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ABSENT

A. Hernandez, R. Ledesma, G. Peterson, V. Prabhu, H. Yu

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair Warter-Perez convened the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

1. 1.1 Chair's Announcement:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 As some of you might be aware, Scott Bowman, Dean of NSS, is currently out on medical leave and is expected to return to his duties in spring. In the interim, Nancy McQueen will be serving as Acting Dean and Michael Soldatenko will be serving as Acting Associate Dean. With this comes a slight change to the Executive Committee as Senator Soldatenko was serving as the Secretary. Senator Veena Prabhu has agreed to serve as his replacement as she was the 1st ranked alternate. Veena, welcome to the Executive Committee. During Mike's absence, John Ramirez will be serving as Secretary and Veena will be serving as the Executive Committee Liaison to the Fiscal Policy Committee.

1.1.2 Since the last Senate meeting, President Covino has approved the following Senate recommendations:

January 27th – Proposed Policy Modification: Writing Skills Requirement, Faculty Handbook, Chapter IV, effective winter 2016. The new title for this policy is Written English Competency Requirement.

January 27th – Proposed Policy Modification: Second Baccalaureate, Faculty Handbook, Chapter IV, effective winter 2016.

The Faculty Handbook has been updated to include these approved policies.

1.1.3 This year, the Faculty Perceptions of Performance of Administrators committee will be soliciting input from faculty on their perceptions of the following administrators:

Peter Quan, Vice President for Information Technology Services & Chief Technology Officer

Janet Dial, Vice President for University Advancement/Executive Director of the CSULA Foundation

Lisa Chavez, Vice President for Administration & Chief Financial Officer

Jose Gomez, Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer

We have removed the Assistant and Associate VP positions and the President has approved this revised list. The Executive Committee has also made some editorial changes to this policy that will be brought before the Senate at another meeting.

1.1.4 The nominations committee has been soliciting faculty interest for serving on the Ad Hoc Selection Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies. You will also be receiving a petition notice to either self-nominate or nominate one of your colleagues to serve on the Ad Hoc Selection Committee. Hopefully at the next Senate meeting an election will be held. Thank you to the Nominations Committee for all of your hard work.

1.1.5 The Academic Information Resources Sub-Committee (AIRS) is sponsoring a survey to learn how faculty use technology for teaching, research, advising, and outreach at Cal State LA. This information will be used to establish technology usage and support needed for educational resources in the classroom. As a sub-committee, AIRS was established to inform and make recommendations to the Educational Policy Committee related to instructional technology. All full-time and part-time faculty will be receiving an email with a link to the survey. The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete. Please complete the survey by FEBRUARY 22, 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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- 1.1.6 Faculty are encouraged to remind students that they can use the student schedule planner to easily plan their class schedules. We will be sending out a flyer to all faculty on how students can access and use the student schedule planner.
 - 1.1.7 Summer 2016 and Fall 2016 registration will begin on May 2, 2016. Please encourage your students to start working on their Fall semester schedules, especially if they have not completed an IAP.
 - 1.1.8 Spring 2016 Commencement will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 9th – 11th. Graduate student ceremonies will be held on Thursday, June 9th.
- 1.2 Chair Warter-Perez announced on behalf of Vice Chair Peterson:
- 1.2.1 Kristiina Hackel (Television, Film and Media Studies) has accepted the appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve as a replacement for Sheri Atwater on the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program for the remainder of her term ending Summer Quarter, 2016.
 - 1.2.2 Daisy Alfaro (Applied and Advanced Studies in Education) has accepted the appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve as an alternate for Michelle Wallace on the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program for Winter Quarter 2016.
- 1.3 Senator Aniol announced: The candidates for the NSS Dean position will be visiting campus until the end of February. Special meeting times for the candidates and students have been set aside. Please encourage your department chairs and faculty to apprise the students of this opportunity to meet the next Dean of NSS.
- 1.4 Senator Talcott announced: Colleagues, as you have likely heard, our STRIKE will be as follows: All 23 CSU campuses. Yes, all 23, including Cal State LA. Five days long. Yes, 5 days for 5%.
- Wednesday, April 13
Thursday, April 14
Friday, April 15
Monday, April 18
Tuesday, April 19
- Perhaps the extent and duration of the strike might surprise some of you who were anticipating a strike on fewer campuses for a day or two. After much deliberation, dialogue, and strategizing, CFA leaders from all 23 campuses concluded that Chancellor White – who views us as pliable and as incapable of causing him to reconsider his position on salary for faculty – is due for a serious wake-up call.
- At Cal State LA we are all about pushing boundaries, right? Well, I have now spent years at the bargaining table, painstakingly, thoughtfully, and rationally making the case for fair salaries on behalf of faculty, along with my colleagues. We have conducted rigorous research, built broad support among legislators, and argued honestly. But these tactics have reached their limits with CSU management. Our tactic of last resort – withholding our labor – is now upon us.
- Now that we have committed to this strike, we must win. Whatever your individual feelings about the strike, all of us – from the full professor nearing retirement to the lowest paid part-time lecturer – will suffer if we fail to participate as a unified faculty. So let's make good on the 94.4% "yes" vote we took to authorize the strike and commit to fully participating in the strike. Voting was easy; now is the time to join together and take active, leadership roles in organizing the strike.
- Save the dates for our next strike planning meetings:
Today, directly after Senate in GE ballroom 1.
Friday, February 19th, 12-2 p.m. (lunch provided, children welcome).
Yes, it's on a Friday – the day when the fewest of us teach. We don't want to come in on a Friday, but – to plan our strike and fight for our futures – we will. See you there.

<p>1.4. Senator Salinas announced: The Program for Affordable Learning Materials will be participating in Open Education week which will take place March 7-11 of this year. Open Education week is a global event that seeks to raise awareness of free and open sharing in education and the benefits they bring to faculty and students. As part of our participation we will be hosting a variety of activities, including an essay contest asking students to share their experiences on how high textbook prices have affected them personally and/or academically. The details of the contest will be posted on the Library/PALM website by the end of the week. Please encourage your students to Participate on the contest.</p>	<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS (<i>continued</i>)</p>
<p>2. 2.1 Senator Achinger raised the following concern: With fall registration beginning so early, how will this affect student's financial aid awards?</p> <p>2.2 Senator Williams raised the following concern: After hearing the assurances from the provost about the coordination of the Summer Quarter - Fall Semester registrations and the Office of Financial Aid, my concern from the floor is for the students that may not qualify for Financial Aid or elect not to go through the Financial Aid office. We have a group of students (both undergraduate and graduate) who would, because of current policy, be forced to pay their tuition months ahead of time to begin the registration process and thus secure courses. I believe that many students work during the summer to fund their Fall Semester tuition. I am concerned that the coordination of offices combined with current policy might unfairly burden and/or reduce course availability on a systematic level to (a) group/s of students.</p> <p>2.3 Senator Baaske raised the following concern: We are one of the few CSU campuses that have students pay tuition in advance. Has the campus considered possibly going to a payment plan?</p>	<p>CONCERNS FROM THE FLOOR</p>
<p>3. None.</p>	<p>INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS</p>
<p>4. It was m/s/p (Ramirez) to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2016 (ASM 15-8).</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</p>
<p>5. It was m/s/p (Porter) to approve the agenda.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</p>
<p>6. Chair Warter-Perez presented her report.</p>	<p>SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT</p>
<p>7. Provost Mahoney presented her report.</p>	<p>PROVOST'S REPORT</p>
<p>8. 8.1 Chair Warter-Perez reported an error in the number of faculty listed under Library And Student Affairs for fall 2014. The number should be 13, not 11.</p>	<p>APPORTIONMENT OF SENATORS 2016-17 (15-6)</p>
<p>8.2 It was m/s/p (Bodinger-deUriarte) to approve the document 15-6 as corrected.</p>	
<p>9. The document 15-7 was presented and no objections were raised.</p>	<p>SENATE, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, STANDING COMMITTEES, AND EPC SUBCOMMITTEES SEMESTER MEETING SCHEDULE (15-7)</p>
<p>10. 10.1 It was m/s/ (Bodinger-deUriarte) to approve the recommendation 14-8.2.</p>	<p>PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: APPOINTMENTS, <u>FACULTY HANDBOOK</u>, CHAPTER VI (14-8.2) <i>First-Reading Item</i></p>
<p>10.2 A five minute question and discussion period took place.</p>	
<p>11. 11.1 Chair Warter-Perez reminded the body that this policy was still on the floor.</p>	<p>PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: THE STUDENT OPINION SURVEY ON INSTRUCTION, <u>FACULTY HANDBOOK</u>, CHAPTER V (15-4) <i>Second-Reading Item Forwarded to the President</i></p>
<p>11.2 The recommendation was APPROVED as amended (15-4). (V: 33/5).</p>	

PROPOSED NEW POLICY:
CONFLICT OF INTEREST
IN FACULTY ASSIGNED
MATERIALS, FACULTY
HANDBOOK, CHAPTER VI
(15-3) *Second-Reading Item
Forwarded to the President*

- 12.12.1 It was m/s/ (Porter) to amend lines 18-21 by adding FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES OR after "MATERIALS."
- 12.2 Debate ensued.
- 12.3 The Porter motion failed (V: 20/22).
- 12.4 The recommendation was APPROVED (15-3). (V: 34/7).

PROPOSED NEW POLICY:
ESTABLISHING REQUIRE-
MENTS FOR GRADUATE
PROGRAMS ADMISSIONS
PROCEDURES, FACULTY
HANDBOOK, CHAPTER V
(15-5) *Second-Reading Item
Forwarded back to EPC*

- 13.13.1 Senator Nelson suggested adding AND CHANGE OF MAJOR after the word "ADMISSIONS" in lines 2, 4, 5, 9 and 10.
- 13.2 Debate ensued.
- 13.3 It was m/s/ (Ramirez) to refer the policy back to the Educational Policy Committee to consider revising the policy based on the discussion.
- 13.4 Senator Cleman suggested that Senators forward their suggestions to the chair of EPC.
- 13.5 The Ramirez motion passed. (V 36/3).

ADJOURNMENT

- 14. It was m/s/p (Riggio) to adjourn at 3:01 p.m.