



## Academic Senate Meeting – Fall 2023

### Minutes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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, E. Correa (excused), J. Deal, V. Harper, H. He, A. Lauer (absent; K. Szick alternate- virtual), J. Millar (virtual), J. Rodriguez, A. Rodriquez, M. Rush, T. Salisbury (virtual), S. Sarma (virtual), A. Sawyer (virtual), D. Solano, M. Taylor (virtual), T. Tsantsoulas, D. Wu, Z. Zenko, and K. Van Grinsven (Senate Analyst).

**Visitors:** E. Adams (virtual), D. Boschini (virtual), S. Bozarth (virtual), R. Dugan (virtual), S. Gamboa (virtual), A. Grombly (virtual), J. Henley (virtual), G. Herrera (virtual), M. Malhotra (virtual), H. Niemeyer (virtual), Y. Morones (virtual), G. Ochoa Vega (virtual), E. Poole Callahan (virtual), L. Ramirez (virtual), S. Roberts (virtual), and J. Self (virtual).

- A. Call to Order
  - a. A. Hegde called meeting to order at 10:00 AM and read the land acknowledgement.
- B. Approval of Minutes
  - a. September 14, 2023 (**handout**)
    - i. Minor editorial change suggested by D. Solano; correction made.
    - ii. J. Deal motioned to approve the minutes; D. Wu seconded. Approved. M. Rush abstained.
- C. Announcements and Information
  - a. President's Report – L. Zelezny (**Time Certain: 10:10 AM**).
    - i. Not attending; out of state for meeting.
  - b. Elections and Appointments- M. Danforth
    - i. Finalizing the voting rosters and building call log. AVP GRaSP Search committee and IRA Committee appointments have been made.
    - ii. SEC chairs: Joseph Florez (A&H), Di Wu (BPA), Prosper Torsu (NSME), Hector Nolasco (SSE- interim).
- D. Approval of Agenda (**Time Certain: 10:05 AM**).
  - a. D. Wu motioned to approve agenda; seconded by M. Rush. Approved.

## E. Reports

### a. Provost's Report – V. Harper

#### i. Report

1. Latinx Heritage Month underway. Attended the Kegley Center's event with Dr. Safiya Noble and Grimm Family Center Farmworker Lecture Series with artwork from CSUB alumna Cuca Montoya.
2. AVP GRaSP search will be getting underway in the next week or so. CSUB is striving to increase research productivity. Research productivity has increased 26% from last year.
3. Hispanic Scholarship Event: 26 individuals were honored.
4. In the process of meeting with different VIPs in the community. Very impressed and inspired by the passion for CSUB from these individuals, much of which is from their own experiences as students at CSUB.
5. Topic: Kegley Center's event with Dr. Safiya Noble
  - a. T. Tsantsoulas: Question regarding CSUB's use of AI technology and oversight over the software being employed. V. Harper agreed that it is an important topic on all higher education campuses. Rebecca Weller of FTLC is planning to have more conversations regarding this topic.
  - b. Additional discussion ensued regarding the use of AI in student spaces.
  - c. A. Hegde made a notation to invite F. Gorham to a future Senate meeting.
6. Topic: Attendance
  - a. T. Salisbury called for more participation by faculty and students to campus events such as the Kegley Center event. Ethnic Studies held a very successful event with Rose Clemente and Dr. Malina Abdullah.

### b. ASCSU Report - J. Millar

- i. The next ASCSU meeting will be October 6. Encourages GE Committee to reach out to her regarding AB 928 so she can be prepared and appropriately represent the faculty's position at the next meeting.

### 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. Continued conversations about financial aid transparency at the last ASI Board meetings. ASI met with Chad Morris, the Director of Financial Aid Services.
2. Upcoming Events:
  - a. Latinx Heritage Month events

- b. OUTober; celebration of Pride Month. Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on Monday, October 2.
  - c. Advising Open Forums: First event today, September 28 from 3- 4 PM in Student Union MPR.
  - d. Encourages students to attend the Academic Integrity workshops.
  - e. Appreciation for T. Salisbury's event on Monday. Students were very engaged. It was an insightful example of group organization and campus community involvement.
- ii. Executive Committee- M. Danforth
  - 1. The Executive Committee met with President Zelezny on Tuesday, September 26. Discussed and are working on sending out a few new referrals: BPA advising center name change request and two others. Also discussed some issues with SOClS over summer.
  - 2. Discussion: Summer SOClS Issues
    - a. A. Rodriguez suggested that there be communication sent out regarding the summer SOClS issue, as it is important for faculty serving on RTP Committees to be aware of what happened. A. Hegde agreed and will add to the EC agenda to work on drafting a memorandum with the provost.
    - b. (Z. Zenko) Question: Would it be possible to make SOClS optional for those that were affected by these issues? (A. Hegde) Will discuss further in EC and determine if a referral is needed.
- iii. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) - D. Solano **(handout)**
  - 1. Report presented by D. Solano, view handout.
- iv. Academic Support & Student Services Committee (AS&SS) - E. Correa **(handout)**
  - 1. E. Correa out of town; M. Taylor (vice-chair) presented the AS&SS report. View handout.
  - 2. Discussion:
    - a. (A. Hegde) Regarding purview of Senate: Senate makes the recommendations when it comes to academic policies and once approved by the President, it is the administrator's role to implement the policies as part of shared governance.
- v. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) - D. Wu **(handout)**
  - 1. Report presented by D. Wu, view handout.
  - 2. Discussion:
    - a. Topic: 2023-2024 Referral 10 – Standing Committee Bylaws Change Section IV
      - i. Discussion regarding BPC's recommendations: (A. Hegde) Whether the DEIA training requirement language in the

recommendation by BPC says “must” or “recommend”. That language will be determined as the recommendations are put into a resolution. T. Salisbury voiced the value and need for DEI training.

- vi. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) - M. Rush
  - 1. Report presented by M. Rush, view [handout](#).
- vii. Staff Report- J. Cornelison
  - 1. Topic: Advising
    - a. Advising for continuing students begins Monday, October 2. Academic Advisors will have a very heavy workload. Asks that all have patience during this time.
    - b. Concern: Staff advisors were not notified of ASI’s open forum on advising. Discussion ensued.
    - c. (D. Alamillo) Purpose of the open forum is to encourage students to have an open conversation about the issues they are facing with advising.
    - d. (A. Hegde) Reminds the audience that the Interim Director of Advising will be presenting a report to the Senate in November. Hopefully the results of this report will help CSUB identify the issues and move forward.

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

- a. Consent Agenda
- b. New Business
  - i. None.
- c. Old Business
  - i. RES 232403 Definitions of Undergraduate Concentrations and Emphases – AAC
    - 1. D. Solano presented resolution for second reading.
    - 2. Discussion:
      - a. J. Millar noted that this has been discussed in ASCSU. No suggested changes.
      - b. A. Sawyer, M. Rush, and J. Rodriguez asked some clarifying questions. M. Rush and J. Rodriguez spoke in favor of the resolution. T. Salisbury, H. He, and Z. Zenko spoke in favor. (Z. Zenko) Question: What happens if there is a degree program with 6 unique units? (D. Solano) Discussed in AAC last year. Consensus was that this did not represent a significant enough difference to call it a concentration or emphasis.
    - c. Amendments:
      - i. Friendly Amendment- 1 – Change “violation” to “non-compliance”:

1. A. Hegde passed gavel to Vice-Chair M. Danforth. Friendly amendment proposed by A. Hegde. M. Rush proposed an alternate friendly amendment to “not aligned with”. No further discussion. Friendly amendment proposed by M. Rush approved. Motioned carried.
  2. M. Danforth passed gavel back to A. Hegde.
  - ii. Friendly Amendment – 2 – Add “and clarity” to Rationale: Proposed by M. Rush. No discussion. Majority in favor of amendment. Motioned carried.
  3. Majority in favor; no oppositions or abstentions. Motioned carried, resolution approved.
- G. Open Forum **(Time Certain: 11:15 AM)**
- a. (V. Harper) Thanks Wayne Narine, Director of Campus Dining for his work on getting the Grub Hub robots up and running.
  - b. (J. Millar) Counseling center still in the process of moving. Are still open and seeing students. New counseling center will be in Rivendale.
- H. Faculty Recognition **(Time Certain: 11:25 AM)**
- a. (A. Hegde) Will be adding a faculty recognition portion to the senate agenda. Will invite the faculty member selected to come to the senate meeting and spend five minutes recognizing them. D. Wu suggested to review those not chosen for outstanding awards in the past as possible faculty to be recognized. (Z. Zenko) Recommended more transparency regarding the process of how outstanding faculty are chosen.
- I. Adjournment
- a. (A. Hegde) Adjourned meeting at 11:24 AM.