## **General Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Time: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm**

## **Minutes**

**10/17/2024**

In attendance:

Julie Chisholm (serving as Chair of this meeting), Margaret Ward (serving as Secretary of this meeting), Keir Moorhead, Amy Skoll, Aparna Sinha, David Satterwhite, Ian Wallace, Kitty Luce, Matt Fairbanks, Nipoli Kamdar, Sam Pearson, Tom Oppenheim, Tony McDevitt, Wil Tsai, and guests.

Absent: Chair Sarah Senk, Vice Chair Taiyo Inoue, Secretary Ariel Setniker (representing at CA Inspire 2024 Convening), Christine Isakson (representing at CSU Senate Chairs as Senate Chair Proxy), Joel Aldrich, Kevin Calnan.

**Call to Order**

* *Senate Executive Committee Member Julie Chisholm is serving as host of this meeting. Senator Chisholm called the meeting to order after quorum was achieved.*
* *Agenda approved unanimously.*

**Executive Dean’s Report**

* *Executive Dean Pinisetty presenting*
* Wang awards – 4 awards (outstanding faculty teaching, scholarship, service, innovator). Urges all to nominate/fill out application by Oct 31
* Tutoring: Academic success coordinator job application posted but no qualified applications received, pulled the job app down. Approached Katie and Krystal to take on this job in addition to advising duties. This is temporary. Dr. Setniker and Dr. Tsai supporting these tutoring efforts. Not a sustainable model to ask faculty to do this additional work.
* Dr. Carol and Dr. Benton planning committee – looking for faculty volunteers
* New ship: Slated to receive Fall 2026. Hard to pinpoint exact month. We need to redo the pier. Original cost estimate was 102mil (5-6 years ago). Latest is 150-215 mil. Dumont travelling to DC to lobby congress for money along with other maritime academy presidents – other
* Dredging in California can only be done in the month of August. Captain in chat: exceptions are essentially impossible, sometimes you can get a 30-day extension. BB&PE are working diligently on that.
* Plant ops, Ship Ops, Watchstanding will all be impacted by ship being gone. Looking to rent a space in Mare Island for small boat classes. Want people to be aware of this.

**Senate Bylaws Revision – First Reading**

* *Senator Chisholm presenting.*
* This is changing our role in the Senate from an advisory role to self-governed.
* Senator Fairbanks: question about putting our powers in bylaws – why are we proposing putting language into our bylaws that is essentially an argument for why we should have said powers in the bylaws. Perhaps these arguments should go into the resolution itself and our revised bylaws then simply say what we can do.
* Senator Fairbanks: change from faculty senate to academic senate (both names present)
* Senator Tsai: section 4 – closing the gap from proposed amendment to policy. Comments in the google doc.
* Senator Chisholm asks “is anyone uncomfortable with having this unresolved before November vote?”
* Senator Kamdar: Why are we rushing this / aren’t we going to be just one senate after the merger?
  + Senator Luce: this is to facilitate us making changes quicker
    - Senator Ward re-iterates point – this is aimed at streamlining pipeline for senate votes/decisions, not having so many people involved (many of whom probably shouldn’t have a ‘say’). This isn’t meant to be revolutionary in increasing senate power, merely making the system more efficient
* Senator Luce: 60-day policy is for by-laws/ not policy / more language would help clarify
* Senator Tsai: let's get a deadline for senator input
* Senator Sinha: are we asking senators to take back to departments?
  + Senator Chisholm: yes
* Senator Kamdar: Would like resolutions completely finalized two days ahead of meetings

**Open Floor**

* *No comments*

**Meeting Adjourned [~12:15 pm] (unanimous)**