ratings now that they heard each other’s discussion of proposals.

Miller: If funding is recommended, what happens next?

Miranda: I make final recommendation to the President and will explain if my decisions are wildly divergent from the committee’s recommendations. Everyone is a neophyte on the committees; no one has done this before. We tried to get a mix of expertise on the committee to ensure several will be on the same committee the next year. This process will be assessed after it is complete. Modifications will be made to improve the process.

Miranda’s report was received.

2. Faculty Council Chair – Mary Stromberger

Stromberger reported the following:

A. Senator Kefalas and CORA

Following the last Faculty Council meeting, Stromberger received emails from faculty that either supported or opposed the proposed amendment that would require public records to be delivered in electronic form if requested. At this point, Stromberger does not feel comfortable writing a letter to the Senator in opposition to the proposed revision. However, faculty can write directly to Senator Kefalas if desired.

Barisas: What is the impetus for Senator Kefalas’ suggesting this bill?

Stromberger: He is doing this in response to a request by the Coloradoan.

Makela: The bill has been sent to the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs. It is named SB 16-037 if one wants to follow it.

B. Hospital Provider Fee

Stromberger explained that the proposal to change the Hospital Provider Fee to an Enterprise Fund would move the fees out from TABOR, so that the TABOR limit would not be reached. Otherwise, cuts needs to be made by the State, including cuts to higher education. Letters in support of the Hospital Provider Fee reclassification were sent to the Governor from the
CCHE, the Board of Governors, and the chairs of the Administrative Profession Council and Classified Personnel Council. Stromberger asked if Faculty Council should submit a letter as well?

Barisas: How legal is it to move this provider fee from TABOR?

Stromberger: It’s under discussion right now.

Miranda: The majority leader in the Senate is raising serious questions about the constitutionality of this change.

Stromberger: I asked OGC about this. The ruling on constitutionality has to be made before a final decision is made. If moving the provider fee is unconstitutional, the letters will have no meaning. If other councils have sent letters, should we? CPC is very vested as it affects their salaries. AP Council wrote in support of CPC. Stromberger is happy to draft a letter.

Doherty: Is there a precedent for FC Chair to write such a letter?

Stromberger: Typically FC is not involved with such politics.

Miller: It would be nice to support our other campus councils.

Barisas: This is a band aid. The notion to provide relief to overall education activities is worth a try. Joining with our councils is a good idea.

Lenk: If ruled as unconstitutional, could it backfire?

Miranda: Could you put a statement in the letter indicating “with the assumption of this being constitutional...” to address concern?

Doherty: Could we write any type of letter to Senator for all sorts of things?

Stromberger: I suppose, although it should be restricted to topics affecting higher education.

Howkins: Should we take this to FC?

Stromberger: We have enough time to draft something and take to FC.

Makela: I looked to see if this bill has been introduced into this session. There is no indication of this bill at this time.
Stromberger: I could draft a letter, show it to OGC and appropriate people here, and then next week we could decide whether to put it on the FC agenda.

EC agreed, and Stromberger will prepare a draft for the next EC meeting.

C. Parking

On Friday, Stromberger met with Dave Bradford from Parking and Transportation and others (including AP and CP Council chairs), to talk about the parking situation and the next parking plan. Stromberger is excited that conversations are beginning re: next parking plan. It is due one year from now. A working timeline was set up for spring, summer and fall. Bradford was charged with looking at 3 different models: sliding fee scale, tiered zone parking, and current model with subsidies for lower income employees. Bradford will work with the Parking Services Committee and research will be done during the spring semester. Open forums will be held to debate each of the three models, probably in early fall 2016. A plan will be selected by late fall, and the final recommendation will be presented to the Board of Governors in Spring 2017.

Regarding permit sales in the 2015-2016 year. Parking sold 1800 fewer permits than last year. Out of those 1819 fewer permits, 1655 were from commuter students. The vast majority who didn’t purchase was commuter students. Were they priced out? Or better public transportation? We are down 275 A permits in comparison.

D. Todos Santos

Stromberger attended a recent Cabinet meeting, where Kim Kita gave a presentation on activities at Todos Santos. Would we like Kita to come to EC to make a report?

Miller: I went to Todos Santos two weeks ago. There are many controversies in the town. The ex-pats are very upset at CSU. Others are quite positive. Ross Cunningham – in newspaper – is bringing up new information.

Miranda: Paul Doherty just came back from there.

Doherty: There are many who do not want development to happen. If you want development, do you want it planned? If so, do you like the way Todos Santos is getting developed? A lot of students ask about the
marketing of Todos Santos; CSU is one of their partners. We provide an education.

Stromberger: Tres Santos is marketed for retiring people as life-long learners. Tony Frank emphasized at Cabinet that we don’t have any partnership with Tres Santos to provide educational opportunities for their residents. We are interested in educating our own students and do some research. There are no plans at the moment to develop programs for this community.

Miranda: CSU would never restrict education to one housing community. The programming that has been most prominent is the Vet program (spaying/neuter clinic), theatre (two summer programs for children), and Doherty’s program. There is no other outreach (e.g. guest lectures) at this time.

Lenk: Has someone gone through the contracts to see what CSU’s name is used for when marketing?

Miranda: Yes. Tom Milligan looks at all marketing and must give approval.

Stromberger: Invite Kim Kita to come to EC? EC agreed, and Stromberger will send an invitation to Kim.

E. CSU Facilities

Steve Hultin, Director of Facilities, gave a presentation at the Cabinet meeting on “State of Facilities”. CSU is far behind in its deferred maintenance. We have $3.3 billion in buildings and utilities (physical assets); we have $662 million in maintenance work to do. The Facilities building has boilers that are 46 years old. Some of our underground pipes are 85 years old and deteriorating rapidly. We are capacity with ability to supply electricity, power and chilled water. Additional growth and utility needs could lead to black-outs. CSU invests 0.6% of our assets in planned and controlled maintenance ($18 million a year). Hultin recommends increasing this to 2% of CSU’s assets ($66 million). Then as buildings are renovated, specific repairs can be made. Hultin presented a long-term plan for getting caught up in the deferred maintenance.

Miranda: Do we need new space or old space? If the condition continues to slip, CSU will need to take the buildings off line

Stromberger: We reinvest about $3/square foot to controlled maintenance. If we raise that to $4/square foot, CSU can save extensive funds down the
road.

Stromberger will bring the paper report to EC.

Stromberger’s report was received.

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

Doherty reported that the last BOG meeting was in December. In two weeks, the next BOG meeting will be held. It will be at the Global CSU campus.

Miranda: The BOG meeting is not a retreat as was in previous years.

Doherty asked for topics to bring up to the Board.

Lenk: Suggest reporting that Alicia Cook has done an amazing job in getting the Semester at Sea going and back on schedule.

Makela: Should you talk about deferred maintenance?

Miller: Salary raises. It is not cost of living. We see opulence all around us, but we aren’t seeing any change in salary raises.

Stromberger: Department heads are worried about retention of faculty. It is an issue. When we have a state where the economy is growing, yet we are constrained by TABOR.

Lenk: It sets us up for unions.

Barisas: Faculty vacancies is another issue. We have servicing our clientele issues.

Doherty’s report was received.

Executive Committee adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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