



Academic Senate Meeting – Fall 2023

Minutes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

LOCATION: DEZEMBER LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ROOM 409-411 AND VIRTUAL

Zoom Link: <https://csub.zoom.us/j/82118036177?pwd=SjZvdWd6ei9TaVRMaGIPU1N5bUtWdz09>

Members: A. Hegde (Chair), M. Danforth (Vice Chair/ virtual), M. Ayuso (alt. for M. Rees), D. Alamillo, J. Cornelison (virtual), E. Correa, J. Deal, V. Harper, H. He, A. Lauer, J. Millar (virtual), J. Rodriguez, A. Rodriguez, M. Rush (absent), T. Salisbury (virtual), S. Sarma, A. Sawyer, D. Solano, M. Taylor (virtual), T. Tsantsoulas, D. Wu, Z. Zenko, and K. Van Grinsven (Senate Analyst).

Visitors: L. Zelezny, E. Adams (virtual), D. Boschini (virtual), S. Bozarth (virtual), C. Catota, R. Dugan (virtual), D. Fowler (virtual), Gomez-Navarro, Anayeli (virtual), A. Grombly (virtual), D. Jackson, Y. Morones (virtual), G. Ochoa Vega (virtual), E. Poole Callahan (virtual), J. Self (virtual), and K. Watson (virtual).

- A. Call to Order
 - a. A. Hegde called meeting to order.
- B. Approval of Minutes
 - a. May 4, 2023 (**handout**)
 - i. J. Rodriguez motioned to approve, seconded by Z. Zenko. Majority approved; one abstention. Minutes approved.
 - b. August 31, 2023 (**handout**)
 - i. J. Deal motioned to approve, seconded by E. Correa. Minutes approved.
- C. Announcements and Information
 - a. President's Report – L. Zelezny (**Time Certain: 10:10 AM**).
 - i. Pleased by the Chancellor's appointment of Dr. Vernon Harper as Interim President.
 - ii. CSU Board of Trustees Meeting: ASI students Daisy Alamillo, Ignacio Castillo and Alejandro presented very well and attended public comment. Also thanked the Students for Quality Education who joined through virtual public comments. Board of Trustees approved a 6% tuition increase effective 2024. Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Berenecea Eanes as the next president of California State University, Los Angeles.
 - iii. Interim Chancellor Jolene Koester's last Board meeting was yesterday, September 13. Looking forward to Chancellor Millie Garcia's leadership beginning October 2023.

- iv. Cabinet met with Students for Quality Education (SQE) and their advisor Dr. Tracey Salisbury. Will continue to collaborate on issues related to counseling services, the Black Student Union, student engagement and university grounds and buildings.
- v. Will be meeting with the Academic Senate Executive Committee on September 26.
- vi. Will be signing an MOU with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory on September 19. Lawrence Livermore's staff will be collaborating with CSUB faculty and students on research.
- vii. President's Open Forum- Thursday, September 21 at 9:00 AM in the Student Union, Multi-purpose Room.
- viii. Questions/ Discussion:
 - 1. 6% Tuition Increase:
 - a. (A. Lauer) Reason for the increase?
 - b. (L Zelezny) Board of Trustees reasoning:
 - i. 27% of the increase will go to students' success, increasing financial aid, improving and increasing money for student basic needs and mental health. 19% will go to institutional support, allowing the universities to comply adequately with the Title IX and NAGPRA. 54% put aside for CSU compensation for faculty and staff health premiums.
 - c. (T. Salisbury) Voiced concerns regarding the increase and lack of support for fair and equitable raises for the faculty from the Chancellor and Board of Trustees. Concerned that the 6% tuition increase is detrimental to the CSUB student body. CFA and SQE will be speaking out openly and forcefully against this in the next few months.
 - d. (A. Lauer) Found the statement made by Interim Chancellor distressing. (L. Zelezny) Beth Steffel from the Statewide Academic Senate (ASCSU) mentioned that there have been several resolutions regarding communication about bargaining and in the resolutions they are requesting that there be no direct communication as such.
 - e. (Z. Zenko) Clarification requested. L. Zelezny confirmed: 6% tuition increase per year for the next 5 years.
 - 2. Retention and Recruitment Efforts
 - a. (E. Correa) Wants to confirm that certain efforts will be continued in the coming years, such as exit interviews. Would like there to be some information provided on what steps are being taken towards improving retention and recruitment of minoritized groups.
- b. AB 928 Updates – D. Jackson **(Time Certain: 10:20 AM) (handout)**
 - i. See attached slide deck.
 - ii. Questions/ Discussion:

1. (A. Hegde) Any changes to the General Education (GE) structure will need to go through the Senate. Other changes can go through General Education Curriculum Committee (GECCO). Will discuss CSUB's plan of action at the next Executive Committee meeting. Will likely request to have GECCO take the lead, then report back. The GE Director sits on the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC). A resolution would then be generated as needed. Is aware of the December 1 deadline for the catalog.
2. (T. Salisbury) Requests the inclusion of a representative from the Ethnic Studies department.
3. (J. Millar) ASCSU had an extensive conversation regarding this topic at the plenary session. Discussion regarding curriculum changes, admission criteria and the Board.
4. (J. Cornelison) Clarification question: So, if CSUB adopts Cal-GETC, they would be adding in another social behavior sciences, because currently there is only one area D requirement, correct? Discussion regarding the requirements of American Institutions History and Government. Board of Trustees will make their decision about Title V by January 2024.
5. (E. Correa) Question regarding how this relates to AB 927 and the enrollment competition between CSUs and Community Colleges.
6. (S. Sarma) What are the reasons behind these proposed changes? (D. Jackson) Discussion regarding UC requirements for general education and CSU requirements for general education. Allows transfer students to have more time and flexibility in determining if they wish to go to UC or CSU for earning their bachelor's degree.
7. (D. Alamillo) Graduation Units; (D. Jackson) Will not change the 120-unit degree requirement, only the general education requirement. If the campus is expected to lower their lower division unit requirements by 5 units, the campus can decide what to do with those now available university-wide 5 units.
8. (A. Rodriguez) Does this put American Institution requirements at risk of being removed as a CSU requirement? (D. Jackson) At this point, the American Institutions requirement is not tied to the General Education Program.
9. (A. Hegde) Need to move forward with business. Requested that the additional speakers contact D. Jackson, or the Senate Office with their additional questions.
10. Discussion continued after Open Forum: (D. Wu) Comments regarding how it will affect high unit programs and budget implications.
11. (M. Danforth) Reminds the audience that in the creation of the current GE package, it was intentional to have folded in American Institutions so that

higher unit major programs could still meet their accreditation requirements. Will need to keep the special accreditation needs of programs such as nursing and engineering in mind when discussing changes.

12. (J. Cornelison) Is the American Institutions California State and Local Government requirement going away? Or is that mandated by the CSU? (D. Jackson) The American Institutions requirements, including the California State Government requirement is not part of the GE according to the CSU system.

c. Elections and Appointments- M. Danforth

i. Currently processing the faculty hiring and eligibility data. We have the Statewide Senator position on the current urgent call list, as well as three academic administrator review committees that will need to be convened: AVP Faculty Affairs Debbie Boschini, Dean of SSE James Rodriguez, and Dean of EEGO Mark Novak.

D. Approval of Agenda (**Time Certain: 10:05 AM**).

a. E. Correa motioned to approve, seconded by D. Solano. Agenda approved.

E. Reports

a. Provost's Report – V. Harper

i. 60+ Club recognition of community service group

ii. Search for AVP GRaSP will be underway in another week or so. Expressed appreciation to the Senate Executive Committee for their assistance with modifications to the search committee composition.

iii. Progress made on the Schools to Colleges transition. Will be working with the Office of University Advancement to capture the costs of the transition. Expects an announcement to come in the spring semester.

iv. Provost Council headed to Antelope Valley to discuss new programming, facilities and investments.

v. Significant investments made in faculty research to the Kit Fox habitation in the CSUB community. Thanks, the Biology Faculty, Dr. Antje Lauer and Dr. Lucas Hall.

b. ASCSU Report - J. Millar

i. Handout included. J. Millar stepped away.

c. Committee Reports: (*Minutes from AAC, AS&SS, BPC and FAC posted on the Academic Senate webpage; Senate Log attached*)

i. ASI Report- D. Alamillo

1. Congratulates V. Harper on his appointed as Interim President.

2. Discussion regarding the 6% tuition increase for students.

3. Asks faculty and staff to continue to help ASI and ensuring students have quality resources that will help students manage the increase.

4. Thanks California State Student Association (CSSA) for the advocacy and student interns. Ilaria Pesco is officially taking over as AVP for Student Affairs.

- 5. Voter Registration next week
- ii. Executive Committee- M. Danforth
 - 1. Executive Committee met on September 12. Discussed the advising survey distributed last fall and discussion on faculty control over Canvas course shells. Also discussed the AVP GRaSP search committee composition and review of the academic administrators.
- iii. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) - D. Solano (**handout**)
 - 1. See attached report.
 - 2. Spent most of their time on the concentrations and emphasis referral and resolution presented today.
- iv. Academic Support & Student Services Committee (AS&SS) - E. Correa (**handout**)
 - 1. See attached report.
 - 2. Congratulations to Dr. Melanie Taylor, who will serve as their vice-chair. E. Correa will be out of town for a conference.
 - 3. Thanks, Kristen Watson, Office of the President for her assistance regarding collecting information for the OER statement.
 - 4. Will be working on the ATI referral, along with others that carried over from 2022-2023.
- v. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) - D. Wu (**handout**)
 - 1. See attached report.
 - 2. Spent most of the last meeting on discussing the time blocks and space utilization referral. Facing quite a few challenges coming up with recommendations. In contact with Tommy Holiwell to review some of the additional data and Lori Blodorn will be attending one of the BPC meetings to discuss referral 11, Academic Administrators Search and Screening.
- vi. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) - M. Rush (absent) (Z. Zenko)
 - 1. Z. Zenko has been appointed as vice-chair and reporting on behalf of M. Rush. Have quite a few referrals and many related to the handbook and review cycles. Working to organize and clarify those timelines. Will be consulting with the University Review Committee and the University Program review Committee.
- vii. Staff Report- J. Cornelison
 - 1. No items.

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

- a. Consent Agenda
 - i. No items.
- b. New Business
 - i. RES 232403 Definitions of Undergraduate Concentrations and Emphases – AAC

1. (D. Solano) Presented RE 232403 on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee.
2. Feedback/ Discussion:
 - a. (V. Harper) Thanks AAC for this work.
 - b. (A. Sawyer) Definition of "Pathway"? Was told last year to use "emphasis." D. Solano confirmed that this resolution would clarify that language.
 - c. (D. Jackson) CSU provides guidance on subplans under a major. The campuses have discretion to call these subplans what we want. This resolution would affect what is in the catalog and what is on the diploma.
 - d. (D. Wu) Will this allow resolution allow the emphasis or concentration title to show on the transcript? (D. Solano) Yes. Further clarification provided to D. Wu regarding their current program.
 - e. (J. Cornelison) For the student's diploma, the emphasis or concentration is not written but represented by a dash.

- c. Old Business
 - i. No items.

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

- a. (A. Rodriguez) Late yesterday, Governor Newsom signed SB 447, which repeals AB 1887 travel ban.
- b. (E. Correa) Received support from the President and her office for assistance with an application for a grant and appreciated the fast and accurate response.
- c. (A. Hegde) Two events coming up:
 - i. Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 PM in the Dezember Reading Room – first speaker in The Grimm Family Center for Agricultural Business (GFCAB) speaker series.
 - ii. Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 PM President Zelezny will be releasing a poem on agriculture.
 - iii. 5-million-dollar grant for the Grimm Family Center for Agriculture Business
- d. (A. Rodriguez) Latinx Heritage Month officially kicks off on September 18.
 - i. (T. Salisbury) Ethnic Studies doing their first lecture series for Latinx Heritage Month. Very excited.
- e. (A. Lauer) Concerned about the 6% tuition increase and what that might mean for enrollment and community colleges.
 - i. (D. Alamillo) Chancellor's Office believes there will be no effect on enrollment. CSSA disagrees. Will hold the Board of Trustees accountable for what they said.
- f. (T. Salisbury) More enthusiasm needed for CSUB to challenge the threat of community colleges. Discouraged by the lack of interaction and consultation between the Ethnic Studies department and Latinx Heritage Month event planning.

g. (D. Wu)

i. 2023-2024 University Budget Open Forum will take place Monday, October 16 11AM-12PM.

H. Adjournment

a. A. Hegde adjourned meeting at 11:25 AM.