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ABSENT

J. Phun, T. Bettcher

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Chair Avramchuk convened the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Senator Meyerott read the Tongva land acknowledgement.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 A couple of updates from the Executive Committee (EC):

- We distributed the Senate resolutions passed in the last two Senate meetings.
- We decided it is time for the Senate to transition back to in-person meetings starting Fall 2025
- I was advised the Executive Committee that the chair should not longer accept Senator's votes outside of iClicker.
- We affirmed Dr. Clare Larkins (COE) as the Cal State LA Lecturer representative on the ASCSU lecturer electorate.
- We met with Provost Lattimer and discussed urgent updates on campus issues (budget cuts, revenue generation, consultation policies, etc.)

Please read the Executive Committee meeting minutes for more information and reach out to any of the Exec members with any questions at any time.

1.1.2 We have election results for the following boards

Intercollegiate Athletics Board – Christopher Harris (A&L) term ending Spring 2029

University Academic's Appeals Board – Phung Huynh (A&L) term ending Spring 2027

1.1.3 The following faculty members have been nominated for the Senator-at-Large position that will become vacant at the end of spring 2025

Rachel Pearl (A&L)  
Devika Hazra (B&E)  
Robin Dodds (COE)  
Sharon Ulanoff (COE)  
Stefanie Varela (HHS)  
Kay Yang (HHS)  
Ian Morton (HHS)  
Micheal Joseph (HHS)  
Kirsten Fisher (NSS)  
Taylor Dark (NSS)  
Molly Talcott (NSS)

\*Please note that COES, ECST, and Library did not provide any nominees.

A petition notice will be sent out Wednesday, March 26 and will close on Tuesday, April 8 to allow for additional nominations for this position.

- 1.2 Senator Chavez announced: 1. If you are working with students who are graduating this semester and are working on a thesis or project report, please encourage them to connect with the Graduate Resource Center (GRC). They will need to be approved by our office and every term we hear from students that they didn't know they had to come through our office for approval. It could help if those faculty who are on the thesis and project report committees could send the students our way also. 2. Graduate Studies has run out of funding for travel support for this academic year. We are not accepting any more applications. 3. I want to remind you that the Graduate Equity Fellowship applications are due March 31<sup>st</sup>.

QUESTIONS FROM THE  
FLOOR

2. The following questions and concerns were raised from the floor:

- Regarding the creation of a new Associate Provost position, how does that coincide with budget cuts and questions regarding consolidation of departments?
- What is the University doing to innovate itself out of this financial crisis? Did you all consider leveraging the strengths of our University in Ethnic Studies and WGSS? It could be profitable to emphasize WGSS and other humanities courses in STEM education – adding a social dimension to Cal State LA’s STEM programs that many universities do not have – possibly pulling in more out of state and international students.
- In this time of fiscal precarity and necessary budgetary restructuring, what was the thinking behind creating a position of vice Provost? What is the timeline for the removal of the position of vice Provost if one exists (i.e., is this a permanent position, is the position only supposed to last for a certain period of time)? What is the purpose of the position and why was it created?
- Under what circumstances would our administration that would not involve financial aid, would the University provide information about students and faculty to ICE?
- The message sent on 2/17 reaffirming a commitment to respecting the LGBTQBT community on campus and synthesizing information on available resources and accessibility was acknowledged. There’s a lot of work that still needs to be done and an acknowledgement of our very recent past and present would be appreciated for people who have gone through harassment and who continue daily to be targeted by the CSU with retaliation.
- What thinking went into what substantively was behind the decision to change the large lecture formulas? Why were the faculty shared governance bodies not included in this decision making?
- Is the University committed to not keeping lists of students and faculty activists (including disciplinary records)? Are you committed to not providing names to the federal government? If there’s a case where the federal government arrives with a judicial warrant that clearly is politically motivated, what will you do (i.e., will you pass over information about faculty or students)?
- The (federal) law is not clear. When the administration says they will follow the law, what is the law and who decides it? Has the university retained an immigration lawyer or is it all being handled by our head counsel? Are there plans to have somebody help with cases if ICE arrives at our doorstep?
- Tell us exactly how the University will respond if a judicial order is presented.

Responses were provided by Provost Lattimer, COS Rojas, Vice Provost Bippus, and VP Lindow.

INTENT TO RAISE  
QUESTIONS

3. Senator Porter announced her intent to raise the following questions:  
Unlike other CSUs, Cal State LA requires extensive approvals for small purchase order requests, such as a \$284.54 PO for prepacked single-use snacks ordered through Staples for student program social events, an activity that is funded by an external federal grant and for which the budget had been approved by the University upon proposal submission and acceptance of the award. This PO request required not only PI and Dean’s approval, but also Provost office level approval, in total 5 signatures. What is the motivation and the rationale for such a requirement that costs time and attention from the Provost’s office and implies a mistrust in the Dean’s ability to make sound decisions? Could the University consider factors such as the magnitude of an order and/or whether the purchase has already been cleared by appropriate authorities such as the Dean and Auxiliary Services before Provost level approval must be secured, reserving this level of oversight for major orders? This modification to the current procurement process would result in more efficient use of time and better service to our students, as the current requirements delay or prevent submissions of such orders.

4..	It was m/s/p (DeShazo) to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2025 (ASM 24-13).	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
5.	5.1 It was m/s/ (Porter) to approve the agenda.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA
	5.2 It was m/s/ (DeShazo) to add “AI and Our Campus by Bernahu Tadesse and Catherine Haras” as a new item 7. No objections were raised.	
	5.3 The agenda was approved as amended.	
6.	Chair Avramchuk presented his report.	SENATE CHAIR’S REPORT
7.	Bernahu Tadesse, CIO, Catherine Haras, Executive Director for CETL, and Carlos Rodriguez, Dean of University Library.	AI AND OUR CAMPUS PRESENTATION
8.	8.1 A five minute question and discussion period took place.	PROPOSED NEW POLICY: RETENTION OF FACULTY AUTHOR RIGHTS TO DEPOSIT AND DISSEMINATE SCHOLARLY ARTICLES: OPEN ACCESS POLICY, <u>FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER VI (24-11)</u>
	8.2 It was m/s/ (Krug) to extend the question and discussion period for an additional five minutes. No objections were raised.	<i>First-Reading Item</i>
	8.3 It was m/s/ (Dennis) to extend the question and discussion period for an additional five minutes. No objections were raised.	Recommitted to FPC
	8.4 It was m/s/ (Wells) to recommit this back to the Faculty Policy Committee.	
	8.5 Debate ensued. The Wells motion passed. (V: 26/4/5)	
9.	9.1 Debate ensued.	PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: POLICY ON ELECTRONIC MAIL PRIVACY, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER III (24-8)
	9.2 The recommendation was APPROVED. (V: 35/0/1)	<i>Second-Reading Item</i>
		Forwarded to the President
10.	It was m/s/p (Porter) to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 p.m.	ADJOURNMENT