



## Academic Senate Meeting – Spring 2024

### Minutes

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 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=NkxlZ241eC8vK3J5Z2R5ZXBZDg1dz09>

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

**Guests:** E. Montoya, GECCO Director, V. Harper, Interim President, E. Adams (virtual), D. Boschini (virtual), S. Bozarth (virtual), D. Cours (virtual), C. Diniz (virtual), D. Fowler (virtual), A. Gomez-Navarro (virtual), T. Hickey (virtual), M. Malhotra (virtual), Y. Morones (virtual), H. Neimeyer (virtual), G. Ochoa Vega (virtual), J. Paschal (virtual), E. Poole Callahan (virtual), S. Roberts (virtual), J. Self (virtual), K. Ziegler-Lopez (virtual), M. Kwon (virtual), A. Kemp (virtual), L. Hernandez (virtual), V. Kirkbride (virtual), J. Nmah (virtual), B. Mendiola (virtual).

A. Call to Order

- a. Chair Hegde called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and read the tribal land acknowledgment.

B. Approval of Minutes

- a. March 7, 2024 (tabled)

C. Announcements and Information

- a. Interim President's Report – V. Harper (**Time Certain: 10:10 AM**).

- i. Report:

1. Congratulates the Men's and Women's basketball teams for great seasons. Also recognizes the volleyball and baseball teams for their great work.
2. The search for the AVP for GRASP and other faculty searches are currently underway.

3. Capital Campaign: CSUB has made some great progress and is working on gifts for both academics and athletics.
  4. The Budget Open Forum took place on March 18. Interim President Harper has met with different constituents on campus and discussed some of the issues, such as delays in reimbursement and Facilities repairs.
  5. Met with a student group regarding the Black Student Success Center and concerns regarding location and program. Will commence with the hiring of a coordinator for the center.
  6. Response to the letter included in the packet that was sent by the CFA and LGBTQ+ Affinity Group regarding the homophobic attack that occurred in November 2023. Had met with the group in December, however, the group felt there had not been enough action on the items that were agreed upon. A memo will be sent out campus wide with more extensive communication to come detailing the commitments made by administration and the progress. (see attachment). Human Resources is working on a volunteer policy and DEI training as one of the action items. Commentary provided regarding the need for better communication between administration and faculty.
  7. Board of Trustees meeting next week and will be off campus for about two weeks for advocacy in Washington DC.
- ii. Q&A/ Discussion:
1. None.
- b. Eduardo Montoya – GECCO Director **(Time Certain: 10:20 AM) (handout)**
- i. Topic: Cal-GETC (AB 928). See added slide deck **(handout 2)**.
  - ii. Q&A/ Discussion:
    1. (Senator Wu) Question regarding deadline. Implementation is anticipated for Fall 2025.
    2. (Senator Lam) ASCSU endorses the pathway for transfer students but opposes it being implemented in the CSU. The ASCSU also addresses a lot of the problems that are foreseen, such as Area 1 B. Brought attention to AB 928, “Commencing with the fall term of the 2025-2026 academic year, the singular lower division general education pathway established pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be the only lower division general education pathway used to determine academic eligibility and sufficient academic preparation for the transfer admission to the California State University and the University of California.” Concerned about changes to admissions and the differences between a C grade requirement vs. a C- grade requirement that will create challenges.

3. Discussed proposed recommendations and changes in workload for lab classes. E. Montoya confirmed that the recommended changes are the minimum amount of changes. He does not believe an extension to the deadline will be granted.
  4. (Senator Rees) Discussion regarding the SELF component.
  5. Interim Provost Rodriguez: Prepared to work with the Senate, Deans, and faculty through these changes as smoothly as possible. Thanked GE Director E. Montoya for his leadership.
- c. Elections and Appointments- M. Danforth
- i. Slide deck added - see attachment **(handout)**.
  - ii. Senate Standing Committee call will be sent out in late April. Chair Hegde reminded Senators that election for two faculty representatives to serve on the CSUB Presidential Search Advisory Committee will be opening up.
- d. Update on Statement about Homophobic Attack by CSUB Volunteer **(handout)**.
- i. See above under the President's Report.

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

- a. Senator Jacobsen motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Senator Rush. Agenda approved.

E. Reports

- a. Interim Provost's Report – J. Rodriguez
  - i. Report:
    1. Workflow: following up on some of the issues brought up during the Budget Forum. He has met with AVPs Mike Chavez, Deborah Boschini, and Lori Blodorn. He has asked his staff to move forms pertaining to travel, reimbursement, and payments as quickly as possible. He is striving to sign documents within 2 business days. He is also working with SSE Interim Dean Vega regarding the office situation in the Education building that was brought up during the Budget Open Forum.
    2. Events of Importance:
      - a. Giving Day is April 2, 2024.
      - b. Ethnic Studies Symposium was a great success.
      - c. Solidarity Luncheon honoring Cesar Chavez was very moving and an important event for CSUB.
    3. The search for AVP GRaSP is moving along. He has met with the candidates and will be meeting with various individuals to debrief.
  - ii. Q&A/ Discussion:

1. Senator Dong: Thanked Interim Provost and his office for his efforts to expedite workflow.
- b. ASCSU Report (**handout**) (Edit: tabled)
  - i. Senator Michieka and Senator Lam are currently working on the report and will have it 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. Report:
      - a. Lobbied on bills that were passed at the California State Student Association (CSSA) meeting. The CSSA also voted against Cal-GETC proposed changes.
      - b. Thanked Dr. Harper for joining students at the club fundraiser yesterday.
      - c. Antelope Valley ASI trip is planned for this Friday. Will have the ASI Board meeting in Antelope Valley. ASI will have a resolution calling for a ceasefire and condemning human rights violations and war crimes at the Board meeting. Will present the resolution for the Black Student Excellence Center and ASI's support after spring break.
      - d. On April 2, ASI will host a Legal Workshop which will be empowering students and farm worker families in collaboration with the United Farm Workers, other organizations, and local attorneys. ASI Town Hall and Ramadan recognition and celebration will be held April 3. 'Runner Olympics will be held in April and is a collaboration between Athletics, ASI, SSD, and other departments. Working to promote and increase student engagement for the CSUB Presidential Search open forum. Voting for ASI elections ends today and results will be shared tomorrow at noon.
    2. Q&A/ Discussion: none.
  - ii. Executive Committee- M. Danforth
    1. Report: Interim President Harper attended Executive Committee on Tuesday and discussed some issues that have now been referred to the appropriate standing committees. Also discussed process and progress of active referrals.
    2. Q&A/ Discussion: none
  - iii. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) - D. Solano (**handout**)
    1. Have included in their report a memorandum about administering SOClS.
  - iv. Academic Support & Student Services Committee (AS&SS) – E. Correa (**handout**)
    1. Will be sending out a survey to faculty regarding the need for a testing center and proctoring services.

- v. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) - D. Wu **(handout)**
  - 1. Thanked the members of BPC and those that attended the budget Open Forum. Also appreciative to Thom Davis and his team for preparing the slides.
- vi. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) - M. Rush **(handout)**
  - 1. Most of their time was spent discussing RES 232407 Pilot of Interfolio. See attachments for details regarding those discussions.
- vii. Staff Report- J. Cornelison
  - 1. No report.

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

- a. Consent Agenda
  - i. No items.
- b. New Business
  - i. RES 232420 Discontinuation of BS in Natural Sciences – AAC **(handout)**
    - 1. AAC Chair, Senator Solano presented the resolution for first reading.
    - 2. Q&A/ Discussion: None.
  - ii. RES 232421 Discontinuation of Integrated Teacher Education Pathways (ITEP) Programs- AAC **(handout)**
    - 1. AAC Chair, Senator Solano presented the resolution for first reading.
    - 2. Q&A/ Discussion: None.
- c. Old Business
  - i. RES 232419 Approval of New Minor in Human Resource Management – AAC **(handout)**
    - 1. AAC Chair, Senator Solano presented the resolution for second reading. Addressed the questions regarding prerequisites from first reading. Documentation has been included for the Senate to help clarify.
    - 2. Q&A/ Discussion: None.
    - 3. Call to vote: Resolution approved
  - ii. RES 232407 Pilot of Interfolio – FAC and EC (handout) - Tabled.
    - 1. FAC Chair, Senator Rush shared FAC’s discussion regarding the proposed resolution. The committee did an experiment with Canvas in Fall 2023 and IT mentioned that BOX also had these same capabilities. The referral that was sent to FAC did not identify some of the issues with BOX that need to be fixed. FAC determined that the use of BOX was not explored thoroughly enough or being used to its full potential. FAC was also very concerned about the price structure of Interfolio, as well as the amount of time spend on training that will be needed for the pilot. Chair Hegde directed FAC to prepare a memorandum to be presented to the Senate and asked the Provost to provide a report in the fall semester regarding the progress with BOX.

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

- a. Chair Hegde reminded the Senators that the open forum is for announcements only, not for discussions.
- b. Interim President Harper: Shared his experience speaking with two CSUB alumni. These two individuals were students a decade or two ago and shared how they have witnessed the positive changes on campus and how it is more welcoming to them and their identities. He also met with the Alumni Association earlier this week and is appreciative of everyone's efforts. He is aware that there are difficult conversations that are taking place in the campus community, and it is important to be honest and deliberate in the campus's collective movement for change.
- c. (Senator Dong) Holding a Golf Tournament on April 1 in conjunction with Staff Forum to raise funds to support students who want to become medical doctors.
- d. (Senator Lam) Provided an update from ASCSU Fiscal and Governmental Affairs committee. They have identified positions on 60 of the State Legislative Bills and 7 of the Federal Bills. One bill of local importance is AB 2357 regarding setting up a regional medical campus in Bakersfield. It is not currently a high priority for ASCSU.
- e. (Senator Rush) Future Runner Day is April 6. Encouraged the audience to attend, support and welcome future Runners.
- f. (Senator Rees) Requested that the GE slide deck be shared with everyone. Senate Analyst, K. Van Grinsven confirmed that the slides would be included in the updated agenda that will be posted to the Senate webpage.

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

- a. Chair Hegde recognized the Sociology Department and would like to acknowledge the faculty in this department that have taken on different leadership roles throughout the years.

I. Adjournment

- a. Chair Hegde adjourned meeting at 11:20 AM.