ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Prabhu convened the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

1. 1.1 Chair’s Announcements:

1.1.1 We have two exhibitions happening concurrently: 1) Cal State LA Faculty Book Exhibition, curated by Mika Cho, opened yesterday and will be here until October 28. It is located in the Fine Arts Gallery and the hours are Mon-Fri, 12pm-5pm. 2) Revolutionizing the World! The Russian Revolution at its Centenary 1917-2017, which also opened yesterday in the Fine Arts Gallery and will be here until October 19, is co-curated by Cristina Cuevas-Wolf (Wende Museum), Stephen V. Bittner (Sonoma State University), and our very own Choi Chatterjee (Cal State LA).

1.1.2 WSCUC Town halls! On October 17 and 30, the topics to be discussed are Student Success (Learning, Retention, Graduation), Quality Assurance and Improvement (Program Review, Assessment), and Sustainability (Financial Viability). On October 25 and 26, the topics to be discussed are Degree Programs (Meaning, Quality, Integrity) and Educational Quality (Student Learning, Core Competencies). The time and venue for all four town halls are: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Golden Eagle Ballroom 3.

1.1.3 Please save the date for the Fall Retreat hosted by the Academic Senate! An email invitation will be sent out in a few weeks.

CAL STATE LA FALL RETREAT ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
Friday, November 17, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Golden Eagle Ballrooms 1 & 2

1.1.4 Governor Brown has appointed Romney Sabalius to the CSU Board of Trustees (as faculty trustee), Dr. Sabalius is currently a statewide senator and professor of Foreign Languages at San Jose State University.

1.1.5 Nominations Committee: Dr. Jose Rodriguez (Physics and Astronomy) has agreed to serve as a one-year alternate for Roseann Giarrusso on Nominations Committee representing the College of Natural and Social Sciences.

1.1.6 Senate Representation Proposal new tentative timeline:
Senate representation proposal to be emailed to Senators/Faculty (Thursday, Oct. 12)
Academic Senate: First reading item (Tuesday, Oct. 24)
Three town hall meetings for seeking faculty input (email notification will be sent out)
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 3:00 – 4:15 p.m., Venue: SH C 260
Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1:50 – 2:50 p.m., Venue: SH C 267
Monday, Nov. 6, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m., Venue: SH C 265
Academic Senate: Second reading item (Tuesday, November 7)
1.2 Senator Acosta announced: Good Afternoon Senators. ASI would like to announce that we are hosting our first ever "Open Deliberation" event on Thursday, November 9th from 3 to 6 pm in Golden Eagle Ballroom 1. This exciting event will be an opportunity for students and faculty members to engage in circle deliberations and discuss how students can get involved in tackling the most important issues to Cal State LA students today:

1. College Affordability
2. Mental Wellness and Health
3. Graduation 2025 Initiative and Tuition Increases
4. Sexual Harassment and Assault on College Campuses
5. The 1st Generation College Experience

Most importantly, we seek to empower students to realize their true potential in being change makers through civic and campus engagement. I would like to invite members of the Academic Senate to collaborate with us in this event by guiding student leaders in topic research as well as assisting the facilitation of these discussions at the event. Faculty volunteers are dearly needed. If any of these topics interest you or if you'd like to participate in the event, please let any of the student senators know or email me at asivpag@calstatela.edu if you are interested. If you'd like your students to attend this event, they can RSVP at www.asicalstatela.org/opendeliberation.

Furthermore, ASI is seeking opportunities to make class presentations. If you'd like to let ASI to present in your class, again, please reach out to the student senators or myself. Thank you for your time and have a fantastic week!

1.3 Senator Bezdecny announced: Puerto Rico has been devastated by Hurricane Maria. Only 10% of the island has electricity or water, nearly all 3.5 million people are still without such basic necessities as food, water, shelter, and power. FEMA and Red Cross are making their way around the island, but even they don’t know where everyone is located or where all the roads that have been blocked are, buildings that have been ripped apart, and infrastructure that was damaged. That’s where you come in. We will be staging a Mapathon to help document what Puerto Rico looked like before the storms to aid ongoing emergency response efforts. All you need to do is show up and map. No experience is required – we will provide training to everyone attending. Food and drinks will be provided. This will take place on Saturday, October 14, 9am-6pm and Friday, October 20, 10am-6pm in the King Hall Map Room, 4th floor, D wing.

1.4 Frangelo Aryan (visitor) announced: We will be hosting the Pink Game on October 13. Show your Golden Eagle Spirit and join the University Community at the Women’s Volleyball Pink Game in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month! Come cheer on your Golden Eagles as they battle against CSU Dominguez Hills. Admission to the game is free. There will be spirit activities beginning at 5pm, which will include free food, games and prizes, and the game will begin at 7pm.

CONCERNS FROM THE FLOOR

2. Senator Acevedo raised the following concern: In the past, when a student withdrew from all of his/her classes and received “W” grades, those “W” grades did not prevent the student from retaining his/her continuing student status. Last week, I discovered that receiving a “W” no longer permits students to maintain his/her continuous enrollment status. The Registrar’s Office referred me to the Faculty Handbook, which indicates that this policy has been on the books since 2015, but is just now being enforced.

First, can the Academic Senate make sure that if there is a policy or procedure that it is listed in the faculty handbook that affect students, that that policy or procedure also be written in
the catalog. Currently, the University Catalog merely stipulates that “Students maintain their continuing student status for registration purposes only by attending at least one of the two semesters immediately preceding the semester in which they plan to enroll (excluding the summer term).

Second, before the University enforces a policy or procedure, an email should go out to all faculty and staff in the Colleges informing them when this policy will be enacted and enforced.

3. None.

4. It was m/s/p (Heubach) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2017 (ASM 17-4).

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

6. None.

7. Provost Mahoney presented her report.

8. Chair Prabhu advised the body that the report has been posted on the Academic Senate webpage and asked if there were any questions for the statewide senators. No questions were raised.

9. 9.1 It was m/s/ (Flint) to approve the recommendation.

9.2 It was m/s/ (Flint) to waive the first-reading item rules. No objections were raised.

9.3 Senator Flint yielded the floor to Marcos Montes, author of the resolution, and he spoke to the resolution.

9.4 The recommendation to endorse the resolution was UNANIMOUSLY approved.

10. 10.1 It was m/s/ (Baaske) to approve the recommendation.

10.2 It was m/s/ (Baaske) to waive the first-reading item rules. No objections were raised.

10.3 Senator Baaske spoke to the resolution.

10.4 The recommendation to endorse the resolution was APPROVED. (V: 26/7)

11. The recommendation was APPROVED. (V: 29/3)

12. It was m/s/p (Finocchiaro) to adjourn at 2:28 p.m.