

Executive Committee Minutes
February 19, 2024
Clark 550, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Present: Baur, French, Kataoka, McKee, Sasikumar (Chair), Sullivan-Green, Teniente-Matson, Wong, Dukes, Del Casino, Faas, Curry, Fuentes-Martin

Absent: Hart, Multani

Recorder: Eva Joice

1. The meeting agenda of February 19, 2024 was approved ((12-0-1).
2. The Executive Committee Minutes of February 12, 2024 were approved (12-0-1).
3. The Consent Calendar of February 19, 2024 was approved (13-0-0).
4. The Executive Committee discussed and selected a replacement for Julia Curry on the Special Committee for Senate Representation. A Past Chair of the Senate, Annette Nellen, was selected unanimously.
5. Update from the Chair of the Senate:
The deadline to submit nominating petitions for the Academic Senate General Election is February 16, 2024.

The committee discussed whether a faculty member is eligible to run for both a CSU Statewide seat and a college seat at the same time. It was decided that since there is nothing prohibiting this in the Senate bylaws, it must be allowed (by unanimous vote).**[Note: It was since found that this is incorrect and the candidate was so informed]**

6. Update from the President:
The Vice President for Student Affairs Search Committee has been selected and the search is underway.

Questions:

Q: There was \$1.8 million raised in one day of fundraising. Where did the money go?

A: It is going to designated funds, and no money is undesignated. It is in the Tower Foundation.

C: I'm wondering if it is a good idea to ask employees to donate when so many are having difficulties right now.

7. Updates from the Policy Committee Chairs:
 - a. From the Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):

C&R is working on policies on Program Planning and Humane Care of Animals.

- b. From C&R and the CSU Statewide Senator:

Senators Wong and Curry reported on the 79 negative responses to a survey on the implementation of IGETC. Some of the comments included a negative impact on program health such as reduced enrollment, losing FTES, the need for more transparency, and the impact on Frosh and Transfer students. The ASCSU will vote in March and implement IGETC in May 2024.

We need to have a campus conversation.

Students can ask to move to a new catalog, or retain their catalog rights from the year that they enrolled.

Provost Del Casino affirmed that the Division of Academic Affairs will provide support to Colleges and departments to deal with the ramifications of the changes in GE Breadth/requirements.

Questions/Comments:

C: We need to figure out a strategy because GE Breadth changes will happen.

Q: Are you going to find some way to do creative advising because it is needed?
A: [Provost] We will train everyone across the catalogs. Regarding the NACADA Report, we need to figure out how we are going to train all faculty and staff advisors. There is pressure to move quickly. The Senate needs to be prepared to vote on General Education (GE) in early Fall 2024. People will want to vote on all of it at once, but we will have to take it piecemeal.

- c. From the Organization and Government Committee (O&G):
Regarding the Meeting Modality Survey, many Senators feel that this question has already been settled and voted on in the Senate.

Questions and Comments:

C: The question may be settled in the Senate, but not for people not on the Senate.

C: For the Senate the issue is settled, but people outside of the Senate are frustrated. There is a communication issue here.

C: There is a small group of Senators that keep bringing this up. Frankly, many Senators are tired of hearing about this.

- d. From the Professional Standards Committee (PS):
PS will be bringing Amendment A to F17-3, which clarifies the Chairs/Directors election timeline for a final reading.

PS has split into four subcommittees to refocus the work of the Board of Professional Responsibility. PS hopes to bring it for a first reading at the April 2024 Senate meeting.

PS is working on a referral regarding eligibility for the University RTP Committee.

PS is looking for ways to get the Student Opinion of Teaching Effectiveness (SOTE) response rate up.

PS is also working on some cloud recording principles.

Questions:

Q: We need to also look at our principles regarding recording. Some AI Assistants are showing up in meetings and recording other people without consent. The whole university needs to chime in on this. People don't understand all the ramifications of this. Can we convene something?

A: That would be useful.

Q: What about Zoom recording/transcription?

A: Zoom recordings/transcriptions are temporary recordings.

- e. From the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):
I&SA has been advising Title IX on Educational Equity in Final Exams. Several suggestions included reducing the duration, starting no earlier than 8:30 a.m., extending the final exam period through makeup day. No faculty were in support of this.

Questions:

Q: What about students with accommodation?

A: Most faculty leave some extra time to accommodate.

Q: Do we have documentation on people that don't take finals?

A: Students are not reading the syllabus.

C: We should think about doing an assessment on how many that don't take finals graduate.

C: The policy specifies either a final exam, or culminating experience if no final exam.

C: We should consider shortening the exams to accommodate working students.

8. Updates from the Administration:

- a. From the Vice President of Administration and Finance (VPAF):
CFA ratified their contract.

We will have a Budget Town Hall on March 11, 2024. Please send any suggestions to the VPAF.

This year 1/2 of our campus compensation money was provided by the Chancellor's Office from the 5% compact. It will be similar next year, but we will also have the increase in tuition. Our General Fund revenue normally comes

from campus tuition and state funding. Our 5% compensation increase would be \$18 million. If people have questions, they should come to the Town Hall.

Questions:

Q: I have a tech issue with Clark Hall 238 that I can't get fixed. I teach 41 students. There are Smart tables and there is only 18" between them. If there is a fire, I can't get out. This is an issue.

A: We will have you work with Sami on the room size.

Q: Is there a reason students can't access the Engr. Building on Sundays?

A: It should be open. I will look into it.

b. From the Provost:

Census is today. We are at 100.59 CA enrollment. Our unit load is up. We will get an additional 1% for next year. It's a good thing to be on the positive side when the system looks at us. We are close to 4,900 students, but our transfers are low. From Fall to Spring we are upwards of 96%.

c. From the CSU Statewide Senator:

We have been asked to distribute information on the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP) to our campuses. This is a great mentoring program. It is funded by lottery money. We have the opportunity to seek funds during searches if we invite CDIP candidates for searches. CDIP reserves up to 25% of the awards for Lecturers..

ASCSU Intern meetings will be held on the 23rd.

d. From the AS President:

The AS President is not here because he is at the Day of Remembrance Events.

e. From the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA):

We have distinguished speakers tonight and tomorrow.

We are having two STEM Job Fairs.

Update on Abortion availability at the Student Health Center—The VPSA will share a one page report. The VPSA has asked for a Communications Campaign.

Questions:

Q: I spoke with some International Tech Students that can't find jobs. Is it possible to have extra support for International Students? Would it be possible to have an online module for them?

A: I'm pretty sure this rests with the Career Center. I believe they have an initiative to find more jobs for them.

- C: The College of Engineering has lots of International Students and the Career Center does lots of work with them.
- f. From the Chief Diversity Officer (CDO):
The CDO made a plea for calm for an event on campus.
9. The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m. The minutes were edited by Chair Sasikumar on February 29, 2024 and accepted by the Senate Executive Committee on March 4, 2024.

The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on March , 2024.