

2021-2022 Academic Senate Minutes
October 11, 2021

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Fifty-One Senators were present.**

hear from all of you regarding an interim president. This is something he cares a great deal about. Once the President's Office has more details they

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Q: [Senator Van Selst] On item 6, paragraph 4, it says “the chair of that committee” and it is not clear to me who “that committee” is. I assume that it is the General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC), but I’m not sure that is what it is referring to. Senator Van Selst will work with the

Questions:

Q: Historically, one of the reasons for principal investigator (PI) or co-PI was due to the foundation

A: I honestly do not know. University Policy S15-6 is a policy from Professional Standards Committee, so I'll have to reach out to them to define the difference.

C: Thank you.

Q: Given that this is really looking at advisor-student relationships, I would like the committee to look at the section on external eligibility. My suggestion is that the committee come up with some way of ensuring that it is adhered to because we are not just talking about students being involved. We are talking about that relationship between advisor and student when we are talking about individuals not being in a faculty role or a Librarian role on campus. Am I correct in that?

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I am busy working on the budget report for the Senate. If anyone has any questions you'd like answered please send to me in the chat.

We are making great strides on the Alquist Building activities. Chris Shay, who you met with the Campus Master Plan presentation earlier today, is actively leading that process. We will be presenting our next steps to the Chancellor's Office in a few weeks. I hope to be able to give the Senate more information shortly. This is a top priority.

Questions:

Q: Could the budget report include a detailed breakdown on how COVID funds have been spent?

A: [VP Faas] This is one of the main slides. This is a public and transparent process. We are happy to share this with the Senate.

Q: Now that buildings are locked and we have to use our Tower Cards for entry, can we put up notices near the buildings saying "Scan your Tower Card for entry"? Are signs possible? My second question is about the fountain outside the Event Center. The fountain is running and we are in the middle of a drought year. Can we turn off the fountain? I know this is recycled water, but water does evaporate. At least some of it.

A: [VP Faas] It is all recycled water and it is recycled again. Also, I have limited space to store the water.

C: Can the water at least be used to water the plants?

A: The water we use all over the campus is recycled water.

C: I remember when I was on the Campus Planning Board (CPB), the City of San José said we had an infinite supply of recycled water.

Q: My question has to do with comparing this year's budget to prior years. The COVID funds will throw off that comparison. Is there anything that can be done to compare us to previous years in terms of amount of funds spent on Athletics if we didn't have the COVID funds?

A: [VP Faas] I will make sure that is very clear.

C: Can you respond about the recycled water and whether we still have an infinite supply of it?

A: [VP Faas] I can't respond to what the city has, but we do have our fair share. We are trying to make the best use of it watering our lawns and flowers. We try and make the best use of recycled water as we can.

Q: I have a couple of questions about the Department of Justice settlement with the campus. First, does the \$1.6 million settlement come out of campus funds, or do we have some sort of insurance to cover that? Second, my understanding is that there is still legal action being pursued that could potentially result in the campus paying out even more money. Is this covered by insurance as well if we have it?

A: I can speak to what is public information, but I can't speculate. We do have insurance and it covers a lot of our claims. We would continue to work with our insurance to cover all future claims. We have a deductible but we expect that as part of our business. As far as future actions, I hope they continue to be covered by our insurance, but it depends on what those judgments are. I can't speculate on this.

Q: I was notified by a constituent that tried to get COVID-tested last week at the Event Center that he was told he couldn't because he was fully vaccinated. I got COVID tested a few weeks ago and I'm fully vaccinated,

We are up about 750 Frosh students over last year, but down 450 transfer students. We are up by 300 graduate students. Overall we have the most students we have ever had or 37,900 students. Our enrollment is still there but shifting.

Regarding COVID, our students have stepped up to the plate and done what they needed to do. There are only 103 students that are in the conduct process. Students can remove themselves from the conduct process by going through the attestation process. That is only 103

However, it seems that we now have to come up with a single pathway into the CSU and UC. The UC does not have to abide by educational policies and laws made in Sacramento, but the CSU does. Our position here is very precarious and will probably result in a massive overhaul of our general education program. While it is laudable that the legislature is concerned about student transfers, the legislative intrusion into the curriculum needs to be halted. No matter how noble their intentions are, very few of them understand the intricacies and complexity of our transfer pathways of advising or transfer curricula and it is best left to the experts who are the faculty.

Another law has passed, AB 927, which ends a pilot program for the community colleges that allowed them to offer a bachelor's degree. This is a further erosion of the California Master Plan for Higher Education. Many of our

funding through grants or philanthropy, etc. What he was suggesting is that the proportion should shift and we should not be solely relying on state funds.

Q: You said that Humboldt State will be converting to a Cal Poly so what does that mean for their current programs. Will there be cuts in programs and/or job losses?

A: It is exactly the contrary. It is growth and massive expansion of the

important for us to know what your thoughts are so we can take that back to the ASCSU.