

Senate Executive Committee Meeting

November 30, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Zoom

Members Present: Garrow, Glocke, Komarraju, Limas, Mimura, Neubauer (Chair), Pelayo (Recording Secretary), Spratt, Sussman-Dabach, Swenson, Weingarten, White

Guests: D. Guido, A. Levin, S. Macauley

1. Call to Order

Faculty President Neubauer called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

2. Approval of the [Minutes of October 26, 2023](#)

MSP to approve the meeting minutes of October 26, 2023.

3. Announcements

Senator Sussman-Dabach announced the 2024 CSUNposium application opens tomorrow. She will share a flyer and more information via email and encourage senators to share the information with their students.

4. President's Report – Michael Neubauer

Faculty President Neubauer shared he attended part of the Statewide Senate Chairs meeting this morning. The statewide senate chairs discussed AB 928 and there will soon be a common GE for the CSU. This can cause issues with dual enrollment high school students who are enrolled in college courses during high school.

Senator Swenson shared they will be meeting with the Chancellor's office in the near future to continue conversations in regard to AB 928.

5. Provost's Report – Meera Komarraju

Provost Komarraju shared:

- a. the Provost Office and Student Affairs cosponsored a GI 2025 event on November 14th. The event highlighted best practices including mentoring programs, UNIV 100, UNIV 301, and supplemental instruction in chemistry. They also identified gains made since 2015 and remaining work to be done including focusing on retention rates and graduation rates for male, Latinx, and Black students. There will be another GI 2025 event in spring. They hope to host a GI 2025 event each semester.
- b. she met with the Association of Retired Faculty (ARF) recently. They shared their eagerness and enthusiasm in staying connected to CSUN. They also offered their institutional knowledge and wisdom to help current faculty. ARF President, Cynthia Rawitch, attends Faculty Senate meetings regularly.
- c. she attended an all-Provost meeting recently and there was some discussion on AB 928. At the meeting Provost Komarraju shared CSUN had passed a resolution not wanting a common GE.

Provosts also discussed the charge to the CSU by the government to meet the workforce needs of the state. They were encouraged to highlight programs related to this charge during recruitment.

Enrollment was also discussed at the meeting. Some campuses are seeing double digit declines. CSUN is not one of these campuses and has seen a small increase in enrollment.

Interim Chancellor Jolene Kester had provided a one-time \$10 million to support Black student success initiative. The report of the outcomes of this initiative was presented at the meeting.

- d. the NACADA assessment team was on campus and completed in-person interviews. The assessment team is wrapping up virtual meetings and will send a report in the next few weeks.
- e. the first college Director of Advisement for Engineering and Computer Science is in the selection process. Final interviews are being scheduled. The Director of Advisement position has now also been posted for the College of Health and Human Development and the David Nazarian College of Business and Economics. The position will be posted soon for the remaining colleges.

- f. President Beck, Vice President of Student Affairs William Watkins, Associate Vice President of Undergraduate Studies Paul Lazarony, and Provost Komarraju met with the community college presidents of Mission College, Pierce College, and Valley College. The community college presidents stated they have noted an increase in enrollment of students who are 25 to 50 years old and are interested in online 2 + 2 partnerships.
- g. department chairs, associate deans, deans, and Provost Komarraju attended a presentation by EAB. EAB is assisting with recruitment and shared how they are helping build the funnel, aiding in yield, and survey results of prospective students.
- h. on Saturday, April 13th there will be an “Admitted Matadors Day.”
- i. PP&R has approved the MPP searches for the Vice Provost and the AVP of Research and Sponsored Programs.
- j. the process of reviewing feedback submitted in regard to the PMJ consultants report is underway and recommendations will be made to President Beck.

Senators inquired about “Admitted Matadors Day,” the hospitality form, and wage disparities.

6. Statewide Academic Senate Report – Elizabeth Sussman-Dabach, Senior Statewide Academic Senator

At the last Statewide Senate meeting it was stated the upcoming votes at the Board of Trustees are for Cal-GETC only and not the entire GE.

Senators inquired about the call for ethnic studies discipline faculty experts for Area F review and the selection process and compensation of these faculty experts.

7. Resolution Item – [Spring 2024 Leave Resolution](#)

MSP to move forward to the Faculty Senate.

8. Policy Item – Personnel Planning and Review Committee, Sylvia Macauley, Chair; Diane Guido, Associate Vice President, Faculty Affairs

Second Reading:

a. [Preamble to Section 600 & 700](#)

Chair Macauley shared a brief overview of the proposed policy. The draft of this policy has also been reviewed by the Educational Equity Standing Committee.

Senators suggested editorial edits.

MSP to move forward to the Faculty Senate as a first reading.

b. [DEI Language in Section 600](#)

Chair Macauley shared a brief overview of the proposed policy.

MSP to move forward to the Faculty Senate alongside the Preamble to Section 600 & 700 as a first reading.

c. [672.4 Sabbatical Leave Report](#)

Chair Macauley and AVP Guido shared a brief overview of the proposed policy.

Senators suggested editorial changes.

MSP to move forward to the Faculty Senate as a second reading.

d. [603.9.2 Performance Standards & Monitoring](#)

Chair Macauley shared a brief overview of the proposed policy.

Senators asked for clarity and suggested editorial changes.

MSP to move forward to the Faculty Senate as a first reading.

e. [612.4.1 College Level Personnel Committee](#)

Chair Macauley and AVP Guido shared a brief overview of the proposed policy.

MSP to move forward to the Faculty Senate as a second reading.

9. Policy Item – Graduate Studies Committee, Danielle Spratt, Chair; Amy Levin, Assistant Vice President, Graduate Studies

First Reading:

a. [Policy on Credit Certificates](#)

Chair Spratt shared a brief overview of the proposed policy.

Senators suggested editorial changes.

MSP to move this forward to Faculty Senate as a first reading.

10. [Spring 2024 Faculty and Senate Election Calendar](#)

Senators offered editorial suggestions.

MSP to approve the calendar with edits discussed.

11. [Spring 2024 Faculty Awards Calendar](#)

Faculty Vice President White shared they are considering moving up the Honored Faculty Reception to the week of May 6th.

MSP to approve the calendar.

12. Faculty Senate Retreat

Faculty Vice President White shared historical context of the timing of the Faculty Senate Retreat. Taking into consideration the health and wellbeing of our faculty due to impending strikes and current world matters, alternative dates for the Faculty Senate Retreat are being considered.

Faculty Vice President White has discussed alternative dates with President Beck and Faculty President Neubauer and offered a preliminary theme of Art, Activism, and Achievement.

The Faculty Senate Retreat Planning Committee will begin meeting tomorrow.

Senators discussed alternative dates for the retreat.

13. Standing Committee Minutes Review

Standing Committee	SEC Liaison	Dates to Review
Academic Technology	D. Weingarten	10/6
Educational Equity	A. Glocke	
Educational Policies	B. Limas	10/18 , 11/1
Educational Resources	T. White	
Extended Learning	E. Sussman-Dabach	9/20 , 10/18
Graduate Studies	Y. Mimura	9/12 , 10/10
Library	A. Swenson	9/6 , 10/4
Personnel Planning and Review	W. Garrow	10/11 , 10/25
Research and Grants	D. Spratt	9/8 , 10/13

Academic Technology: The committee is discussing how IT is supporting AI. Faculty are seeing increased workload in review of student work to determine academic dishonesty.

Educational Policies: The committee is discussing AB 928, Cal-GETC, and the DEIJ ILOs.

Graduate Studies: At the October 10th meeting, the request to consider an exception to the Credit Certificate Policy by allowing 300-level courses for the proposed Didactic Program in Dietetics Certificate was tabled for the November meeting.

Personnel Planning and Review: Relevant policy items were presented at today's meeting.

Research and Grants: The committee is discussing changes to the RSCA grants.

14. Set Agenda for December Faculty Senate Meeting

15. New Business

Senators shared there was a pro-Palestinian rally on campus today. Jewish faculty and students felt unsafe.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Yoko Mimura, Secretary of Faculty, and Gabriela Pelayo, Recording Secretary