



## ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### GENERAL SENATE MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 2017  
PEACHMAN LECTURE HALL

The meeting was called to order by Tom Nordenholz at 11:00 am, by welcoming all the academic senate members for the General Senate Meeting.

*Guests: Sue Opp (Provost); Garet Marling (Director of LMS)*

The agenda for the meeting included:

- Presentation by Garet Marling on Learning Management Solution (LMS) transition
- Provost Report
- Presentation by Aparna Sinha on the Academic Administrators Review Policy

#### Garet Marling's Presentation

Since the existing LMS (Moodle 2.6) is coming up for contract extension in the year 2018, the campus as a whole need to explore options that are viable to our campus community. Garet gave a brief presentation listing all the possible options. The options that are listed are as follows,

**Upgrading to latest version of Moodle:** The latest version of Moodle is version 3.8 and the faculty still need to invest time getting adapted to this new version. The downside of this option is that the campus will have high financial commitment due to the billing of consultation hours and Moodle does not provide 24/7 customer support.

**Canvas:** This is the LMS that is used by most of the other CSU campuses. It is far cheaper compared to Moodle and Canvas provides 24/7 free customer support for all the users.

**Bright Space:** This LMS is again cheaper than Moodle with 24/7 customer support.

**Blackboard:** It is expensive compared to Canvas, Bright Space and Moodle. It runs through a pilot process.

Garet requested few faculty to come forward and participate in the testing of the different options. Once a committee is formed Garet will setup accounts for faculty to try out different LMS softwares and he will also invite people from these LMS companies to offer presentations with an overview about their LMS. Interested faculty were requested to offer their names to Alex Parker who will setup committee for the LMS transition.

## **Provost Report**

Provost made an announcement that Tamra Donnelly will be leaving CSUM on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and she will be joining Chancellor's office.

## **Aparna Sinha's Presentation**

Aparna Sinha (faculty from the Dept. of Culture and Communications) gave a presentation about the tentative categories that will be included in the survey for the Academic Administrator's Review. The categories that she discussed included:

- **Gate keeping Questions**
- **Collegiality, Accessibility, Leadership and Management Questions**
- **Personal & Cultural Awareness and Emotional Intelligence Questions**
- **Communication and Shared Governance Questions**
- **Service and Scholarship Questions**

Some constructive suggestions were provided by the Faculty during the discussions after the presentation. Aparna and Matt will be working to incorporate all the changes and present their progress during the upcoming General senate meetings.