

ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

GENERAL SENATE MEETING

JANUARY 23, 2018 PEACHMAN LECTURE HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Nordenholz at 11:00 am, by welcoming all the academic senate members for the first General Senate Meeting in Spring 2018.

Guests: Sue Opp (Provost)

The meeting started off introducing 'Valerie McGowan' an Interim member elected to be on the Senate Exec. Committee replacing Khalid Bachkar who is on sabbatical for spring 2018.

Open Floor

A couple of faculty members brought up the issue of inappropriate student comments on their teaching evaluations. The faculty were seriously offended by the comments which were highly offensive, unacceptable, and unconstructive. They requested the academic senate to address this issue and also requested faculty to be aware of their etiquettes when they are teaching classes.

Based upon the discussions on this topic faculty suggested,

- a) Working with Graham Benton (AVPAA) to schedule a workshop focused on unconscious bias and sexual harassment workshops during the All-Hands Faculty meeting that are conducted before every semester.
- b) Inviting Dean of Leadership to Senate meeting and requesting him to provide his thoughts in addressing the issue of sexual harassment.
- c) Involving student affairs, commandants to reach out to students and training them on sexual harassment.

Announcements

- Students have been caught cheating during exams, be aware of bathroom breaks.
- An ASCSU Senator Election will be coming soon.
- Senate meetings for Spring 2018 are scheduled on Jan 23rd, Feb 20th, and Mar 20th

Provost Report

Provost has informed that campus purchased Motel 6 and it is in the final stages of approval by the CSU Board of Trustees.

All students who are currently residing in the Lower Residence Halls will be moved to Motel 6 during the construction of new student residence building.

Faculty Review of Academic Administrators Policy

The Academic Senate Chair provided an update on the review of academic administrator's policy.

The faculty will be filling out a survey that will be prepared by Aparna Sinha and Matt Fairbanks.

The Administrator Review Committee (ARC) committee will consist of three tenured faculty (faculty from each school), two tenured members-at- large (including three-year lecturers).

The ARC will issue the survey to the faculty and analyze the results of the survey and prepare an executive summary with a recommendation. ARC chair will share the recommendation with Senate Exec. and upon approval by the Exec. Committee it will be passed on to the administrator under review and his/her supervisor.

After the review is completed the supervisor will present the results of the review with Senate Exec. Committee with an assurance that confidentiality will be maintained. For this meeting the Exec. Committee will extend an invitation to the administrator to participate.

The Senate Exec. will also extend an invitation to the administrator with a request to prepare a short reflective statement for sharing with all the faculty. However, it is not mandatory.

After the updates on the policy, Matt Fairbanks presented their progress on the survey.