

2019/2020 Academic Senate

MINUTES
September 16 2019

- I. The meeting was called to order at 200 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator . Fifty Senators were present.

Ex Officio:

Present: Rodan, Van Selst, Curry

Frazier, MathuParent

Absent: None

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Papazian, Day, Faas,

Chair Mathur announced that the Senate Retreat will be held on January 31st 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in MLK 225/229.

The Senate will be sending out calls for nominations for three special elections in the colleges of Social Sciences, Education, and the General Unit in the next week.

The Senate Administrator and Associate Vice Chair have been working diligently with the committees and are close to filling all vacant seats.

The President gave updates on several searches including the President of University Advancement (VPUA) Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences, and the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies. It is especially important to get a new VPUA on board with the launch of the Capital Campaign.

The Provost and Senate Chair have been working on staffing the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

Questions:

Q: The President was asked if there would be fewer unsigned policies in the future, given the number of unsigned policies still pending?

A: The President responded that once she signed these policies they are university policies and she needs to be sure they are right for the university. The President cannot always review a policy in two weeks and wants to ensure that the policies can be implemented.

Q: Can you update us on the steps being taken to address the athletics and Title IX issues brought up in the news article over the summer?

A: Some of the issues were addressed right away such as correcting statements in the article and adding support and training. Then we had a consultant team here and look at athletics and procedures and they are making recommendations. Other issues are still being addressed under Title IX.

Q: Can you update us on what is happening with regard to creating a task force to study the issue of bullying on this campus?

A: The CDO will comment on this in her announcements later in the month. The CDO is working on this with the Provost Office.

Senate voted and the motion passed with 1 Nay and 3 Absentions (461-3).

Senator Shifflett presented *AS 1742, Amendment A to University Policy SF0-Charge and Membership of the Sustainability Board (Final Reading)*. Senator Parent presented an amendment that was friendly to the body to change the name of the "AS Director of Sustainability Affairs" to "AS Director of Sustainability." The Senate voted and AS 1742 passed as amended 248.

Senator Shifflett pulled *AS 1747, Policy Recommendation, Amendment A to SM-F09-2, Change to the Composition of the Academic Disqualification and Reinstatement Review Committee (First Reading)* from discussion at the senate due to some feedback received.

Senator Shifflett presented *AS 1748, Policy Recommendation, Adding General Unit Seats to the Student Evaluation Review Board (SERB), Student Fairness Committee (SFC), University Library Board (ULB), University Writing Committee (UWC) (First Reading)*.

Questions:

Q: Under the new policy, section 3.b.1, allows for faculty from all colleges so the UWC has already got spots for the general unit.

A: Here is the problem, that section is talking about representative units. The College of Professional and Global Education (CPGE) faculty are members of the general unit. If we put a seat for the CPGE then we would be giving a seat to a department since the CPGE only has one department right now. Until that college is something more than the general unit, the policy needs a seat for the general unit.

Q: Then I would suggest changing the wording so that it doesn't say faculty from all colleges, since CPGE is a college.

A: O&G will take this under advisement.

Q: In the past, the general unit included faculty who were not teaching faculty and the reason the general unit was excluded from SERB was that it was felt the members of Student Evaluation Review Board (SERB) should be teaching faculty who were subjected to SOTES. In the case of the Student Fairness Committee (SFC), it was felt that only faculty who were teachers of record and had experience assigning grades should be members. Now it is more complicated. There are both teaching and non-teaching faculty in the general unit as well as staff. Would O&G consider limiting the members of the general unit who can serve on SERB and the SFC to only teaching faculty?

A: Yes. O&G will take this up. There was discussion in O&G that staff advisers in the general unit had insight and maybe we should keep the general unit open for them. We will continue that discussion.

Q: If the charge of SERB is expanded to include SOTES for advisers, then it would be appropriate for them to be included.

Senator Shifflett presented *AS 1750, Policy Recommendation, Amendment to the Senate Constitution Regarding Administrator Representatives (First Reading)*.

Questions:

Q: What is the thinking in O&G about placing the AVP of Research on the Senate instead of the VPRI? Wouldn't having the VPRI on the Executive Committee give an important voice to that committee as well?

A: O&G discussed this at length. O&G feels the level of engagement the Senate needs is the AVP of Research. That person can best inform the Senate on policy.

Q: Did you also consider the need to balance different levels of management such as a certain number of VPs and a certain number of Deans?

A: We tried to hint at that in the rationale at the time when we said that the Senate needs, from the leadership side, people with responsibility for visionary planning to concrete implementation responsibilities across and within divisions. When it comes to the new VPRI, (ta)6 (n)2 (t v)2(t)-con o1 (ons)-emth vinttmth vitmt0 Td (0d2 (&

from lots of institutions. Other universities are also going deeper into their waiting lists. Our international students are down by about 200 students. Our graduate student numbers are just about where they were previously.

A: They are being selected for their expertise as well as the range of knowledge they bring and representation of different parts and groups on campus, e.g. lecturers, etc. The committee is projecting that the committee will have until December 2020.

Q: Is the committee going to be called something other than the Banning Committee?

This week on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the ASCSU will meet and Trustee Sabalius will be there as well.

On Sunday, Trustee Sabalius will address the CSSA Board of Directors in San Marcos. The following week there is a Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, Trustee Sabalius will be at the Northridge campus. The following day on Friday, the CSU World Language Council will meet at Northridge and Trustee Sabalius will be attending that meeting as well.

In addition to all of this, in two weeks we begin planning for our 2021 budget. This year's budget is a historic increase for the CSU. We did not get everything we wanted in ongoing funds, however, we received more than we asked for in time funds. We are very, very happy. It is a better budget than we have seen in a long, long, time.

Senator Peter made a motion to move the Provost next in rotation before the CSU Statewide Senators. The motion was seconded and approved.

D. Provost—

The Provost has visited a number of the colleges and chair meetings.

Last fall we did a COACHE survey. The results are in and we are working on a

Provost of Academic Affairs, and the Vice Provost of Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Analytics.

Questions:

Q: The accreditation report makes specific reference to quantitative reasoning. The data from the August 29th meeting made crystal clear that the additional work has had a positive impact on graduation rates. Before the students get here, your office look into the impact of additional quantitative reasoning work on our graduation rates?

A. Yes. Great idea.

Q: What kind of background do you expect for a Vice Provost of Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Analytics?

A: It could be a faculty member, or research and assessment folks.

Senator Marachi moved to extend the meeting by ten minutes. The Senate voted and the motion passed (49-0).

E. CSU Statewide Academic Senators –

A meeting has not been held yet but some items have already been discussed, such as AB 1460, 4th year quantitative requirements, and the GE Special Report. There is an outstanding report due from us in November. Expect to hear more next month.

The three things on our plate coming up next week include Ethnic Studies and there will be action before December. This campus has had a strong tradition of responding early and well. The 4th year quantitative reasoning has gotten a lot of discussion statewide. The evidence shows that if you have this fourth year, it is very beneficial, but of course the people most likely to have it are the people most favored by their background to begin with, so there is a lot of tension there. The final thing is that there is some tension around this push for “systemness.”

There are two technology related committees at the CSU statewide level. We already had some issues with systems being taken offline during finals.

F. Associated Students President –

The AS Child Development Center has received the highest ranking in the Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) and has been reaccredited for next year. They have also received an award for an inclusive room for children with disabilities.

AS has a new Interim Director of Transportation Services, Tiffany Rodriguez.

AS is working on a land acknowledgement to honor the Muwekma Ohlone tribe as the original stewards of the land. CSU sits on

Homecoming royalty is still taking applications.

AS President Parent will be joining ~~T~~ Sabalius in San Marcos for ~~the~~ SA meeting.

- G. Vice President for Administration and Finance –
VP Faas announced that the Faculty and Staff Lounge has been ~~comple~~ted
vending machines will be installed soon.

The new Science and Innovation Building is in track and on budget.

At a recent meeting at the Chancellor's Office, they commented that the CSU needs more of the type of deals we secured with the Provident Credit Union ~~in~~ for funds for the CSU

VIII. Special Committee Reports –

IX. New Business –

The Academic Senate of 20~~19~~20 had its picture taken by the University Photographer, Bob Bain.

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.