MINUTES
Executive Committee
Tuesday, February 16, 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; Monique Rocca, Natural Resources; C.W. Miller, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Rick Miranda, Provost/Executive Vice President

Absent: Scott Glick, Health and Human Sciences (excused); George Barisas, Natural Sciences (excused)

Guests: Kim Kita, Director of Special Projects and Partnerships (Todos Santos); Katharine Leigh, Chair, Committee on Strategic and Financial Planning

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; January 19, 2016 (http://facultycouncil.colostate.edu/faculty-council-meeting-dates-agendas-minutes/)


4. Adoption of the Hospital Provider Fee Letter – Acting for Faculty Council – Adopted by Executive Committee - February 9, 2016

5. Location of issues – Tracking list

6. Monday, March 21, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Meena Balgopal, CSU Biology, Erica Suchman, CSU MIP: “Evaluating Teaching Effectiveness”
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
February 16, 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

II. Minutes to be Approved

A. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes


By unanimous consent, Executive Committee approved the January 26, 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 23, 2016 – 3:00 p.m. – Room 106 Administration

Stromberger announced the next Executive Committee meeting on February 23, 2016.

B. Action Items

1. UCC Minutes – January 29, 2016

Makela moved, (Goetz 2nd) to place the January 29, 2016 UCC meeting minutes on the consent agenda for the March 1, 2016 Faculty Council meeting agenda.

Makela’s motion was adopted.

C. Reports

1. Rick Miranda – Provost/Executive Vice President

Miranda reported the following:

A. Miranda reported on a meeting with the Communication Studies Department, and a new Ph.D. program the department is proposing. The proposed program should go to Council of Deans soon. It passed Phase I already. It will also be going to the University Curriculum Committee for curricular approval and the Committee on Strategic and Financial Planning.
B. Annual meeting for Council of Deans tomorrow. Four P&T cases will be discussed.

C. Last week, Miranda attended the APLU Council in Washington, D.C. Miranda was nominated to the Executive Committee. April Mason is the Chair of that committee. Planned summer and fall annual meeting. Many issues were discussed (i.e. campus climate issues, budget issues, legislative relationships). During the dinner, the group discussed the Renewal of the Higher Education Act. Polarization in D.C. is clear.

Miller: Some faculty asked when the associate professor salary equity discussion will commence?

Miranda: Hoping to have a recommendation from the long-term salary equity committee for the salary exercise in April-May. Will do the best in this year’s salary exercise and then discuss recommendations.

Miller: How many non-resident students can CSU have?

Miranda: There is a statute that indicates we are allowed 45%. International students are not included. The current percentage of domestic non-resident students is in the low 20’s.

Miranda’s report was received.

2. Faculty Council Chair – Mary Stromberger

Stromberger reported the following:

A. After last week’s EC meeting, Stromberger emailed the Hospital Provider letter through Governor Hickenlooper’s website portal. A copy of the letter was emailed to Senator Kefalas and Representatives Ginal, Arndt, and Hamner (from the Joint Budget Committee). Stromberger received confirmation emails from everyone; each letter was a sincere thank you for our concern and support.

B. Last Thursday, Stromberger attended a roundtable discussion hosted by the Multicultural Staff and Faculty Network. The Council of Deans and President’s Cabinet were invited. It was part social and part work on diversity issues, as a follow up to the diversity retreat last fall. Stromberger appreciated the event and talking with others about their experiences.

C. Sue Pendell, former Faculty Council Chair, gave an endowment for an annual Faculty Council Service award. Stromberger asked for volunteers among EC to form a subcommittee to develop the criteria, application and selection processes. C.W. Miller, Margarita Lenk, and
Paul Doherty volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Miller will chair.

Stromberger’s report was received.

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

No report given. BOG meets again on May 5-6, 2016.

D. Discussion Items

1. Todos Santos - Kim Kita, Director of Special Projects and Partnerships

Kim Kita gave a presentation on CSU Todos Santos Center. Kita presented the background on the Center, and how it came to be. President Frank considered several factors when determining this educational exchange, including a strategic goal to develop educational partnerships with Mexico. This initiative aligned with CSU’s land-grant mission and state goals.

The Center opened last spring (April). It includes multiple buildings, including housing for students, 5 apartments for faculty and staff, classroom space, a communal kitchen, and a small laboratory. The Center can accommodate 50 people at one time.

CSU programs are being offered (10 to date). The Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology have offered two winter break programs, and this spring is their first spring semester program.

Preparation of students before travel is very important. Student orientation is supported through Office of International Programs.

Center works with faculty who are interested in developing a course in Todos Santos. Examples of student programs: Vet Med and Sustainable Agriculture classes (such as a workshop on composting). People from local community attend or partner on the courses. Another program: “Kids do it all” – one week program; out of College of Liberal Arts. It is bilingual and bi-cultural.

Todos Santos community priorities:

a. Engaging youth
b. Language classes
c. Boosting educational system
d. Valuing environment
e. Public health
f. Sustainable development  
g. Business training

CSU is partnering with nearby universities as well. An MOU was signed with the University of La Paz last year. And last week with Sibnor (research institute in La Paz).

Hunter: Do CSU students need to know the Spanish language? Kita: No.

Rocca: Are you looking for more faculty to discuss programs?  
Kita: Yes.  
Kita explained how her office can help faculty in creating new programs there.  
Curriculum processes must be followed but her office can guide faculty.

Howkins: Have you worked on projects like this before?  
Kita: CSU knew this project would require intentionality. Desire to encourage work with additional stakeholders.

Miller: What is the long-term financial situation going forward?  
Kita: CSU is investing funds up front. VPR office for research grants and Office for International Programs. The target is that it be self-sustaining. The cash flow will be structured around the occupancy rate.

Miller: What if development goes south?  
Kita: Our business plan is not built around the development. It is a complicated landscape. CSU is aware of the complexity of the situation. CSU tries to stay neutral related to community issues.

Lenk: Can you get an idea of the controversy around Todos Santos? Are things getting better, worse, or staying the same?  
Kita: The controversy is dissipating as the legal aspects have been put in place. The community perspective may follow.

2. Report from CoSFP – Katharine Leigh, Chair, CoSFP

Leigh provided a report on the CoSFP’s discussions on two resolutions brought forward by faculty. One proposal from Professor Mary Meyer recommended that the football program be terminated. Another proposal by Professor Shulman recommended that Faculty Council oppose the 2% budget reallocation and place the $3.8 million state budget cut on the athletic department. Meyer’s proposal considered concussions and head injury risks to student athletes, and CoSFP sent the proposal to a different committee for consideration (Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics). CoSFP met a total of three times to discuss Shulman’s proposal. In the end, CoSFP
rejected the proposal, as they found factual inaccuracies in the supporting (whereas) statements. CoSFP agreed that academics is the priority for CSU, but could not bring the proposal forward to Faculty Council because of the inaccurate data presented in the supporting statements. CoSFP summarized their discussions in a response statement to Shulman.

Stromberger: It might help if Leigh met with Shulman face-to-face to discuss CoSFP’s specific comments on the proposal.

Leigh: Willing to do that. Lenk suggested that this same discussion be offered in FC.

Stromberger will email Shulman tonight, and will include Leigh’s written summary of CoSFP discussions.

Stromberger: The process is that proposals are taken to committee. If the committee does not recommend the proposal to move forward and has done their due diligence in considering the proposal, EC respects the work and decision of the committee. Committee’s decisions are overturned rarely. Would EC like to take a different strategy?

EC response: The committee has completed appropriate due diligence on the resolution and supports the committee’s work. The committee has determined inaccuracies in the resolution; hence it did not move forward. Once accurate information is included, the resolution should go back to CoSFP for review and then brought forward along appropriate channels.

Stromberger will respond to Steve Shulman. Leigh’s committee reps will communicate the decision of CoSFP to the college faculty.

Executive Committee adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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