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ABSENT

T. Ford-Baxter, P. Krug, S. Lopez, R. Pearl, C. Rodriguez

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair Avramchuk convened the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Chair Avramchuk reviewed policies and procedures for Senate meetings.
Senator Battle read the Tongva land acknowledgement.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 I would like to (re) introduce our current administration: Interim President, Leroy Morishita; Interim Provost/VP of Academic Affairs, Amy Bippus; Interim CFO/VP of Admin and Finance, Queen King; Interim VP of Student Life, Grace Castillo; CIO/AVP of ITS, Chioma Ndubuisi, and AVP of Faculty Affairs, Elizabeth Heise.
President Morishita provided campus updates followed by a Q&A.

1.1.2 On July 24, 2023, (then) President Covino approved the following recommendation: Modification: Academic Organization of the University, Faculty Handbook, Chapter I – effective Fall 2023

The Faculty Handbook has been updated to reflect the changes according to the effective date.

1.1.3 On July 24, 2023, (then) President Covino returned unsigned the following recommendations:
Modification: Office Hours, Faculty Handbook, Chapter VI
Modification: Committee Structure of the Academic Senate, Faculty Handbook, Chapter II

The policies have been returned to the originating committees.

1.2 Senator Bezdecny announced: The Presidential advisory search committee met on August 31 and the next president is expected to be announced at the September 13 Board of Trustees meeting.

1.3 Visitor Andrew Chavez announced: The [Office of Graduate Studies](#) is hosting the [Graduate and Professional Schools Recruitment Fair](#) on Tuesday, September 12, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. outside of the University Library. Faculty can consult with the Office of Graduate Studies on graduate student policy and advising questions and can refer graduate students to us for conference funding, writing support, and workshops for professional development.

1.4 Senator Talcott announced: There will be a general CFA membership meeting on September 7, 3:00-5:00pm, in Salazar Hall. If you have not yet filled out a commit card, you can do so online but we also have some available here today.

1.5 Senator Abdullah announced: On September 6 at 3:30p.m., we will be meeting in front of the Golden Eagle statue in protest of the proposal of a 6% tuition hike for students.

1.6 Senator Olson announced: As Lecturer Senators, we have much more work to do and I would like for Lecturer Senators to meet with me at the end of today's meeting or contact me at jolson3@calstatela.edu.

1.7 Senator Wells announced: I would like to introduce Dr. Kathy Cooke, the new Honors College Director to the Senate.

1.8 Senator O. Rodriguez announced: Unity Wednesdays are back – every first Wednesday

ANNOUNCEMENTS
(continued)

of the month, 11:30am-1:30pm at the Golden Eagle statue. You can meet your union leadership (CFA, CSUEU, APC, Teamsters), ask questions, and get answers.

QUESTIONS FROM THE
FLOOR

2. Senator Riggio read the following statement on behalf of Senator Lopez: I campaigned amongst my colleagues in my college to be on the Academic Senate. I joined the Academic Senate because I wanted to learn about how policies are created, changed, and removed to better serve my students. I think it is important to be in these spaces to learn and share knowledge not only with my colleagues, but with students as well. I wanted to be here so I asked people to vote for me. I won my election, but if we have in person meetings I cannot attend because I have to be 22 miles away in less than 30 minutes to pick up my child from school. Last year, people voted for in person meetings to socialize with one another again. I don't want to take away that personal need for interaction because I would also enjoy it, but I just can't participate. I have already arranged for my alternate to join, but I do so begrudgingly because I don't want to leave. I am asking for people to consider voting for hybrid meetings or online meetings so people like me can be on the Academic Senate and be a good mom too.

INTENT TO RAISE
QUESTIONS

3. None.

APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES

4. 4.1 It was m/s/p (Riggio) to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2023 (ASM 22-16).
4.2 It was m/s/p (Baaske) to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2023 (ASM 23-1).

APPROVAL OF THE
AGENDA

5. 5.1 It was m/s/ (Olson) to approve the agenda.
5.2 It was m/s/ (Bezdecny) to move item 28 to item 8 and renumber the remaining items. No objections were raised.
5.3 The agenda was approved as amended.

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

6. Chair Avramchuk presented his report.

ACADEMIC SENATE MEET-
ING MODALITY

7. 7.1 It was m/s/ (Flint) to hold Academic Senate meetings in person for the 2023-24AY.
7.2 Debate ensued.
7.3 It was m/s/ (Wells) to replace in person with VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM. No objections were raised.
7.4 The Flint motion was approved as amended (V: 34/4/2).

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFI-
CATION: COMMITTEE
STRUCTURE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE
(RETURNED UNSIGNED,
FACULTY HANDBOOK,
CHAPTER II (22-16.1)
First Reading Item

8. 8.1 It was m/s/ (Baaske) to approve the recommendation.
8.2 A five-minute question and discussion period took place.

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFI-
CATION: ELECTRONIC
RECORDING OF CLASS-
ROOM LECTURES AND
CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES,
FACULTY HANDBOOK,
CHAPTER V (22-18)

9. It was m/s/ (Wells) to approve the recommendation.

10. It was m/s/ (Abed) to approve the recommendation.

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: CONTINUING STUDENT STATUS, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER V (22-19)
First Reading Item

11. 11.1 It was m/s/ (Abed) to approve the recommendation.

11.2 A five-minute question and discussion period took place.

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY HONORS CONVOCATION, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER IV (22-21)
First Reading Item

12. 12.1 It was m/s/ (Abed) to approve the recommendation.

12.2 A discussion ensued and it was requested that the initial policy approved by the Senate and returned unsigned by the president be provided to the body for the next meeting.

PROPOSED NEW POLICY: STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER III (22-5.1)
First Reading Item

13. It was m/s/ (Fisher) to approve the recommendation.

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: THE STUDENT OPINION SURVEY ON INSTRUCTION, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER V (22-22)
First Reading Item

14. It was m/s/p (Riggio) to adjourn at 3:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT