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ABSENT

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EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair Bettcher convened the (Zoom) meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Chair Bettcher began with a Tongva land acknowledgement, wished a Happy Black History Month, and reviewed the protocols for participating in Senate meetings and iCloud clicker use.

1. 1.1 Chair Bettcher announced: At the last meeting, the body voted to have a quasi-meeting of the whole. The meeting will be scheduled on an off-meeting Tuesday and it will be held on March 23, 1:45 – 3:45 p.m. Please mark your calendar. We will be coming up with meeting topic ideas and if you have any ideas, please send them to me. We will be presenting some ideas at the next meeting and opening it up for additional ideas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.2 Chair Bettcher announced: We announced these at the last meeting but I wanted to share it again as there are still upcoming dates: The Graduate Resource Center (GRC) is holding information sessions for faculty on topics related to advising graduate students:

Thesis Committee Member Information Session

In this session, the Coordinator of the Graduate Resource Center will cover the University's requirements for thesis/project/dissertation formatting and submission, including important information on processes, deadlines, and forms.

- Monday, February 22, 11:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Faculty and staff may RSVP to attend these webinars online [here](#). The GRC is also hosting several webinars this semester for graduate students, including culminating experience webinars, doctoral program application webinars, and writing development webinars. The semester schedule is attached for distribution.

The Spring 2021 GRC webinar schedule is as follows. For webinar description and to register, visit the GRC Webinars webpage. If you have any questions or require accommodations, email GRC@calstatela.edu.

Getting Started on the Thesis: Feb. 5, 10:00-11:30 a.m. and Feb. 17, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Thesis Formatting and Submission: Feb. 11, 3:15-4:45 p.m.; March 5, 10:00-11:30 a.m. and April 6, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Preparing for the Comprehensive Exam: Feb. 2, 1:00-2:00 p.m. and Feb. 26, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Applying to Graduate and Doctoral Programs: March 12, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Writing a Statement of Purpose: March 19, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Preparing to Write a Research Paper: March 11, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Writing an Efficient Resume: March 18, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Getting to Know Your Writing Voice: March 25, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

2. It was m/s/p (Wells) to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 2, 2021 (ASM 20-13).

APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES

3. 3.1 It was m/s/ (Riggio) to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE
AGENDA

3.2 It was m/s/ (Abdullah) to remove item 10: Proposed Policy Modification: Definition, Philosophy, Student Learning Outcomes and Criteria for General Education Breadth Requirements Policy from today's agenda and place it on the agenda for the next meeting in order to invite Ethnic Studies units to participate in the discussion.

3.3 An objection was raised and debate ensued.

3.4 Senator Esparza called the question and no objections were raised. The Abdullah motion was APPROVED. (V: 27/17/6)

3.5 The agenda was APPROVED as amended.

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

REPORT OF THE STATE-
WIDE SENATE MEETING:
JANUARY 21-22, 2021

APPORTIONMENT 2021-
22 (20-18)

PROPOSED NEW POLICY:
GRADING AND STUDENT
FEEDBACK, FACULTY
HANDBOOK, CHAPTER V
(20-14)

First-Reading Item

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
RESOLUTION(20-16)

First-Reading Item

PROPOSED NEW POLICY:
MAINTAINING
EDUCATIONAL CONTIN-
UITY IN THE CONTEXT OF
CAMPUS EMERGENCIES
AND DISASTERS,
FACULTY HANDBOOK,
CHAPTER 5 (20-19)

First-Reading Item

PROPOSED POLICY DELE-
TION: ENTRY LEVEL
PROFIENCY IN MATH AND
ENGLISH POLICY,
FACULTY HANDBOOK,
CHAPTER VI (20-11)

Second-Reading Item

PROPOSED POLICY MODI-
FICATION: CURRICULAR
POLICIES, FACULTY
HANDBOOK, CHAPTER IV
(20-13)

Second-Reading Item

4. 4.1 Chair Bettcher ceded to Dr. Arash Jamehbozorg, chair of the Educational Policy Committee (EPC), to address the body about the work of EPC.
- 4.2 Co-Parliamentarians Flint and Bezdecny presented paliamentary procedures and a review of Robert's Rules.
- 4.3 Chair Bettcher presented her report.
5. Senator Baaske provided a brief update of the ASCSU plenary and advised that the full report can be found on the Academic Senate website.
6. It was m/s/p (Heubach) to support the Apportionment 2021-22. (V: 51/1/3)
7. 7.1 Chair Bettcher reminded the body of the Esparza motion on the floor and advised that we will resume with the speaker's list from the previous meeting.
- 7.2 Debate ensued.
- 7.3 Senator Nelson called the question and no objections were raised.
- 7.4 The Esparza motion FAILED. (V: 16/33/1). This will become a Second-Reading item at the next meeting.
8. The body did not discuss this item due to a time certain.
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12. 12.1 Chair Bettcher provided responses to previous concerns raised.
- 12.2 There were no concerns raised.
13. 13.1 Chair Bettcher gave an update on the status of an outstanding Intent to Raise Question.
- 13.2 Senator Esparza announced his intent to raise the following question: On the Senate meeting of 2 Feb 2021, I moved to table a motion that would punish faculty for not providing feedback to students within a specified timeframe. In so doing I also speculated on the committee's motives. In direct response to my comments, the Senate Chair specifically accused me of being uncivil on the floor of the Senate and did not allow me to respond to this baseless and vile accusation. In 2019, the Senate passed my resolution, "Resolution affirming the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights" (attached). Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reads:
Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.
While the Senate Chair may disapprove of my motion to table or of my speculation, I have every right to express my opinion thereof. To that end my question to the Senate Chair is: what justification do you have to publicly accuse me, a voting member of the Senate, of incivility during my motion to table?
14. It was m/s/p (Esparza) to adjourn at 3:41 p.m.

CONCERNS FROM THE
FLOOR
Time certain: 3:25 p.m.

INTENT TO RAISE
QUESTIONS
Time certain: 3:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT