

Chair Sasikumar's update featured the following:

- " Raise your tent card if you'd like to get on the speaker's list.
- " If you would like to attend the training by the parliamentarian, on Friday, March 22, 2024 please sign up with the Vice Chair by this Friday.
- " Chair Sasikumar announced that she was filled with pride to represent the Senate at the President's Investiture, and the role of the Senate in the Day of Remembrance. On the same day, there was a protest on campus, against an invited speaker. Ways the Senate could respond were discussed such as a Sense of the Senate Resolution, or possible amendments to the Campus Climate and Academic Freedom policies. Chair Sasikumar is open to working with any Senator, and encouraged senators to ask questions.

B. From the President:

President Teniente-Matson

- " The President presented a slide on the top 5 priorities.
- " Last month the President gave an in depth report on the budget. There will be a Budget Town Hall meeting on March 11, 2024.
- " The President is conducting two searches. One for a new AVP of Title IX and the second for a new Chief of Staff.
- " The President attended the Day of Remembrance. It was very moving.
- " The President attended Advocacy Day in Sacramento. This is the day the CSU and Board of Trustees (BOT) lobby the legislators for additional funding.
- " Yesterday was CSU Super Sunday and across the state CSU leaders

Q: This comment comes from the students of the professor. Many students are uncomfortable continuing to take this course. The last drop day was the day of this event. I was wondering if there is any chance for students to drop this course without having it as a withdrawal on their transcripts?

Q: The Budget Town Hall is on a Monday, March 11, 2024. There are afternoon Executive Committee and policy committee meetings. Will this interfere?

A: [Faas] No, it is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Q: You mentioned that the class was moved from MLK back to SH, does that mean it was moved from a public event to a private event?

A: That is my understanding that the faculty member and Chief Carroll made the decision to return it to its original classroom and then only the faculty member and students were escorted back to the classroom.

Q: Were the SJPD involved or just SJSU police?

A: [President] Just SJSU police.

Q: Were SJPD on standby?

A: [President] I'm unsure of their procedure.

Q: I think the event was based on invited guests, and you also mentioned a form they filled out. I'm wondering if specific things could be included in that form to be sure it isn't going to cause these issues?

A: [President] My understanding is that this was standard procedure for a public event on campus. The faculty member made the decision to make it a public event.

C: I understand then it's about the move of the venue and not necessarily the topic.

A: [President] Yes.

Q: It is my understanding that while people have the right to freedom of speech and they have the right to protest, there is a prohibition on a heckler's veto. Your right to free speech and to protest cannot silence someone else's right to free speech. Protesters if protesting peacefully, that would be fine. However, if they are interrupting the teaching of the class, or the speaker, that seems to me an ethical lapse on the part of the people that organized the protest. Is there a discussion of the heckler in the details and the fact the university will not tolerate this?

A: [President] What caused the event to stop was an altercation within the protest.

C: The President thanked Chair Sasikumar for her comments at the investiture and also thanked the Senate.

V. Executive Committee Report:

A. Minutes of the Executive Committee:

EC Minutes of January 29, 2024—no questions.

EC Minutes of February 12, 2024—no questions.

B. Consent Calendar:

Consent calendar of March 18, 2024

There was no dissent to the consent calendar.

C. Executive Committee Action Items: None

VI. Unfinished Business: None

VII. Policy Committee and University Library Board Action Items (In rotation)

B. VII.

C: I'm in Graduate Studies and I can tell you we can't post that degree unless we are 100% certain that student is done. There cannot be any question that that student is done. We are very cautious of that. You could talk to the registrar about extraordinary circumstances.

A: The policy says no grades can be posted after graduation, this is where we would like except under extraordinary circumstances.

Q: If I have a student with an issue about a grade for a task, can I refer to you or where does the student go? I'm not clear.

A: First, they go to the instructor to try and resolve, then they go to the chair, dean, and then Ombudsman.

Q: Is this your recommendation?

A: It is very hard to say. It could be related to personnel issues. For certain things, reach out to the Ombudsman.

IX. New Business: None

X. State of the University Announcements:

A. Vice President for Administration and Finance (VPAF):

The Budget Town Hall will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Student Union Theater.

Food Announcement: Halal Shack in the Student Union will have extended hours starting March 11, 2024. Also, Nirvana Soul will be open by the end of March. We will have a grand opening.

Questions:

Q: What training in conflict resolution do our police officers receive?

A: They have constant training in the CSU and they also go to the Police Officer Standard Training (POST) classes.

C: Given the current climate on campus, they need a lot of training.

Q: Can you give us an update on the Alquist Building?

A: We are continuing with the process and it is continuing to move along, still it is slower than we would like. We have been distracted by the Signia project.

Q: A year ago, I asked about the need for cards to get into the building and you provided a reasonable answer. It is pretty clear from the events this week that people are just letting people in, so are they still needed?

A: We can't prevent people from holding the door open for someone. Lots of people went into the building that weren't staff, students, or faculty. Security is everyone's responsibility.

Q: Doesn't this put the responsibility on faculty?

A: This is everyone's responsibility. There are a lot less issues in our building using key cards.

C: Clearly you don't need a key card to get into the building during the day, but at night it is comforting to know the doors are locked and secure. It is also very nice to have access to the buildings at night and on the weekends without having to call the police department to let you in, so I appreciate that.

Q: There was a question in the Executive Committee about students not being able to get into the Engineering Building on Saturday and Sundays. This is because we do not want them using the labs without staff or faculty supervision. Staff train the students and they have to be recorded as knowing how to safely and properly operate the equipment in the labs.

A: Still, students can bring friends in with them and if there is no regulation on nights.

C: Most labs have Omnilocks and need codes. They keep good control over the labs.

C: I do not like the badging system. It feels as if big brother is checking on me, but it is safer.

C: I'm in HGH, but I won't confront someone bigger than me.

A: Make a phone call to the university police.

Q: I keep hearing about the investigation into the events of February 19. Who or what entity is doing this investigation?

A: Any number of people. There is the personnel side. There is the police department side, etc.

C: For 40 years, I worked here in SH. Sometimes faculty would prop open the doors for their students. Key cards have made this safer. I used to bring my dog if I came in on the weekend.

A: Thank you.

Q: I have a question about what the costs are for modalities other than key cards?

A: We have looked at using phones, but it was too cost prohibitive.

Q: Lots of students are reaching out to the AS President about the investigation and how long it will take? Will a message go out to the campus with the details?

A: The president has been very clear about the transparency and doing what is necessary to find out what happened.

Q: Can I get a rough estimate of how long it will take?

A: I just spent a couple of hours going over video footage today. It could take a while. There were quite a few folks in the room and the hallway and some were wearing masks.

B. Provost:

We sent out admissions letters. If we can land the class that we have, we'll have the largest class ever. North of 4,800, which is large. Transfers are down, but we had a really big push in January. Graduates are looking strong for California. International numbers are still down.

Dr. Goward and the Provost are putting out a summary letter about the NACADA report. This should go out shortly along with the 2019 and 2023 reports in their entirety.

We will be announcing the next phase of the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA) later this week.

As far as the investigation is concerned, investigations are complicated and different pieces may be completed at different times. There will be Academic

Q: You said you were in Sacramento last week do you have any sense of what that budget might be like?

A: I don't know yet. I will say that I'm not convinced the legislature has convinced the Governor that a deferral on the Compact is possible. I'm also not convinced that the legislature is in the same position as the Governor in terms of whether or not there will be a budget reduction beyond the Compact funding. That was very sobering to be in a room of legislators. There is interesting debate on projections right now. The legislative office came back now that the hole is \$73 billion and then the Governor's Office came back and said you're missing a bunch of revenue that hasn't come in yet, so we don't know where we will be in May. The CSU system showed up really well last week. They are going to debate this.

Q: I know we are in a soft hiring chill. We have at least two searches going on for Academic Affairs Administrators. Can you tell me the status of those searches?

A: I need to put this forward to the cabinet. It is actually going to be a Dean of Undergraduate Education. It is ready to go as soon as I get approval from the cabinet. The other search, I am waiting in part to find out what the name of the college will be. It will not remain CPGE. They are working on that. I am also trying to get some advisers hired.

C: One of the things we are going to be doing that we haven't done before is some deeper modeling on exactly what we are going to do. I've also been talking to Dr. Goward. Math is one of the biggest courses that sets up sequencing in a lot of the disciplines. However, there are a lot of majors that don't need Math in the first semester. What we are going to do to try and balance out the schedule is create a yearlong roadmap, so that students that don't need math in that first semester are actually told at Orientation that you are going to have math in the second semester. The last thing we are doing is adjusting roadmaps so that there are multiple roadmaps in majors now. We closed up a number of classes, but we opened up the right number of seats this spring. This spring is a test run for doing things in an effective and efficient way. We didn't increase class sizes that much, so we are doing a much better job and we are implementing Ad Astra for math for departments that want it.

Q: There are certain things that are not math heavy, but the catalog shows math. Do you know about that?

A: Yes, I do. Aviation tripled their number of first year students, but forgot to increase their class sizes. We fixed this. We are 100% looking at this.

- C. Chief Diversity Officer (CDO):** Report moved to next meeting.
- D. Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA):** Report moved to next meeting.
- E. CSU Statewide Representative(s):** Report moved to next meeting.
- F. Associated Students President:**

