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ABSENT

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

Senator Ramos read the Tongva land acknowledgement. Chair Bettcher offered thoughts and prayers for the people of Ukraine and their fight for democracy.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 Beth Baker (NSS) has been elected to serve as a Senator-at-large, term ending Spring 2025.

1.1.2 The Organizational Meeting of the 2022-23AY Academic Senate will be held on May 10. During this meeting, elections will be held for the 2022-23 Executive Committee of the Academic Senate. This meeting will take place at the beginning of the final meeting of this current body.

1.2 K. Elliott-Brown, AVP/Dean of Graduate Studies, announced: The Annual Graduate Student & Faculty Mentor Recognition Reception will be held on April 28, 3:30-5:00pm in the Golden Eagle Ballrooms. We have not held our reception in two academic years. We look forward to bringing our graduate student community together again with faculty mentors to celebrate their scholarship, creative activities, and academic accomplishments. We will be honoring faculty who were nominated in 2019-20 and 2020-21 because they weren't able to be acknowledged in person.

On May 2nd, we are having our 6th Annual Assessment Faire and this year it will be in person. We will be serving a modest lunch and are assessment ambassadors/presenters this year are:

College of Arts and Letters: Maria Karafilis and Sarah Minslow

Charter College of Education: Manisha Javeri and Adelaide Doyle-Nichols

College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology: Mario Medina, Sang Choi, and Maryam Nazari

College of Health and Human Services: Simona Montanari and Rakel Delevi

College of Natural and Social Sciences: Jennifer Garrison

General Education: Jessica Dennis

You can RSVP at <https://www.calstatela.edu/apra/rsvp-annual-assessment-faire>

1.3 Senator Rodriguez announced: Just a reminder that today at 4:00 p.m., the library will be co-hosting the Faculty Author Researcher Recognition reception and we will be recognizing our faculty authors who have received research grants in the past year. All faculty are invited, so if you are on campus, please feel free to join us in the Luckman Complex.

1.4 Senator Ramos announced: In addition to Ukraine, we should also be inclusive and in solidarity with Yemen and Palestine.

1.5 Senator Riggio announced: The CFA – LA Chapter end of the year picnic will be May 14th. You should have received an email about it.

1.6 Senator Eleby announced: Thank you for helping to spread the word about the graduate student survey. It will be closing soon and if you have any questions, please email me.

2. 2.1 Senator Hanan raised the following concern: I'm concerned about the discrepancy between lecturers and tenured faculty who are providing thesis advisement. There is a different unit allocation and I was wondering if anyone could explain the rationale for that?
There was no response from the floor.

CONCERNS FROM THE FLOOR

CONCERNS FROM THE
FLOOR (continued)

- 2.2 Senator Ramos raised the following concern: My concern has been continuous since last academic year and it's about the ratio of counselors to students and I was wondering if anyone here could give us an update on the numbers. Senator Reyes responded from the floor.
- 2.3 Senator Garrison raised the following concern: My concern has to do with the increasing number of faculty refusing to sign withdrawal petitions for students. This late in the semester, work is piling up and students are requesting withdrawals. They aren't being permitted to withdraw mainly because faculty don't agree with the serious and compelling nature of the students language on the petition. We will be bringing this issue forward to the Senate floor next year.

A discussion took place and it was m/s/ (Bezdecny) that the Executive Committee review and charge a committee with looking at the Withdrawal Policy. No objections were raised.

INTENT TO RAISE
QUESTIONS

3. 3.1 Chair Bettcher shared the following response from Amy Bippus, Acting Provost, to Senator Riggio's intent to raise questions from the meeting of April 12, 2022 (ASM 21-14):
The University waived the enrollment fee for UNIV 9000 in Summer 2021, due to COVID in AY 2020-21, which inhibited some graduate students' ability to complete research, scholarly, and creative activities necessary for their thesis. The University has no remaining uncommitted HEERF funds as of May 2022. During AY 2021-2022, RSCA activities were reopened on campus for faculty and students. Therefore, the University will resume the collection of this student fee and will return to normal application of UNIV 9000.
The purpose of UNIV 9000 is for graduate students to maintain continuous enrollment in the Fall or Spring terms. In exceptional cases, summer enrollment in UNIV 9000 is appropriate if that is the term in which the graduate student will graduate. Prior to COVID, students who cited extenuating circumstances were allowed to register in UNIV 9000 in the summer term with permission from their thesis chair if they had completed all of their thesis work and had only minor edits remaining. Otherwise, graduate students are expected to register in Fall for more extensive thesis work when faculty committees are available to supervise. Thesis completion during the Summer term has always been an exception. The Office of Graduate Studies will continue to work in consultation with faculty thesis chairs to support graduate student thesis completion, on a case-by-case basis.

3.2 There were no new Intent to Raise Questions.

APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES

4. It was m/s/p (Son) to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2022 (ASM 21-14).

APPROVAL OF THE
AGENDA

5. It was m/s/p (Riggio) to approve the agenda.

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

6. 6.1 Chair Bettcher presented her report.
- 6.2 It was m/s/ (Abdullah) to make editorial changes to the Definition, Philosophy, Student Learning Outcomes and Criteria for General Education Breadth Requirements policy. Changes included replacing African American/s with Pan-African, Black, or Black People were appropriate. No objections were raised.

PROPOSED POLICY MODI-
FICATION: DEPARTMENT/
DIVISION CHAIRS AND
SCHOOL DIRECTORS,
FACULTY HANDBOOK,
CHAPTER III (21-23)
First-Reading Item

7. It was m/s/ (Riggio) to approve the recommendation.

8. It was m/s/ (Flores) to approve the recommendation.

PROPOSED POLICY MOD-
IFICATION: PROBATION,
DISQUALIFICATION,
SPECIAL PROBATION,
AND READMISSION
POLICY FOR UNDER-
GRADUATE STUDENTS,
FACULTY HANDBOOK,
CHAPTER V (21-24)
First-Reading Item

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

PROPOSED POLICY MOD-
IFICATION: GRADUATE
THESES AND PROJECTS,
FACULTY HANDBOOK,
CHAPTER V (21-25)
First-Reading Item

10. 10.1 It was m/s/ (Bezdecny) in line 1 to change the title from Subcommittee to Committee. No objections were raised.

PROPOSED POLICY MOD-
IFICATION: ACADEMIC
INFORMATION
RESOURCES SUB-
COMMITTEE, FACULTY
HANDBOOK, CHAPTER III
(21-22)

10.2 It was m/s/ (Rodriguez) in line 10 to delete RESEARCH, SCHOLARY.

10.3 Debate ensued and the Rodriguez motion failed. (V: 15/22/3)

10.4 It was m/s/p (Rodriguez) in line 23 to insert AND THE LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE after "Faculty Policy Committee". (V: 34/6/2)

Second-Reading Item

10.5 It was m/s/ (Flint) in line 26 to insert WITH STUDENT POLICY COMMITTEE ON CONCERNS RELATED TO TECHNOLOGY AND STUDENT PRIVACY, after "MATTERS,"

10.6 It was m/s/p (Hanan) to amend the Flint motion by adding AS WELL AS ACADEMIC HONESTY, after "PRIVACY". (V: 26/6/7)

10.7 The Flint motion was APPROVED as amended. (V: 32/2/5)

10.8 It was m/s/f (Rodriguez) in line 29 to insert THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY after "COLLEGES,". (V: 13/21/3)

10.9 It was m/s/ (Hanan) in line 29 to insert HONORS COLLEGE, after "COLLEGES,".

10.10 Debate ensued and the Hanan motion failed. (V: 5/27/4)

10.11 It was m/s/ (Warter-Perez) to reconsider the failed motion to insert THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, after "COLLEGES,".

10.12 Debate ensued and it was m/s/ (Allen) to recommit the policy back to committee.

11. It was m/s/p (Flint) to continue document 21-21 as a Second-Reading Item at the next meeting and adjourn at 3:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT