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ABSENT

Chair Avramchuk convened the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Chair Avramchuk read the Tongva land acknowledgement.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 Just a reminder that the President's Distinguished Professor's lecture and reception will take place on Tuesday, March 5th.

1.1.2 Executive Committee updates:

Charged EPC with exploring policy updates due to an impending GE changes. Will convene Ad Hoc Advisory GE Pathways Taskforce for broader and timely faculty input.
Working on follow-up items from the quasi meeting of the whole.

1.2 Senator Ramos announced: Students are organizing against tuition hikes and will be meeting tomorrow. This is a great concern to our students. The 6% per year tuition hike is not acceptable to many students and faculty.

2. There were numerous questions and concerns from the floor regarding King Hall including, but not limited to, the following:

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- Health and safety concerns regarding asbestos, mold, and lead
- Falling ceiling tiles
- Long term negligence
- Testing reports about building status not available
- Lack of care for faculty, staff, and students
- Utilizing experts for repair
- Short term vs. long term resolutions
- Rent portable bungalows
- Allow for remote teaching this semester
- Why hasn't administration done anything to amend the concerns?
- What should be communicated to students who are opting out of coming to class due to health concerns?
- What is the plan to address these concerns?

Provost Bippus and CFO King responded from the floor.

3. Senator Krug announced his intent to raise the following questions:
IRQ for President Johnson Eanes

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

(a) President Johnson Eanes sent an email on February 19, 2024 notifying the campus community about inspections performed in response to health and safety concerns of those working and learning in King Hall. An immediate concern was that recent storm leaks and damage may have caused exposure to mold, lead and/or asbestos. Tests performed on one office in Wing A found potential asbestos exposure; as a result, that office and two adjoining offices were closed. According to an email update sent Monday, February 26, 2024, no asbestos exposure actually occurred, and air levels of asbestos were reported to be below EPA and OSHA limits for King Hall.

Despite these updates, our community has had longstanding concerns about health risks associated with prolonged exposure to environmental hazards in King Hall. These include a disturbing incidence of cancers in employees based in King Hall, and a lack of information about potential risks associated with the building and its long-deferred maintenance and upgrades.

Questions:

INTENT TO RAISE
QUESTIONS (continued)

i. Will the University make public the most recent data available on King Hall asbestos and other potential environmental hazards, including where surveys were performed and what results were obtained, from Terra Environmental Services and SERVPRO West Coast DRT?

ii. Will the University make public the last five years of data available for asbestos and other potential environmental hazards in King Hall?

(b) Faculty (and perhaps others in the campus community) received an email at almost 11 PM on Friday, February 23, 2024, with directions to complete an online training on asbestos safety. As this followed soon after potential exposure in a building used by many of us, the email was taken seriously by our community; many promptly completed the training, wasting valuable personal time over a weekend. The Charter College of Education sent out a notification early Monday morning advising that the email was a mistake, but the rest of the campus was not notified until 2:30 PM on Monday that we should not do this training.

Questions:

i. Why was this training notice sent out to all faculty in the first place: how did this mistake occur?

ii. Why wasn't a retraction sent as soon as possible, to avoid wasting faculty time?

(c) A recent, troubling administrative practice has been to send campus-wide emails late on Fridays. This badly disrupts our faculty's personal time and prevents discussion among colleagues during the workweek. For instance, email notices about penalizing faculty for participating in protected union-related activities were sent late on Friday afternoons. Now this email regarding asbestos training went out late Friday night, an error that eroded faculty time on a weekend. This could have been prevented by an administrative practice not to send emails late on Friday.

Question: Will the new administration commit to respecting faculty work-life balance, and direct the President's cabinet, administrative and operations personnel not to send emails to all faculty late on Fridays if messages can safely wait until Monday?

APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES

4. It was m/s/p (Meyerott) to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2024 (ASM 23-10).

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5. It was m/s/p (Bezdecny) to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 20, 2024 (ASM 23-11).

APPROVAL OF THE
AGENDA

6. It was m/s/p (Meyerott) to approve the agenda.

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

7. Chair Avramchuk presented his report.

EMERITI ASSOCIATION
RECOGNITION

8. Due to lack of time, it was agreed that this would be postponed until the next meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR ONE
POSITION ON THE
ACADEMIC CSU WITH
TERM ENDING SPRING
2027

9. 9.1 The following faculty were nominated, and accepted the nomination, for one position on the Academic Senate CSU with term ending Spring 2027:
Kris Bezdecny
Theresa Meyerott

9.2 The chair advised the body that a petition notice would be sent out to allow for additional nominations.

ADJOURNMENT

10. It was m/s/p (Ford-Baxter) to adjourn at 3:47 p.m.