

Academic Senate Meeting – Spring 2024

Minutes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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=NkxIZ241eC8vK3J5Z2R5ZXBZDg1dz09>

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 (excused), Senator J. Deal, Senator J. Dong (excused), Senator H. He (virtual), Senator A. Jacobsen (alt for A. Lauer), Senator S. Marks (alt for A. Sawyer; excused), Senator M. Rush, Senator M. Rees, Senator T. Salisbury, Senator S. Sarma, Senator D. Solano, Senator M. Taylor (virtual), Senator T. Tsantsoulas, Senator D. Wu, Senator Z. Zenko, Interim Provost J. Rodriguez, and K. Van Grinsven (Senate Analyst).

A. Call to Order

- a. Chair Hegde called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM and welcomed all to the first Senate meeting of the spring semester. Chair Hegde welcomed Interim President Harper, Interim Provost Rodriguez, and the new Dean Representative, Jane Dong, Dean of the School of NSME. Senator Sawyer is on sabbatical and his alternate is Senator Marks. Senator Rodriguez has been appointed as Acting Dean of Arts and Humanities and her alternate is Senator Ayuso. Senator Lauer has a conflict, and her alternate is Senator Jacobsen. Welcomed back Senator Rees who has returned from sabbatical.

B. Approval of Minutes

- a. November 9, 2023 (**handout**)
 - i. Senator Zenko motioned to approve; seconded by Senator Solano. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

C. Announcements and Information

- a. Interim President's Report – V. Harper (**Time Certain: 10:10 AM**).
 - i. Appreciation for President Zelezny and her leadership.
 - ii. Events:
 1. Black History Month
 2. Attended the Martin Luther King Jr. event.

3. Unity Breakfast – Congratulated the award recipients, Dr. Nyakundi Michieka, Tamar Anthony, and Chidinma Okey-Dike..
 4. President’s Open Forum was held February 6, 2024.
 5. Also attended the NAACP Awards Extravaganza and Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce gala.
- iii. CSUB Presidential Search
 1. Encouraged participation in the Presidential search. Website will be constructed with information on opportunities for participation.
 - iv. Homecoming is next week.
 - v. Board of Trustees meeting- topics of discussion included Title IX and staff hiring.
 - vi. NAGPRA work has been accelerated with the hiring of a consulting firm.
 - vii. Budget Open Forum coming up.
 - viii. Discussions ongoing regarding General Education and pathways for transfer students. Financial Aid discussions with AVP Cantrell and Chad Morris. Department of Education has released a FASFA update, which has experienced delays. CSU and UC campus decision deadlines for students have been pushed back in response. AVP Cantrell sent out a memo stating that students would not be dropped for nonpayment fees this semester.
 - ix. Appreciation for Director of Athletics, Kyle Susa.
 - x. Retirement Celebration for Sally Shaff today, February 8, 2024.
- b. Elections and Appointments- M. Danforth
 - i. See attached handout. Spring call cycle will be on a tight timeline.
 - ii. Congratulations to vice-chair elect, Danielle Solano. Election is open for the Senate Chair.

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

- a. Senator Wu motioned to approve; seconded by Senator Rush. Agenda approved. Motion carried; agenda approved.

E. Reports

- a. Interim Provost’s Report – J. Rodriguez
 - i. Leadership Updates:
 1. Interim Dean of SSE, Dr. Luis Vega
 2. Acting Dean of AH, Dr. Alicia Rodriguez
 3. Interim Dean of EEGO, Dr. Kristen Watson
 4. Associate Dean of the Library, Dr. Gloria Dikeogu.
 - ii. Search Updates:
 1. AVP GRaSP: midway through their process.
 2. Associate Dean of BPA: getting ready to launch. Committee to be formed.

- iii. IRPA Advisory Council membership is complete. Will be meeting soon.
- iv. Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Committee met yesterday and are developing some recommendations.
- v. Met with ASI and had a very robust conversation and has a meeting scheduled with ASI President D. Alamillo for later in the week.
- vi. Open Forum:
 - 1. D. Alamillo requested an update on advising. Interim Provost Rodriguez is aware of the importance of advising to the campus and students and has been in consultation with the Academic Senate Executive Committee. He will provide further updates when available.
- b. ASCSU Report (**handout**)
 - i. See attached report.
 - ii. Senator Lam: The main topic of interest includes CalGETC and changes to the Title 5 code. These changes will be presented to the Board of Trustees in the upcoming plenary meeting in March. GECCo director, Dr. Eduardo Montoya has been invited to the Academic Senate Executive Committee in the coming weeks.
- 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. Had a successful week of welcome, even with the faculty strike ongoing.
 - 2. ASI celebrated Black History Month with the Runner Hour, the Divine 9 and black student clubs.
 - 3. Pizza with the President was a successful event.
 - 4. Ballot Box ribbon cutting event is on February 14 at noon.
 - 5. ASI is looking to renovate the Dr. Zelezny Board Room, currently located in the Student Union, Blue Room.
 - 6. Dr. Debra Jackson will be coming to the next ASI board meeting to provide updates on CalGETC and will be hearing from Claudia Catota regarding the Black Student Success Center and current updates.
 - 7. ASI will be having workshops on Financial Aid. If any students are having trouble completing their FASFA, please direct them to contact the Financial Aid Office.
 - 8. ASI Candidacy Declaration is open and will close March 8.
 - ii. Executive Committee- M. Danforth
 - 1. EC made various appointments that rolled over from Fall 2023. Discussed appointments and timelines for the Exceptional Service Awards. Application deadline is Friday, February 23. Referrals have been sent out to subcommittees. Please refer to the subcommittee reports included in the Senate agenda packet for more information on these referrals.

- iii. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) - D. Solano ([handout](#)) (deferred; see attached report)
- iv. Academic Support & Student Services Committee (AS&SS) – Vice-Chair M. Taylor ([handout](#)) (deferred; see attached report)
- v. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) - D. Wu ([handout](#)) (deferred; see attached report)
- vi. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) - M. Rush ([handout](#)) (deferred; see attached report)
 - 1. FAC has rearranged prioritization and will be working on referral.
- vii. Staff Report- J. Cornelison
 - 1. Requested that faculty remind their students to schedule their advising appointments as early as possible. Advising areas are understaffed and appointments will fill up quickly.

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

- a. Consent Agenda
 - i. RES 232418 Commendation of CFA Bakersfield Executive Board- EC ([handout](#))
 - 1. Motioned carried; resolution approved. Senator Salisbury accepted the commendation on behalf of the CFA Bakersfield Executive Board. Senator Salisbury expressed gratitude to the CFA Executive Board for their advocacy and efforts.
- b. New Business
 - i. RES 232415 Graduate Policies and Curriculum Committee- Handbook Change– FAC ([handout](#))
 - 1. M. Rush presented this resolution for first reading. Feedback was provided regarding the need for clarity on what items are state requirements, and which are CSUB, CSU and/or EO regulations and/or policies. Feedback also given about adding a clearer definitions. Discussed issues resolution could cause for small programs and new programs.
 - ii. RES 232417 HSIRB and IACUC Policy Updates– Handbook Change – FAC ([handout](#))
 - 1. M. Rush presented this resolution for first reading. No discussion.
- c. Old Business
 - i. RES 232410 Doctor of Nursing Practice – AAC and BPC ([handout](#))
 - 1. Resolution is approved; motioned carried.
 - 2. Gratitude and congratulations expressed for H. He and the Nursing Department's efforts.

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

- a. Space Utilization:

- i. Senator Zenko: Discussed challenges with the lack of office space within the School of SSE. Interim Provost Rodriguez is aware of these challenges. Has initiated conversations with leadership team and Academic Affairs regarding space utilization and timelines and the option of an informal survey of where there are spaces currently that are vacant. Also has been in contact with the Space Management Committee.
 - ii. Dean of Antelope Valley, Elizabeth Adams: Dean Adams is involved in a taskforce that is working on an Academic Affairs policy around space and space allocation. Once a policy is drafted, it will go to Provost Council, then through faculty governance.
 - iii. Senator Wu, BPC Chair: BPC has been working on a referral regarding time blocks and space utilization. Believes they will soon have recommendations to present that identify low-use classrooms, which may provide opportunities for conversions to office spaces. Interim Provost Rodriguez cautions discussions regarding space utilization as data is still being collected post-pandemic and we are looking at enrollment.
 - b. Senator Deal suggests a commendation for Cindy at the Runner Express who provides a welcoming space for the campus community. Senate Chair Hedge will bring to Executive Committee for discussion and drafting a commendation.
 - c. Elevation of Schools to Colleges: Interim Provost Rodriguez relayed that this item is on his list. Data is being collected regarding anticipated costs, which will be shared with Executive Committee.
 - d. Senator Rees: Theater Festival taking place starting Friday and through the weekend.
 - e. RTP Tenure and Promotion calendar. There has been an extension for the spring calendar to accommodate faculty who needed to submit their files for the spring cycle.
 - f. February 17 – Math Field Day
 - g. February 23 – Engineering Day
 - h. Thank you to Interim Provost Rodriguez for the coffee, tea, and cookies.
- H. Faculty Recognition **(Time Certain: 11:25 AM)**
- a. Commendation for all the faculty that pivoted and for keeping the students' wellbeing in mind during the CFA strike.
- I. Adjournment
- a. Chair Hegde adjourned meeting at 11:24 AM.