



## Academic Senate Meeting – Spring 2024

### Minutes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

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/89839397226?pwd=NkxIZ241eC8vK3J5Z2R5ZlZlZDg1dz09>

**Members:** A. Hegde (Chair), M. Danforth (Vice Chair), Senator M. Ayuso (alt. for A. Rodriguez; virtual), Senator D. Alamillo (virtual), Senator J. Cornelison (virtual), Senator E. Correa, Senator J. Deal, Senator J. Dong, Senator H. He, Senator A. Jacobsen (alt for A. Lauer), Senator C. Lam (virtual), Senator S. Marks (alt for A. Sawyer), Senator Michieka, Senator M. Rush, Senator M. Rees, Senator T. Salisbury, Senator S. Sarma (virtual), Senator D. Solano, Senator M. Taylor (virtual), Senator T. Tsantsoulas, Senator D. Wu, Senator Z. Zenko (virtual), Interim Provost J. Rodriguez (virtual), and K. Van Grinsven (Senate Analyst).

**Guests:** K. Watson, C. Catota (virtual), T. Anthony (virtual), M. Brown (virtual), D. Riggins (virtual), E. Adams (virtual), D. Boschini (virtual), S. Bozarth (virtual), D. Cantrelle (virtual), R. Dugan (virtual), A. Gomez-Navarro (virtual), M. Malhotra (virtual), Y. Morones (virtual), and K. Ziegler-Lopez (virtual).

#### A. Call to Order

- a. Chair Hegde called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM and read the Tejon Tribal Land Acknowledgement. He will be leaving at 10:40 AM for the Rising Runner event. Vice-Chair Danforth will take over from there.

#### B. Approval of Minutes

- a. December 7, 2023 (**handout**)
  - i. Senator D. Wu motioned to approve; Senator J. Deal seconded. One abstention. Minutes approved.
- b. February 8, 2024 (**handout**)
  - i. Senator M. Rees motioned to approve; Senator A. Jacobsen seconded. One abstention. Minutes approved.

#### C. Announcements and Information

- a. Interim President's Report – K. Watson on behalf of V. Harper (**Time Certain: 10:10 AM**).
  - i. Report:

1. Interim President Harper is currently attending the investiture of Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Madson, CSU San Jose's president.
  2. Recently returned from CSU Advocacy Day. Various legislation and bills discussed. One topic of discussion was the CSU \$240 million compact and Governor's January Budget proposal. The CSU is in support of Senate Bill 28, which is a bond of some \$31 billion that will fund education facilities across the spectrum (only around \$2 million to go to the CSUs). Assembly Member Bains introduced legislation that would bring a UC Medical School to Kern County as a satellite campus and K. Watson suggested some unique partnership with CSUB.
- ii. Open Forum/ Discussion:
1. Concerns about dual enrollment and young students not being fully prepared for college. Recommendation given to keep this issue on CSUB's radar.
- b. Black Cultural/ Black Student Success Center – C. Catota, T. Anthony, M. Brown, D. Riggins **(Time Certain: 10:20 AM)**.
- i. See attached handout.
  - ii. Open Forum/ Discussion:
    1. Q: Anticipated date for when the center will be opened? A: Hopefully by the end of Black History Month. They will be presenting to ASI tomorrow and once approved, will be moving forward with hiring a full-time coordinator.
    2. Q: Is there a location for the center? A: Not yet. Still working with Chris Diniz, who oversees space management, to identify possible spaces.
- c. Elections and Appointments- M. Danforth
- i. See attached handout.
  - ii. Open Forum/ Discussion:
    1. Senator Salisbury and Senator Rush voiced concerns regarding not receiving the emailed calls and election announcements. K. Van Grinsven and M. Danforth will work with SSE SEC and NMSE SEC, as well as ITS, to confirm that the mailing lists are accurate and the emails have not been blocked.
    2. The maximum number of terms served for Senators is 6 years / 3 consecutive two-year terms.
    3. Chair Hegde: The Senate Office is working to improve the collection of data and preparation of the faculty roster to improve the timeline.
- D. Approval of Agenda **(Time Certain: 10:05 AM)**.
- a. Senator Rees motioned to approve the agenda; Senator Wu seconded. Agenda approved.
- E. Reports
- a. Interim Provost's Report – J. Rodriguez

- i. Will work with D. Boschini and the Senate Office on improving the process for the collection and generation of the faculty roster.
  - ii. AVP GRaSP Search: Campus visits with the finalists are scheduled for March 18, 19, and 20.
  - iii. Associate Dean Search for the School of BPA: The three faculty members needed for the search committee have been elected. He will work with the Executive Committee on the remaining appointments.
  - iv. Congratulations to the faculty and staff of BPA for a successful AACSB accreditation.
  - v. Events: Homecoming activities, production of *The River Bride* at the Dore Theatre.
  - vi. Ongoing conversations are taking place regarding the Summer 2024 schedule.
  - vii. Open Forum/ Discussion:
    - 1. Update requested the announcement and posting of the various advising positions. Interim Provost Rodriguez: Currently working through the process of identifying areas of immediate need with the School Deans and other areas of campus regarding which searches can move forward.
    - 2. Concerns voiced regarding delays during the transition period, particularly regarding hiring and funding, and the need for systematic changes. Interim Provost Rodriguez: Recognizes the delays due to the transitions in administration. He is responding, reviewing, and signing documents as quickly as possible, especially Faculty Hiring forms.
- b. ASCSU Report (tabled)
- i. Next plenary is in March. No report at this time.
- 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. Homecoming week events
    - 2. Moving forward with the renovations of the President Zelezny Room and Board approval and looking forward to the presentation of the Black Cultural/ Black Student Success Center at ASI.
    - 3. The ASI election period is open. Applications close March 8, 2024, at 11:00 AM. Campaigning will begin the following week.
  - ii. Executive Committee- M. Danforth
    - 1. Discussed a few referrals already at the subcommittees for prioritization and answered questions. Two new referrals were discussed and have been sent out regarding the University Review Committee alternates and the Academic Integrity Graduate and Undergraduate policies.
    - 2. Appointed the remaining position for the GVAR Committee, and the two Exceptional Service Award Committee members from EC. The Exceptional

Service Award Committee is now awaiting the applications. The Article 20.37 Exceptional Service Award application deadline is Friday, February 23, 2024.

- iii. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) - D. Solano **(handout)**
  - 1. See attached handout for report.
- iv. Academic Support & Student Services Committee (AS&SS) – E. Correa **(handout)**
  - 1. See attached handout for report.
- v. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) - D. Wu **(handout)**
  - 1. See attached handout for report.
- vi. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) - M. Rush **(handout)**
  - 1. See attached handout for report.
- vii. Staff Report- J. Cornelison
  - 1. Communication needed regarding the closing the Numenor building and the centers it houses, such as Academic Advising and Resource Center (AARC), and the Graduate Student Center. Advising is also coming up.

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

- a. Consent Agenda
  - i. No items.
- b. New Business
  - i. No items.
- c. Old Business
  - i. RES 232415 Graduate Policies and Curriculum Committee- Handbook Change– FAC **(handout)**
    - 1. FAC Chair, Senator Rush presented the resolution and changes to the resolution in response to first reading discussions. Friendly amendment proposed by Senator He; Senator Jacobsen seconded. Motion carried.
    - 2. Senator Correa motioned to approve the amended resolution; Senator Wu seconded. Motion carried. Resolution passed.
  - ii. RES 232417 HSIRB and IACUC Policy Updates– Handbook Change – FAC **(handout)**
    - 1. FAC Chair, Senator Rush presented the resolution. No changes from first reading and no discussion. Senator Jacobsen motioned to approve the resolution; Senator Salisbury seconded. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

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

- a. Commencement
  - i. Topics of Concern:
    - 1. Reading of the student names by Artificial Intelligence instead of people. Multiple times during both ceremonies last year, two names were read at the same time and students did not have their name audible.

2. Atmosphere of the event: More of a party-like atmosphere. No longer have live music, a speaker, or student processional, which have added dignity to the event in the past.
3. Program: no program is found online or printed.
4. Costs: Concerns raised regarding costs and ceremonies no longer being held on campus.
5. Low Attendance:
  - a. Student Attendance: Some faculty related that they have difficulties convincing students to attend the university commencement ceremonies. There are many cultural ceremonies on campus such as the Black Student Ceremony and Lavendar Ceremony that are well attended. Raises concerns regarding the inclusiveness of the current university ceremony structure.
  - b. Faculty attendance: Challenges with convincing faculty to attend. One of the issues related to faculty attendance is that exams are still held after commencement and resolution to that issue has not been found.
  - c. Discussion continued.

ii. Summary:

1. The university commencement ceremony should be inclusive and bring the campus community together, as well as reflect that CSUB is a first generation and HSI campus.
2. Commencement is an emotional topic for many. It is important to be aware of language and word choices during discussion. Everyone has their own unique views of how they wish to celebrate.
3. There have been a lot of changes to commencement. More feedback and discussion are needed regarding what students and faculty want from the ceremony.
4. Questions were raised regarding the status and charge of the Commencement Committee Taskforce. Discussion ensued regarding the taskforce's charge to review and resolve these concerns.

- iii. Any additional comments should be sent to Chair Hegde, who is on the university-wide Commencement Committee as the faculty representative.

H. Faculty Recognition (**Time Certain: 11:25 AM**) (deferred)

I. Adjournment

- a. Vice-Chair Danforth adjourned the meeting at 11:32 AM.