## **General Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Time: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm**

## **Minutes**

**11/26/2024**

In attendance:

Chair Sarah Senk, Vice Chair Taiyo Inoue, Secretary Ariel Setniker, Julie Chisholm, Christine Isakson, Margaret Ward, 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: Joel Aldrich, Kevin Calnan, Executive Dean Dinesh Pinisetty.

**Call to Order**

* *Chair Senk called the meeting to order after quorum was achieved.*
* *Chair Senk motions to amend agenda to include chair’s update on merger, approved unanimously.*

**Senate Bylaws Revision – Second Reading**

* *Chair Senk presenting.*
* Senator Fairbanks: In Section 2b, should “professors” be added?
  + Chair Senk says this is from the existing bylaws. “Faculty” is understood.
* Senator Fairbanks mentions Senator Tsai and Senator Kamdar’s comments last meeting – proposed to change to two thirds majority?
  + Chair Senk: in purposes of efficiency, wanted to keep this brief and make further changes later - welcome to motion.
  + Senator Kamdar supports the fact that this is temporary and while two thirds majority is appropriate for important items
* Senator Sinha: “Amendments to this Constitution or its By-laws may be initiated by the Executive Committee, or a written request signed by 10% of the Faculty.” Why only 10%?
  + Chair Senk: that’s only to **initiate** requests.
* *Senator Fairbanks moves to approve the resolution as presented by Chair Senk, Senator Isakson seconds. 17 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.*

**Chair’s Update**

* *Chair Senk presenting*
* CSU Board of Trustees Resolution said there would be one university on July 1 – President Dumont and Dean Benton confirmed this morning that all university policies would be null as of July 1 – not just Senate policies, but Academic Affairs policies, University Affairs policies, etc.
  + Clearly policies governing cruise, licensure etc. will hold as the messaging has consistently been that license programs will be kept intact
* Need to discuss with standing committee chairs which do not have a counterpart at SLO what will happen to their governing policies and who will be point person for integration implementation
* Held off on faculty survey mentioned last week in meeting to ensure we are not duplicating work. Chair Senk is reaching out to Rachel Fernflores, project manager assigned to help with academic integration and will hold off until after that discussion.
  + Survey is still coming after Thanksgiving break, will ask about interest AND expertise
  + In December when Integration Project Manager presents information about FIT sub-groups, we will be ready to go to put the right faculty on the right teams
* FIT groups: not the CO Summer Workgroups (these summer groups were backend, dedicated to providing information about issues to BOT)
  + Will have to coordinate with Cal Poly Senate to shape what these working groups look like
* Senator Inoue asks about insight on faculty representation on FIT groups?
  + Chair Senk: unknown. In regular contact with Cal Poly Academic Senate Chair advocating for faculty representation.
* Senator Chisholm – what happens to people in the RTP Policy pipeline?
  + Chair Senk: cannot speak with authority on this as it’s unknown, some discussion with President about current tenure/promotion status persisting (governed by policy faculty were hired under)
  + Senator Isakson: under faculty purview, so faculty decide
* Senator Ward: is there any plan to incorporate leadership into other departments?
  + Chair Senk: this first group of Dinesh and Graham with two equivalents at SLO and Brent Foster (with three consultants from Baker Tilly) are the umbrella group on academics (essentially AVP and Provost roles)
* Senator Sinha: What will be the process to reinstate some of the policies relevant to only our campus, like the mural policy?
  + Chair Senk: Good question – seemingly will depend on proper channel for said policy, but we have say in what those channels should be.
* Senator Sinha: Will President and Executive Dean hold an open forum?
  + Chair Senk: continue pushing, President will be meeting with Senate Exec
* Senator Inoue: we currently have a senate meeting on December 12.
* Discussion of holding a “Senate Retreat” on first Faculty workday in January rather than on December 19.
* Chair Senk: What about returning to in person meeting? Hybrid?
  + Senator Tsai mentions a designated person will need to be monitoring Zoom and chat for hybrid meetings.
  + Senator Sinha: meeting in person will plummet attendance.
  + Senator Inoue: points made in chat get lost, computers distract, etc.

**Meeting Adjourned [~11:32 am] (unanimous)**