

AGENDA

Academic Senate – Executive Committee
August 3, 2020 12:00- 1:30 pm, Via Zoom:

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to the County Public Health Department.

b. From the President:

President Papazian commented on what a wonderful group the Executive Committee is and how grateful she is to the faculty, students, and administrators. Chair Mathur and other members expressed their thanks to the President as well for all her support.

Questions:

Q: Do you think you could express that gratitude to all faculty early in the semester?

A: We had a town hall meeting in May and the Provost continues to respond individually to every faculty member's email to him.

C: Several members acknowledged that this would really mean something to the faculty.

A: Provost Del Casino is here to support the faculty and staff of Academic Affairs.

C: The Executive Committee acknowledged the lack of vacation time and weekend work the President and Administration have had during this spring and summer.

C: If a forum could be held that answered questions about such things as the wait list and accessing textbooks that would be great.

C: There is a digital divide between our students with some struggling more than others. This is also true of our faculty. The administration is pretty confident that spring will look the same as fall unless we get a vaccine. Having town halls and forums would at least give people a place to vent.

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Q: There is a lot of concern from faculty related to the wait list change. Especially, when it comes to graduating seniors not being able to be placed in a class by the faculty. This is

c: CSU Statewide Senate:

The Board of Trustees (BOT) met and there were intense comments related to AB 1460 and the Ethnic Studies “and/or” Social Justice requirement. What happens next depends on how our campus wants to respond. However, we need to proceed with how we will implement it.

Q: Is there any sense as to whether the legislature might pass AB 1460? Even if the Governor vetoes, the legislature can still override. The Governor must sign by August 31, 2020, or that is the end of it. However, the expectation is that we plan now for it.

C: An editorial was done in the Los Angeles Times that said the BOT cannot legally tell the UC they must implement an Ethnic Studies or Social Justice requirement but can tell the CSU. There was a very emotional and profound discussion at the BOT meeting. There are efforts underway in public spheres such as Ethnic Studies groups and the CFA. We need to ensure the voices from these discussions are heard. The AS President has offered to include her voice in that group.

C: We continue to hire in the areas of Ethnic Studies. As one example, we have hired four new Ethnic Studies faculty, one of whom is the new chair of African-American studies.

C: AB 1460 is still in assembly today.

C: The Governor does not want to have to veto. This is the time discussions are occurring in the Assembly.

d. From the Vice President of Administration and Finance (VPAF):

Note: President provided this information due to connectivity issues. With regard to the budget, there are certain variables we know. We have some mechanisms with reserves and one-time funds. We could drop as much as 30% in housing and this would amount to a \$30 million hole. If the federal government comes to an agreement this will help us. We need to teach more students.

There is some funding for research in the budget. Also, negotiation has to take place. Legislature favors unemployment. We could be at \$30 billion for higher education, but that is a long way from here. There will be some investment in technology for faculty and staff to go paperless.

Questions:

Q: Is there any funding to help students get better WiFi connections to do their work?

A: This is handled through Information Technology. Students should be working with Information Technology. About \$600,000 has been set aside for students related to technology. That is up to Bob Lim.

Q: Students do not always know what is available to them, is there a way we could distribute that information to students? A resource list that streamlined where to go would be excellent!

A: The President will speak with Bob Lim to get that out to students.

Q: We know that layoffs for staff are coming and some faculty will not be rehired. What will happen to Athletics?

A: We won't know anything for sure until we see our final enrollment on August 9, 2020. We

have been waiting for guidelines from the Governor's Office. Coaches are under contract as well. The President does not see us laying off coaches. Coaches still work with students even when not competing. This is still up in the air.

Q: If the games resume, how much money will it cost us for testing athletes?

A: We don't have those answers yet. Students are being tested in the counties, but we don't have the facilities setup to test at the Student Wellness Center. We will have to start testing. The next piece is what is done during conferences. There are NCAA Guidelines that are pretty good. Right now, we just don't know.

Q: In the Pacific Athletic Conference (PAC-12) they are sitting out games until they have a plan in place. There are pretty complicated issues.

A: Student athletes are being tested, but it is still up in the air. For example, we are working with the frat houses on COVID-19 procedures.

e. From the Associated Students President (AS):

AS is working on getting ADA access for students. AS will also reopen the Child Development Center (CDC) on August 19, 2020 to 33 returning children. No new children will be accepted. The CDC will be hiring student workers, but they must be Child Development