

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
December 5, 2023

ASM 23-8 DRAFT

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M. Larios, M. Talcott, N. Sheikh, O. Rodriguez, O. Bernal, R. Vogel, T. Bettcher

ABSENT

D. Beamer, K. Bezdecny, R. Pearl

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair Avramchuk convened the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Senator Ramos read the Tongva land acknowledgement.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 I am pleased to announce that the following faculty were elected to serve on the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for the AVP of Research: Choi Chatterjee, NSS; Yong Ba, NSS; Sharon Ulanoff, COE; and Arezoo Khodayari, ECST. Thank you to all of the nominees.

1.1.2 On November 27, 2023, President Morishita returned the Committee Structure of the Academic Senate policy (aka "The Pocket Veto" policy) not approved with the following rationale:
"Recommend this be discussed with President Berenecea Johnson Eanes when she assumes the presidency but before bringing it to her formally."

1.1.3 As you know, the President's Distinguished Lecture and Reception was delayed. Please refer to the email announcements and I'm sure we will need to RSVP again when the new date is confirmed in spring.

1.1.4 Looking forward to spring, it will be busy and let's recall what makes our deliberation process successful. It's important to:

- Attend and participate (every voice matters and represents those who elected you to be here)
- Speak when recognized by the Senate Chair (unless it's a point of order or information)
- Address the Senate Chair, not anyone else
- Address the plain text and consequences of any proposal, not its perceived intent or assumed motives
- Ask questions until all facts are clear, so your vote is well informed and based on evidence
- Assume others are acting in good faith and preserve the environment of respect

1.1.5 I want to thank our Interim President Morishita for being with us during this time of transition. Thank you to all Senators and guests this fall. Your dedication and support matter. Please have a restful break!

2. The following question was raised:

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- Why did the university feel it was necessary to issue an announcement from the Acting Provost advising that they would be docking faculty a day of pay for participating in strike activities and directing faculty to report to a supervisor if they intended to participate on the strike? It seems out of alignment with all of the other messages about the importance of collaboration and how we all work together for the benefit of our students and this institution.

There was no response from the floor.

3. 3.1 Senator Joseph announced her intent to raise the following question: What can the Senate and Administration do to help all voices be heard on our campus? At the last Senate, several professors left in tears, felt silenced, and questioned the reason to break into a Senate of the Whole without giving all Senators the chance to prepare. Where are we working on sustainable actions to help the campus realize that many professors, students, and administrators are feeling isolated, scared, and abandoned.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

INTENT TO RAISE
QUESTIONS (continued)

- 3.2 Senator Ramos announced her intent to raise the following question: This is a question for Dr. Isis Stansberry and/or DEIB Administrator. Faculty and students struggle more than ever to align the values of DEIB when we may have varying definitions of terms considered “hate” or “racism” on campus. To cultivate open dialogue, and safe spaces to learn, feel included, and promote academic freedom at Cal State LA can the DEIB committee define the following terms that they may share with students and faculty at the beginning of the Spring 2024 semester?
- Homophobia
 - Transphobia
 - Islamophobia
 - Antisemitism
 - AntiBlack racism
 - AntiAsian racism
 - AntiImmigrant racism
 - AntiLatinx racism
 - AntiIndigenous racism
 - AntiArab racism
 - Misogyny
 - Ableism
 - Xenophobia

APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES

4. 4.1 The minutes were tabled at the last meeting due to a requested correction.
- 4.2 Senator Battle advised that she should have been marked with an “Excused Absence” and not absent.
- 4.3 The minutes of the meeting of October 24, 2023 (ASM 23-6) were approved as modified.

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5. It was m/s/p (Battle) to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 7, 2023 (ASM 23-7).

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.

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8. The Chair advised the body that the report was linked in the agenda. There were no questions.

TITLE IX IMPLEMENTATION
UPDATE
Presented by Queen King, CFO
& VPAF, and Mariel Mulet,
Title IX Officer

9. Mariel Mulet, Title IX Officer presented a Title IX Assessment Review. A question and answer period followed.

PROPOSED POLICY MODI-
FICATION: ASSIGNED TIME
FOR FACULTY
GOVERNANCE, FACULTY
HANDBOOK, CHAPTER II
(23-1)

10. 10.1 The recommendation was APPROVED. (V: 28/0/4)
- 10.2 It was m/s/ (Flint) to forward the policy to the president ahead of the approval of the minutes. No objections were raised.

Second-Reading Item
Forwarded to the President

11. 11.1 It was m/s/ (DeShazo) to support the resolution. No objections were raised.
- 11.2 It was m/s/p (DeShazo) to waive the First Reading Item rules. (V: 30/2/3)
- 11.3 The request to support the resolution was APPROVED. (V: 33/1)
12. 12.1 The recommendation was APPROVED. (V: 33/1/2)
- 12.2 It was m/s/p (Hazra) to forward the policy to the president ahead of the approval of the minutes.
13. It was m/s/p (Ford-Baxter) to adjourn at 3:43 p.m.

ASI RESOLUTION ON
TUITION PROPOSAL
(23-4)

PROPOSED POLICY
MODIFICATION:
OFFICE HOURS,
FACULTY HANDBOOK,
CHAPTER VI (22-17.1)
Second-Reading Item
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ADJOURNMENT