



ACADEMIC SENATE, STUDENT POLICY COMMITTEE

February 19, 2019; 9:25 am -10:40 a.m., ADM 313

MINUTES

Present: S. Balan, J. Chaudhuri, D. Chavez, M. Clarke, J. Ford, C. Harris, E. Saeki, J. Vera Lopez, N. Wada-McKee, D. Won, J. Zhong

Excused: A. Chee, C. Dy, K. Brown

1. Call to Order

D. Won, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

2. Announcements

D. Chavez announced, ASI is hosting open deliberations where students can voice their concerns on topics such as educational equity, public safety, academic support and student advising.

3. Intent to Raise Questions

None.

4. Approval of the Minutes – February 5, 2018 (SPCM 18-06)

M/S/P approval of the minutes.

5. Approval of the Agenda

M/S/P approval of the agenda.

6. Student Rights – t/c Tanya Kane-Parry, Faculty, Music Theatre and Dance

T. Kane-Parry reported there have been many occasions where students have come to her about offensive material presented in the classroom, regarding topics including violence against women. She further indicated students do not feel safe in this environment. She requested that some policy be put in place to help students to come forward in such cases without fear of retaliatory effects on their grades. In response, the Committee encouraged Ms. Kane-Parry to continue following the informal grievance process, as outlined in the Student Grievance Procedures in the faculty handbook. The Committee also assured Ms. Kane-Parry that there is a policy in place to protect students from retaliation, namely the Academic Grievance Policy. The Committee also agreed to discuss whether any further course of action should be taken.

7. Student Grievance Procedures – t/c Robert Yonemoto, Director, Student Support

D. Won gave the committee an overview of the progress the committee has made to date on revising the procedures. R. Yonemoto, Director of Student Support explained on behalf of the Dean of Students, that students were complaining about the process being complicated, complex and not user friendly. The Office therefore re-wrote the student grievance procedures for the Golden Eagle Handbook in order to make the procedures more concise and easier for students to follow. The revisions were made after reviewing the student grievance procedures at other CSU campuses.

8. Required breaks during long class periods

None due to lack of time.

9. Liaison Reports

9.1. Executive Committee Liaison

C. Harris reported the Senate is working on the February 26 Meeting of the Whole to discuss administration's impaction proposal and the responses to it. If anyone is interested please attend. Senate Exec is working with the Provost to develop an oversight committee to work with faculty for consultation. Provost has agreed to create an advisory council.

9.2. Graduation 2025 Consultative Group Liaison

D. Won announced WASC visit is currently being discussed.

9.3. Academic Advisement Subcommittee Liaison

J. Chaudhuri reported that AAS has not been meeting and considering whether the committee is needed at all. D. Won requested that there still be a forum by which faculty can have input on advising policy, for example, by essentially merging AAS with SPC.

9.4. Associated Students Inc.,

None.

10. Adjournment

M/S/P to adjourn 10:40 am.