

## Senate Executive Committee Meeting (3/21/2023)

Attendees: Sarah Senk (Vice Chair), Matthew Fairbanks (Secretary), Ariel Setniker, Frank Yip, Wil Tsai, Victoria Haller, and Provost Lori Schroeder.

Absent: Elizabeth McNie and Christine Isakson (Curriculum Committee meeting).

- Minutes Review and Approval
  - *3/2/2023 minutes slightly edited for grammar and approved by unanimous consent.*
- General Senate Meeting Agenda
  - Senate elections item: We need to run the Senate Exec elections in a separate meeting. Seems like department chair elections have run, though McNie is the lead on that. Essentially all the departments have had or are having Chair elections.
  - The resolution on University service has already gotten commentary. We should budget some time, perhaps 15 minutes.
  - The resolutions and Appendix J all went out to General Senate on 3/17.
  - 5 minutes for academic advising discussion. 15 minutes for Appendix J.
  - The Curriculum Committee policy is being voted on today in the Curriculum Committee meeting. First reading by the General Senate Thursday. Needs 15 minutes.
  - Tsai wondered whether GVAR policy would be in the Curriculum Committee policy, which will also require some time.
  - For the Provost – budget updates and the Interim Dean of L&S appointment. Maybe 5-10 minutes total.
  
  - Yip is working on a resolution that he would like to advance to a first reading in this meeting. Senk thinks we can shoehorn this in. Some discussion of this. The resolution will ask Faculty Senate to take the position that students' participation in the Corps should be optional if they're in non-license majors.
  - Victoria Haller noted that the Corps is currently interviewing lower-level officers. What happens if there are no students in the non-license (MPM) division? Yip said that this would be the voice of the Faculty Senate on the issue. Implementation is a separate thing. Provost Schroeder said it's possible we could pivot these positions to be more relevant to the non-license majors and still have responsibilities commensurate with the compensation these positions come with.
  - Further discussion of the Corps including the opinions in the A&S survey responses and whether the Corps is even required in its current form for licensed majors.
  - Yip acknowledged that his resolution may require a separate meeting of the Senate. It's important that Senators are informed on the topic, hear from students, etc.
  - Haller noted that if AS is expected to take a position on the same issue, time is very short. AS meetings usually cut off a few weeks before finals for academic purposes.
  - Senk adjusted Yip's resolution to be an "introduction" rather than a first reading in the agenda. If there's a strong majority in support, we could waive the second reading in the April meeting and pass it.

- Fairbanks – we should schedule Senate Exec election meeting. Next Thursday? Need to recruit for Senate Exec positions in the meantime.
- Fairbanks – AIC policy adjustments? What do these look like? Provost reminded us of the issues surrounding grade change requests and alleged discrimination. This should be close to final but it was determined it can't go into this meeting. April instead.
- Office Hours policy. Provost Schroeder would like a thumbs up or down from Senate before proceeding. Senk will remind Senators of the revised policy. Vote to endorse or not in April.
  
- Update on GVAR. C&C is of the opinion that a portfolio system is not an effective assessment tool. It is required to be at least a 3 credit writing intensive course according to the CSU. C&C stresses the importance of dedicated writing instruction as a best practice for writing intensive courses. (Channel Islands' policy is a good reference on this.) Majors have every right to take it in-major, but C&C would argue against it if the goal is teaching students to write. The mood in the department seems pretty burnt out on the issue. Provost Schroeder noted that she had been speaking to Amy Parsons about embedding writing instruction in courses...team teaching, that sort of thing.
- Senk mused about this, but noted that the high unit majors can't even add one unit. Provost Schroeder brought up the model of library instruction right now where the information literacy 'courses' are built into other courses. Senk appreciates that, but noted her experience, which is that students are coming in with writing skills that are extremely deficient. CSU system seems to be turning a blind eye to these deficiencies.
- Tsai said that CSU admin perspective seems to be more that these things are 'barriers to success'. He gave the example of requiring a 4<sup>th</sup> year of high school math. He and Senk spoke to the possibility of and perhaps need for summer bridge programs.
- Provost Schroeder said that there might be money to build a bridge program. There is money for equity initiatives – last year the deadline was very short, and we didn't have a good application, so we didn't submit. Her impression was that the funding was continuing. Perhaps we can put something together for the coming application round.
- ChatGPT and its profound effect on the academic integrity in the portfolio system was discussed.
- Senk noted the embedded model of writing education would make it discipline specific, which should help in student motivation, which is sometimes a bit lacking for "Gen Ed" classes.
  
- ASCSU Updates and Discussion
  - Assembly Bill 506 which would require CSU and UC students to have a service-learning component for a grad requirement. Yet, 120 credit limit for majors is firm. Tsai noted that this comes with no additional funding despite the additional staff time, insurance, curriculum development, etc. The intent seems to be good, but the draft as written seems to be ignorant of the issues the requirement would bring with it.
  - Regarding ASCSU, Yip asked about a possible ASCSU resolution saying the legislature should stop messing with curriculum. Tsai said that was unlikely to occur to avoid picking a fight, though ASCSU is taking positions on specific items.
  - Tsai relayed that Chancellor Koester said that the interim President appointment was a priority. Hopefully an announcement by May, but no commitment to that. Tsai noted the process is not very transparent. At least they interview two candidates instead of just one

now. There was commentary from Senate Exec to the effect that the process is bizarre and a complete black box.

- Tsai – we could pass a resolution asking the CO to adopt a more transparent process for appointing interim Presidents and hiring more permanent ones.
  - Provost Schroeder noted that we will likely need to be speaking to the new President with one voice on the issues we're confronting at Cal Maritime. Senate and Academic Affairs will need to work together. General agreement.
  - Karyn Cornell and Schroeder met with the A&S consultants this week. The consultants did press on the point that the Chancellor's Office needs to be supporting these initiatives for them to work.
  - Some discussion: there's a clear need to educate the CO on who we are and what issues we're facing. Tsai noted a new BoT member who might be amenable to those conversations. Perhaps we need to have the consultants present to the BoT or the Chancellor?
  - Tsai – salary survey findings will be presented at the BoT meeting tomorrow. Might be interesting.
  - There's an additional issue with the American Institutions Graduation Requirement in the CSU vs. Cal-GETC requirements. It is unclear what the policy will look like as Cal-GETC is integrated into transfer processes in the system. There will be an ASCSU resolution confirming that the GE Breadth Pattern is the purview of the faculty and that AB 928 does not require that the patterns be aligned.
  - Proposed idea: a resolution saying that GE requirements shall not be changed more than once every 5 years. The moving target is very difficult and time-consuming to handle properly.
  - Tsai emphasized that he's relaying information only. We, as campus, don't necessarily have a direct policy role. Decision needs to be made system-wide.
  - Cozen O'Connor reports are coming out. Kathleen McMahon indicated that our briefing will be in about a week. The public report will be released in April.
  - Commentary about the Title IX position hire falling through at the last minute. Hiring situation is grim for these positions across the nation.
- Open Floor
    - Senk said that Nance is proposing a once a month mini-Community Day. Friday evenings, starting this Friday. No one has the bandwidth in this group for this coming Friday, but perhaps future ones. Consensus was that this is fun and good idea.
  - Meeting Adjourned