MINUTES
Executive Committee
Tuesday, February 9, 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; Scott Glick, Health and Human Sciences; Nancy Hunter, Libraries; Monique Rocca, Natural Resources; George Barisas, Natural Sciences; D.N. Rao Veeramachaneni for C.W. Miller, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Rick Miranda, Provost/Executive Vice President

Absent: Adrian Howkins, Liberal Arts (excused); C.W. Miller, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (excused)

Guests: Tony Frank, President

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mary Stromberger.

MARCH 1, 2016 FACULTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Proposed Faculty Council Agenda – March 1, 2016 – A202 Clark Building – 4:00 p.m.

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Faculty Council Meeting – April 5, 2016 – A202 Clark Building – 4 p.m.

2. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes located on the FC website – November 10 and 17, 2015; December 8 and 15, 2015 (http://facultycouncil.colostate.edu/faculty-council-meeting-dates-agendas-minutes/)

3. 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. President – Tony Frank
2. Provost/Executive Vice President – Rick Miranda
3. Faculty Council Chair – Mary Stromberger
4. Board of Governors Faculty Representative – Paul Doherty, Jr.
5. UGO Annual Report

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. UCC Minutes – November 6, 13, and 20, 2015; December 4 (revised January 15, 2016); December 11, 2015; January 15, 2016
2. Approval of Degree Candidates – Spring and Summer Semesters

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Proposed revisions to Section E.2.1.5 Temporary Appointments – Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual – CoNTTF
2. Biennial Reviews of CIOSUs – CUP
3. Elections for Faculty Council Chair, Vice Chair, and Board of Governors Faculty Representative – Committee on Faculty Governance

G. DISCUSSION

1. Course Survey Update
   - Anton Betten, Zinta Byrne

   Stromberger explained that Anton Betten, Chair of CoTL, would like to lead a discussion on a new course survey. The discussion would also include a presentation of white paper on Evaluating Teaching Effectiveness, developed by a task force of UDTS’s, Mike Palmquist, Gwen Gorzelsky and others. March.

   Rocca asked if the agenda was too full for the course survey discussion.

   Miranda thought the sooner this topic the better and maybe this should be considered a double discussion item (March and April)
Stromberger also noted that May is usually a full meeting and we have a report/recommendations on evaluating service is coming.

Doherty asked if the Principles of Community discussion topic was going to be put further down the list. Stromberger thought the discussion on the course survey was probably a greater priority than the Principles of Community statement.

By unanimous consent, Executive Committee approved the course survey as the discussion topic for March.
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II. Minutes to be Approved

A. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes


By unanimous consent, Executive Committee approved the January 19, 2016 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: February 16, 2016 – 3:00 p.m. – Room 106 Administration

Stromberger announced the next Executive Committee meeting on February 16, 2016.

2. Standing Committee Tracking List

Stromberger distributed the updated tracking list of what Standing Committees are working on.

B. Action Items

1. Hospital Provider Fee Letter

The letter was on the FC meeting agenda for February, which was cancelled due to snow. Stromberger felt that the letter was time-sensitive and the letter was placed on the EC agenda so that EC could consider it on behalf of FC.

Chavez motioned (Doherty 2nd) to send the letter to the Governor with copies to Senator Kefalas, Representative Arndt, and Representative Hamner (of Joint Budget Committee).

Glick asked what effect the letter would have? Miranda thought the Governor would be in support as the initiative is from the Governor. Which committee will bring the initiative forward is not clear. Lenk noted that this is not a long-term fix for the higher education budget. Miranda
noted that if the Hospital Provider Fee passed, the effect on higher education is not clear as higher education is probably further down on the list of items to reinstate. State classified employees might get a salary increase put back into the budget. Stromberger noted that without this bill, a budget cut is guaranteed.

Chavez’s motion was unanimously adopted. Stromberger will email the letter to the Governor and others.

C. Reports

1. Tony Frank – President

Frank provided updates on the state budget. The Chemistry Building is still on track to get funded by the state. The Hospital Provider Fee provision is still uncertain. The state and Joint Budget Commission are working on higher education funding models and potential tuition increases/controls.

Confirmation and re-confirmation hearings for some CSU Board members are upcoming, including reconfirmation of the chair and vice chair. Frank and EC discussed the process of the confirmations and timing of reconfirmations (number of Board members at a time).

Frank’s report was received.

2. Rick Miranda – Provost/Executive Vice President

Miranda reported the following:

Miranda was pleased with the budgetary review committees and the feedback on the new budget process was positive with some good ideas on how to improve the process for the next time. Now balancing the budget is taking place.

The public phase of the Capital Campaign will start this weekend, following an announcement at the 1870 dinner.

Miranda reported that the recent Board or Governor’s meeting primarily focused on CSU-Pueblo’s strategic and financial plan. Paul Doherty also gave a great report on Todos Santos, including programs offered by the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology.

At their last meeting, the Council of Deans discussed two different midterm projects to meet a new accreditation requirement by
The Higher Learning Commission. The projects considered were the IPASS 2 project and High Impact Practices. CSU is working on both projects now. COD seemed to prefer IPASS 2 for the HLC project, although CSU would still continue to work on High Impact Practices.

Miranda will launch an Ethics Colloquium series in one week. Miranda has noticed that he sees a number of ethics-related talks and activities among departments and units. He would like to link these activities and give some more visibility to these. Maybe bring in a high-profile speaker each year. A kick-off event will be a fireside chat about the “End of the University” by Provost Miranda and Matt Hickey. This is meant to be a pun about “to what end” does a university exist. Some publicity of this series will occur shortly.

Council of Deans will review four P&T cases next week (out of ~55 cases).

Miranda explained how snow closure decisions are made. A conference call takes place at 5:00 a.m. with people from facilities, police, communications, etc. Facilities start plowing at 3:00 a.m. and report on campus conditions. Also the schools, county, and city closures are noted. If all of those entities are closed, then CSU usually closes.

Lenk said she has received feedback that communications that go out stating that if a student can’t make it to class, students should work with faculty to arrange make up work or exams. Faculty has expressed concern that the wording provides permission to not come to school in inclement weather and creates a burden on Faculty. Lenk suggested that the communication be reworded to be less permissive. Miranda will discuss this with communications staff to review.

Miranda’s report was received.

3. Faculty Council Chair – Mary Stromberger

Stromberger reported the following:

Stromberger attended President Frank’s open forum for faculty. Questions about the bullying policy, tenure and promotion, athletics were discussed. The forum was recorded.

Stromberger attend a recent CoSRGE meeting and reported that the committee is reviewing the draft Research Data policy. The policy provides procedures for data transfer to CSU should a student or PI leave CSU. Anyone leaving can take copies of the data with them, but a copy of
the data must be retained by CSU. The draft policy has been shared by
Robert Schur with project PI’s and Center directors for feedback as well.
If EC members received an email with the draft policy, Stromberger asked
that they review the policy and provide feedback.

The College of Engineering is proposing a professional Doctorate in
Engineering, which is primarily course-based (although a project would be
a part of the degree). This proposal will discussed by a number of groups,
including CoSRGE, CoSFP, and Council of Deans. How does this fit into
the long-term plan for CSU? Will CSU be offering more doctorate
degrees that are course based? There is a project, but no research that will
be submitted for publication. How will that impact faculty, who depend on
students to conduct research and publish papers? The students would be
self-paying and this type of degree is in high demand. It will be discussed
more.

Miranda added that professional doctorate programs have widely different
requirements across disciplines. Some have a culminated project; some
have a residency-type requirement. The difference between a professional
doctorate and a Ph.D. is that there is no research project. Hunter and
Miranda discussed the difference between Plan A, Plan B, and Plan C MS
degrees. This professional doctorate would be like a “Plan B” doctorate.
Lenk asked if the conversation is larger than the College of Engineering.
Stromberger replied affirmatively and the college’s proposal is opening
the door to a broader discussion.

Stromberger explained the Re-Envision CSU web site is open and ideas
can be submitted there.

Stromberger received a white paper on Evaluating Teaching Effectiveness.
It was prepared by a task force of University Distinguished Teaching
Scholars, Mike Palmquist, Gwen Gorzelsky and others. Stromberger will
forward this report to EC.

The Collegian recently ran an article on resolutions drafted by faculty on
budget cuts and athletics. Those resolutions are in the standing
committees and those committees will be reporting back to EC soon.

The Coloradoan digitized the salary book in the library and Stromberger
answered questions from a reporter about salary comparisons.

Stromberger said the current EC/FC officers were willing to serve another
term on Faculty Council again. Stromberger is nominated for another
term as Chair, Clemons as Vice Chair, and Doherty as the BOG Faculty
Representative.
Stromberger’s report was received.

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

Doherty provided the following report of the February BOG meeting:

1) Most of the first day of the meeting was devoted to CSU-Pueblo’s strategic plan
   a. A presentation by a consulting firm (Peter Farrell, Royall, &Company) about the state of regional 4-year schools and enrollment trends
      i. Regional 4 year schools have been struggling with decreased state support and decreased enrollment
      ii. Targeted recruitment may be able to help
          The consulting firm was able to show an increase in applications to Pueblo, but actual enrollment did not increase as expected.
   b. CSU-Pueblo Strategic plan
      i. Initiatives in cannabis and a security + sustainability studies center were highlighted
      ii. 2020 goals are to increase enrollment to 4470, increase first year, full time freshman retention to 68%, and increase the 6 year graduation rate to 36%
   c. CSU-Pueblo is having financial difficulties due to debt related to residential buildings, debt to CSU Global, declining enrollment, declining state funds.

2) Academic and Student Affairs Committee
   a. Provost Miranda presented the budget – similar budget as December. Faculty raise would be 1.8% with no contribution to the DCP. Still a lot to be decided at the statehouse.
   b. Graduate certificates approved
      i. Campus Crisis Management, Student Affairs Management of Auxiliary Enterprises, Student Affairs Administration
   c. Sabbatical reports were given (Board was impressed)
   d. Honorary degrees were approved
   e. Faculty Manual changes to give NTTF
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voting rights to vote for Faculty Council representatives passed

3) Real Estate/Facilities Committee
   a. 10-year lease on accessing the “A” renewable for 100 years
   b. Land acquisition of 8 parcels along Whitcomb

4) CSU-Global Curriculum Development discussion about Global’s process for developing courses

5) ASCSU report included a statement about ASCSU not contributing funding for the course surveys.

Doherty’s report was received.

D. Discussion Items

There was no discussion item.

Executive Committee adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Mary Stromberger, Chair
Stephanie Clemons, Vice Chair
Paul Doherty, Faculty Rep to BOG
Rita Knoll, Executive Assistant