



General Faculty Senate Meeting

Time: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Minutes

9/15/2022

In attendance:

Elizabeth McNie, Colin Dewey, Matthew Fairbanks, Tamara Burback, Margaret Ward, Ariel Setniker, Ali Moradmand, Christine Isakson, Wil Tsai, Ryan Wade, Nipoli Kamdar, Frank Yip, Kitty Luce, Mike Holden, Keir Moorhead, David Satterwhite, Sarah Senk, and guests.

1. Call to Order

- Fairbanks asked if there was time for a second reading of the Sabbatical Policy that was introduced in April's meeting. Unfortunately, there is no time in the agenda.
- Agenda approved.

2. Minutes Approval

- *4/21/2022 minutes reviewed. Senator Tsai motioned to approve. Senator Isakson seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.*
- *5/21/2021 minutes reviewed. Senator Yip motioned to approve. Senator McNie seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.*

3. Senate Chair's Report

- Chair McNie presented on Cozen O'Connor [consultancy hired by the Chancellor's Office] and their Title IX campus visits.
- Cozen O'Connor is meeting with stakeholders across campus. Their focus is on the TIX process. One third of CSU campuses have already been visited, but had no faculty/student involvement.
- Senate Exec asked that faculty and students be included in our campus visit's agenda.
- It is understood that these issues can be difficult to discuss, but we're asking Senators to discuss the visit with their departments and gather feedback that the Cozen O'Connor representatives should hear.
- School/Dean Structure Planning Task Force. Members: Sarah Senk, Bets McNie, Kitty Luce, Frank Yip, and Provost Schroeder. Their first meeting was today. Their working principles are: the current Three School / Dean model is not a foregone conclusion of this process. They want to work with the best principles of shared governance and a focus on building consensus about

the best plan for the future of the University. Lastly, we want thoughtful, intentional deliberation and that takes some time.

- Timeline thus far: complete the future School/Dean plan by the end of Spring 2023 and complete a plan for the process of these deliberations *as soon as possible*.
- Factors to consider: (1) we need evidence-based decision making. The Art & Sci consultants' report and the Enrollment Management Strategic Plan are a source. We also need lots of feedback from faculty who know the institution well. It was noted that the budget process for AY 23-24 will be underway soon.
- *Proposition: we need time for planning and budgeting, so extend the interim Dean positions for another year, through Spring 2024. Identify Letters & Sciences faculty member to be interim Dean for the next AY so that current interim Graham Benton can return his focus to his AVP work. ACTION: Please give feedback on this proposition by September 23rd.*
- Kreta and Strange noted that the task force should have an engineering member. Chair McNie noted that a call for service went out and no one from engineering volunteered, but their participation would be welcomed and encouraged.
- Looking Ahead: Senate Exec had a brainstorming session to look at issues for Senate to work on for the academic year. The bigger items on the current list include: the School and Dean Structure, Ship Safety and Cleanliness, the Corps of Cadets and its links to academics (learning outcomes, etc.), First Year Experience, Updating and Writing Academic Policies, Institutional Memory and Recordkeeping within Committees, Training Cruise and its Academic Program, Supporting the Hiring of MVIs, DEI/JEDI Issues, the Organization of Marine Programs.
- Chair McNie reviewed these in some detail and welcomed Senators' input on this list of projects.
- Julie Simons clarified that the JEDI standing committee hasn't been officially approved by the Senate.
- Call to Service: Director of Inclusion search committee, Honorary Degree Committee, and faculty Liaison to the Associated Students. McNie emphasized the importance of the latter. *Please volunteer!*

4. Introductions and Guest Speakers

- Jase Teoh [Director of Academic Technology]: she gave a short professional background. (St. Mary's and Stanislaus). She's also in charge of simulation and noted the pain point of the classroom tech issues. She's looking to streamline and improve the status of classroom tech. She's also responsible for managing our campus transition to Canvas and introduced Maribel Duran [Instructional Designer] who will also be working on this. She encouraged faculty to visit her office, which is in the Sim Building, or communicate our feedback via email/Teams/etc.
- Chief of Police, Donny Gordon is discussing active shooter response at Cal Maritime. He defined an active shooter. Noted the issue was of particular interest after Uvalde. He noted our response here on campus would essentially be the opposite of that. He wants to assure us that our officers will act courageously in the event of an active shooter. He's shared a slide with Chair McNie for us to peruse. He noted that our response time on campus is about 2 minutes. He also said that campus police are connected to the FBI and other agencies to receive intelligence about potential shooters. Officer Ford is the terrorism liaison officer and handles

interfacing on these issues. We've never had an active shooter here, and we hope to never have one.

- Chris Brown [AVP for Research and Innovation] was called away for an emergency, so he will join our next meeting, hopefully.
- Chair McNie introduced Erika Sanchez Nelson [Coordinator for Student Academic Support], who unfortunately had a conflict with this meeting, and shared a slide with her background and her responsibilities on campus. Chair McNie noted that we're very excited to have her, and that she's very talented. Please contact her for questions on tutoring and other academic support measures.
- Senator Setniker - Erika will be leading a workshop on the new direction of tutoring Friday, Sept. 23 11:45-12:30.
- Senator Burback is presenting on the work of the JED Foundation. JED works with campuses to advance mental health issues and introduce best practices. The JED campus team has been actively meeting for about a year. Membership and activities are listed on the website here: <https://www.csum.edu/student-health-center/services/counseling-services/jed-campus.html>
- They did an assessment of campus with JED's help. With that data, there's been strategic planning, and they're starting to address gaps in student support. Some things have been implemented and some are planned. The JED partnership is about 18 months long.
- Senator Burback highlighted Wellness Wednesdays, Mindful Mondays, and more resources and events available through JED.
- There are subgroups within the JED committee. One of them: policy improvement (student health, mental health support). Another is working on student social connectedness. Another is working on information sharing (for example, the fact that counseling doesn't impact licensure). Another is on alcohol and drug issues, another on training of RHOs, etc.
- This is work that is happening right now and is constantly evolving and looking to incorporate faculty ideas to support student mental health, help student overcome substance issues, and address other student concerns and problems.
- The academic faculty representative on the JED Committee will transition to Aparna Sinha shortly. Ian Wallace is also a member of the JED Committee.

5. Vice Chair's Report

- Vice Chair Senk outlined the road ahead for Senate on policies and elections.
- There will be elections soon! We need to replace Steve Browne and Ali Moradmand is finishing up his lecturer senator position with his transition to the tenure-track. We collectively may need to recruit lecturers for the open lecturer Senator positions.
- She reviewed the lack of standing committee by-laws for most standing committees at this time. Please contact her if you're a Chair on one of these committees that have not yet written their by-laws and let her know what progress has been made on by-laws writing. *Please do this before the October Senate meeting.*
- Vice Chair Senk noted that there are by-laws, drafted at the same time as the new Senate by-laws, that can take effect if not replaced by ones drafted by the committees.
- Vice Chair Senk also welcomed new Senator David Satterwhite, who was elected by the ET department to replace Dinesh Pinisetty.

6. Provost's Report

- Provost Schroeder started by reviewing our enrollment numbers. 67 new transfer students. 145 first time students. 212 total for 'first year' students. Total student enrollment is 809 this fall semester.
- She said the Enrollment Strategic Plan would be rolling out. Natalie Herring [AVP of Enrollment Management] will be visiting us and organizing campus discussions on this subject.
- It is a priority for Academic Affairs to advance the academic support model we have here on campus. She noted Erika Nelson's work and that we're all very happy she's here. Also, Aparna Sinha and Ariel Setniker have release time to work on deepening the relationship between faculty and the academic support staff. We want to establish best practices and optimize student support services for our campus.
- Data and analysis is incoming from the Art&Sci consultants. Karyn Cornell [President's Chief of Staff] and Provost Schroeder are working with them to solidify a date for their presentation to campus. More information about this will be forthcoming as soon as is possible.
- Provost Schroeder noted that she has office hours, 1-3pm on Fridays. You can also make an appointment. It would be great to talk with everyone.

7. General Education Committee Resolution Regarding AB 928

- Vice Chair Senk is leading this discussion.
- Senator Tsai gave a summary of AB 928, its effects, and the planning efforts. ICAS formed a special committee who rendered its recommendation in May. ICAS supported it in June. They then kicked it to each CA public system (UC, CSU, and CC) for feedback. ASCSU is now soliciting input to guide their response. A yea or nay message to ICAS from ASCSU must be received by 10/26 with adoption of the plan by May 2023.
- The new Cal-GETC Proposal was reviewed. Essentially, it would cut 6 units compared to the CSU GE pattern, and it would specifically cut 3 units from humanities and 3 units of lifelong learning.
- Vice Chair Senk – there was quite a bit of consternation in CSU campuses about the speed and opacity of the process and also the impetus being on campuses to solve the problem in a different way.
- The plan currently is to review the resolution before us today, which essentially says NO THIS IS BAD. And then we would need to immediately start drafting a resolution that would detail what we would do instead to respond to AB 928's requirements.
- Vice Chair Senk reviewed the resolution. Unfortunately, it was distributed to Senators only about an hour prior to this meeting, so she's quickly reviewing the details.
- Senator Tsai noted that the ICAS special committee deliberations were not to his knowledge made public, which is definitely a communication breakdown.
- Question: what do the UCs feel about this? Answer: Not sure, but it was noted that the UC has fewer units in GE, so this may affect them less.
- *First reading was waived after some parliamentary consultation with Senator Tsai. Vote: 13 for, 1 against, and 2 abstentions.*
- *Colin Dewey motioned to approve the resolution, Yip seconded the motion. Vote: 13 for, 1 against, and 2 abstentions. Resolution passes.*

8. Meeting Adjourned [~12:15 pm]