

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD

ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

LOCATION: DEZEMBER LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ROOM 409-411
AND ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

<https://csub.zoom.us/j/86276576714?pwd=bVFjVzdDSG1HekJnZDQzck45Y0NxQT09&from=addon>

Members: A. Hegde (Chair), M. Danforth (Vice Chair), M. Ayuso, E. Correa, J. Gillard (virtual), V. Harper, H. He, C. Lam, A. Lauer, M. Martinez, J. Millar, S. Miller, M. Rees, J. Rodriguez, A. Rodriguez, M. Rush, T. Salisbury (virtual), A. Sawyer (absent), D. Solano, B. Street, J. Tarjan, M. Taylor (virtual), C. Vollmer (virtual), D. Wu, and K. Van Grinsven (Senate Analyst).

Visitors: E. Adams, T. Balmori Perez (virtual), J. Basilio (virtual), D. Boschini (virtual), Janine Cornelison, K. Conder, R. Dugan (virtual), A. Gomez-Navarro (virtual), F. Gorham (virtual), D. Jackson (virtual), J. Medina (virtual), G. Ochoa Vega (virtual), D. Perez-Granados, S. Roberts (virtual), D. Saini, K. Susa, L. Zelezny, and K. Ziegler-Lopez.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes
 - a. December 1, 2022 ([attached](#))
 - b. E. Correa motioned to approve; C. Lam seconded. Approved.
- C. Announcements and Information
 - a. President Zelezny's Report (**Time Certain: 10:10 AM**).
 - i. Recently returned from Board of Trustee's meeting. Discussed fall enrollment and are optimistic regarding CSUB's enrollment trends. Kern County's enrollment trends do not reflect statewide trends. Student enrollment and growth is strong. Black History Month events include Unity Breakfast on Friday honoring faculty and staff. Chancellor Search town hall on February 8. One of three in-person town halls for the CSU Chancellor search.
 - b. Elections and Appointments- M. Danforth ([attached](#))
 - i. See attached election presentation.
 - ii. Some software issues with voting software. Once corrected, will retrieve the statewide senator results and distribute.
 - c. Guests- K. Susa and K. Conder (**Time Certain: 10:20 AM**).
 - i. (K. Susa) Faculty athletics representative. Discussed student athletes and the 5 pillars of academic integrity and success.
 - ii. Discussion:

1. (A. Lauer) Q. Is there standardized support for student athletes? (K. Susa) Can say that what we provide here in our Kegley Center is very good. They keep very close tabs on the students' schedules, when they are traveling, and have the foresight to prepare the student for being absent.
 2. (T. Salisbury) Q. How open is athletics to change? Student athletes are some of the most supported students on campus. Discussed multiple challenges with student athletes, and concerns about their ability to choose their major. (K. Susa) Believes there needs to be an increase in collaboration and having K. Conder on board will increase collaboration and create a successful environment for the students athletically and academically. Also believes student athletes should major in what they want to major in.
 3. (J. Millar) Comment: Discussed counseling center and scheduling ability to meet with students, particularly student athletes. Introduced Ghazal Abbas and Jose Medina as new counselor faculty members to the campus. Discussion of transgender athletes, athletes with disabilities, and counseling protocols.
 4. (J. Tarjan) Comment: Weight training, conditioning, practice schedules, etc. can be quite rigid and limit student options and choices.
 5. (M. Rush) Request information regarding practice schedules and the majors of student athletes.
- iii. (K. Conder) New athletics director. Open to change and understands college athletics is a very dynamic space. Supports the structure of CSUB and integration of athletics in the university community. Intends to conduct a listening and learning tour.
- D. Approval of Agenda (**Time Certain: 10:05 AM**). [Note: Technical issues with new meeting location – Senators who motioned to approve and seconded were not recorded]
- E. Reports
- a. Provost's Report
 - i. (V. Harper) Black History Month has many events and activities. Success in cluster hires. Spring 2023 General Faculty meeting is tomorrow, February 3. Challenges: enrollment and changes in student behaviors. Will share his presentation through email to the faculty. In the presentation will be discussion of investments in the university. Governor invested 85 million dollars in CSUB for the Energy and Innovation Center. Want to create and expand scholarship opportunities. \$100,000 will be put towards expanding CSUB's work in energy and innovation; primarily devoted to release time. Release time funds to be interdisciplinary. California Energy Research Center (CERC) will receive significant portion of the funds and lead in the interdisciplinary distribution of funds.
 - ii. Discussion:

1. (M. Martinez) Asked for clarification regarding the title of CERC. (V. Harper) California Energy Research Center (CERC). Current CERC director is Dr. Anthony Rathburn. Intends to expand its visibility on campus. (M. Martinez) Hopes for larger discussion on the broader history of energy as possible multi-disciplinary approach.
 2. (T. Salisbury) Hopes for more transparency, interaction, and integration across the whole campus. Sees inequity in faculty and student opportunities.
 3. (A. Rodriguez) Will there be outreach to community organizations? Sees lots of potential. (M. Rush) Continues discussion of outreach and visibility. Suggests faculty presentations. (V. Harper) Absolutely. Discussed Carbon Sequestration Symposium and possible additions.
- b. ASCSU Report ([attached](#))
- i. (M. Martinez and J. Millar) See attached handout.
 - ii. Discussion:
 1. (J. Tarjan) Suggestion for coordinating or putting in place a better mechanism for communicating with local community colleges.
- c. Committee Reports: (*Minutes from AAC, AS&SS, BPC and FAC to be posted on the Academic Senate webpage; [Senate Log attached](#)*).
- i. ASI Report - C. Vollmer (virtual)
 1. Recently returned from CSSA Plenary at San Jose State. Chancellor's Office looking to create a system wide committee to look at advising across the CSU and are excited to see how that progresses. Also Student Trustee Linares recently visited.
 2. Over 1,000 students picked up free bus passes.
 3. Starting ASI elections soon.
 4. Looking forward to the Chancellor Search; Open forum February 8 from 12 to 2 PM in the Dore Theater.
 5. ASI Board meets every Friday at 3 PM in the MPR Student Union and via Zoom.
 - ii. Executive Committee - M. Danforth
 1. Current business includes Exceptional Service Awards call; committee formed and ready to review those applications.
 2. Been looking at ATI and accessibility referrals.
 3. Academic Integrity Committee is meeting and working on academic integrity for graduate students and some of the new complications with ChatGPT and other AI tools.
 - iii. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) - J. Tarjan ([attached](#))
 1. (J. Tarjan) Working on the GVAR committee structure and function. See attached report in agenda materials.
 - iv. Academic Support & Student Services Committee (AS&SS) - E. Correa ([attached](#))

1. See attached report in agenda materials.
- v. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) - C. Lam ([attached](#))
 1. (C. Lam) Discussed three referrals and status on time blocks. Thanks F. Gorham regarding space utilization reports and Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) calculations. Also, thanks chairs from DCLC regarding usage needs. Discusses Friday utilization challenges and the need for maximum classroom utilization Monday through Friday. See attached report in agenda materials.
 2. Varied discussion regarding time block and space utilization issues. (A. Rodriguez) Discussed option of Friday being used for classes that only meet once a week. (D. Solano) Discussed option of moving to 50 minutes per unit vs 55 or 60. (M. Danforth) Discussion regarding workload issues and building of break times into the time blocks. (H. He) Discussion regarding using a similar formula to other campus that are achieving high space utilization. If possible, suggests sharing this discussion with general faculty so they are made aware, as many probably do not know or understand the challenges.
- vi. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – M. Rees ([attached](#))
 1. (M. Rees) Discussing RTP referral regarding the calendar. See attached report in agenda materials. M. Danforth has also attended FAC meetings to discuss accessibility of instructional materials.
- vii. Staff Report - S. Miller
 1. (S. Miller) Nothing to report. Q. to BPC regarding status of referral #21. (C. Lam) BPC has approved and are waiting on AS&SS.

F. Resolutions (**Time Certain: 10:45 AM**)

- a. Consent Agenda
- b. New Business
 - i. [RES 222315](#)- "Academic Probation" Terminology Change AAC and AS&SS
 1. (J. Tarjan) Presented RES 222315. AS&SS chair, E. Correa had to step out. (D. Jackson) Discussed background of the referral.
 2. Discussion:
 - a. (J. Tarjan) Q. Is there any particular advantage to waiving first reading? (D. Jackson) No.
 - b. (J. Millar) Q. Changes CSU wide? (D. Jackson) Yes, there are several campuses that have already changed the language and seen great outcomes. For example, E. Adams can speak to her experience at CSU Northridge.
 - c. (A. Hegde) No feedback for the committee. Will bring back next senate meeting for second reading.
- c. Old Business

G. Open Forum (**Time Certain: 11:15 AM**)

- a. (J. Tarjan) Comment: Academic integrity discussed in Executive Committee (EC). There are many different processes and policies and frequently contacted regarding someone not understanding the processes and procedures. Encourages clarification and communication regarding these different processes. (B. Street) Agrees with J. Tarjan regarding the need for clarification. (T. Salisbury) E. Callahan has done multiple tours and open forums regarding Academic Integrity and has provided a lot of information. It sounds like she needs to be called upon again.
 - b. Spring 2023 General Faculty Meeting tomorrow, February 3 at 9:00 AM in the Student Union Multi-purpose room. E. Callahan will be there to discuss items related to academic integrity. Breakfast and lunch provided and funded by Provost Harper.
- H. Adjournment
- a. A. Hegde adjourned the meeting at 11:29 AM.