

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES -

Approved

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Via Zoom

Members Present: Bendavid, Garrow, Glocke, Komarraju, Mimura, Neubauer (Chair), Spratt, Swenson, White, Wiegley, and Williams

Guests: N. Ipach, C. Donahue, S. Camara, J. Oh, L. Hansen-Brown, A. Mendoza

1. Call to Order

Faculty President Neubauer called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of December 1, 2022

MSP: to approve the SEC Minutes for December 1, 2022

3. Introductions

President Neubauer welcomed Meera Komarraju, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Gabriela Pelayo, Faculty Senate Office Manager. Senators introduced themselves.

4. Announcements

President Neubauer announced Cozen O'Connor would like to meet with the Senate Executive committee. Senators discussed and decided on a meeting date and time of February 8, 2023 11 am - 12 pm.

Vice President White announced a save the date for the Honors Faculty Reception. The reception will take place on May 22nd on campus at the Orchard. The exact time of the reception has not yet been decided.

Senator Swenson announced the framework for Cal-GETC was approved, meeting the legislative deadline.

5. President's report - Michael Neubauer

President Neubauer shared the success of the Faculty Retreat that took place on January 17, 2023 at the Petersen Automobile Museum. He thanked the committee chairs, Judith Debonis and Matthew Jackson, and the rest of the committee for all their hard work. He also gave a special thank you to VP White and Ms. Pelayo for their help. The Faculty Senate office hopes to post some pictures on the Faculty Senate website soon.

President Neubauer shared an issue brought to his attention in regard to transgender and non-binary students being bullied and deadnamed. There is a resolution from Statewide Academic Senate from November to urge campuses to make sure this does not happen. President Neubauer is in contact with William Watkins and David Dufault-Hunter to see what names appear on class rosters. This issue has been referred to the Educational Equity Committee and expect a resolution to come before the Senate on the 16th.

6. Naming opportunity – Nichole Ipach, VP for University Relations and Advancement

VP Ipach presented naming proposal for the Global HSI Equity Innovation Hub Facility as a result of what will become a 7-million-dollar commitment from Autodesk. Autodesk is a design software company led by CEO CSUN alumni Andrew Anagnost. Autodesk gave an initial 2 million to get facility started that will house the College of Computer Science and Engineering academic programming as well as the Global HSI Equity Innovation Hub programming in partnership with Apple. Autodesk is now contributing 5 million more which will help finish the capital construction for the facility. In recognition of their gifts their hope is we will name the facility for Autodesk. Two names have been proposed to Autodesk, Autodesk Collaboratory for Inclusive Ideation and Autodesk Inclusive Ideation Collaborative. In accordance with the policy of the CSU Board of Trustees, 35-year term is being asked for.

A Senator inquired about any constraints on the engineering and other departments that use alternative software. VP Ipach expressed there is no constraint, Autodesk does not expect exclusivity but would like to make their software available on the computers for student and faculty use.

MSP: Approve naming proposal of Autodesk Collaboratory for Inclusive Ideation or Autodesk Inclusive Ideation Collaborative with understanding if Autodesk proposes a different name, this will return to the committee for a vote.

February 10: The committee received notice of a new name proposal, Autodesk Technology Engagement Center. Senators voted electronically.

MSP: Approve name proposal, Autodesk Technology Engagement Center.

7. Provost Report – Meera Komarraju

Provost Komarraju expressed she is looking forward to future Senate Executive meetings and full Senate meetings. She shared her previous experience with Senate at previous institutions.

Provost Komarraju thanked the Senate for the opportunity to address faculty at the Faculty Retreat. In all the conversations with faculty at the retreat, a theme of pride in being CSUN faculty stood out to her.

Provost Komarraju shared the following updates:

- a. The four MPP reviews started last semester will be completed this semester for the following:
 - i. Houssam Toutanji, Dean of College of Engineering and Computer Science
 - ii. Dan Hosken, Dean of Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication
 - iii. Shari Tarver Behring, Dean of Michael D. Eisner College of Education
 - iv. Shiva Parsa, Senior Director of Educational Opportunity Program
- b. Six MPP reviews will be initiated this semester for the following:
 - i. Melanie Bocanegra, AVP of Student Success
 - ii. Diane Guido, AVP of Faculty Affairs
 - iii. Janet Oh, Senior Director of Institutional Effectiveness
 - iv. Diane Stephens, AVP of Academic Resources and Planning
 - v. Yan Searcy, Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - vi. Chandra Subramaniam, Dean of David Nazarian College of Business and Economics
- c. The Management Vacancy Announcement for the permanent position of AVP of Graduate Studies will go to PP&R for approval. Upon approval a search committee will be formed with the goal of finalizing the search by the end of the academic year.
- d. The search for the Dean of the College of Health and Human Development is moving forward. The search committee is completing the first round of interviews next week.
- e. Provost Komarraju visited the System office for a joint meeting of the Provosts and AVPs for Student Affairs this week. There have not been changes to the budget yet but part of it will be dependent on enrollment. The Chancellor's office has informed starting Fall 2024, any campus not meeting its targets by 10% or more will get a 10% reduction in their budget. The following year campuses not meeting their targets by 10% will see a 7% reduction and then a 5% the following year. One time money may become available.
- f. Dossiers will be utilized in the RTP process to get to know the faculty. Provost Komarraju will also have guidance during this process to assist with the large number of files.

8. Los Angeles City Parking Occupancy Tax – Colin Donahue, VP Administration and Finance (time certain 2 p.m.)

VP Donahue informed Senators of the upcoming 10% Los Angeles City Parking Occupancy Tax that will affect campus parking users. A notification of the tax has also been sent to all the bargaining units through the Chancellor's office. This tax will affect CSUN and any of the public institutions in the Los Angeles city. VP Donahue shared the history of this tax and expressed this is a user tax the campuses are being obligated to collect. This tax will go in to effect on July 1st in alignment with the academic year. A memo will be sent to all faculty and staff in the coming weeks

and the new tax will be reflected on the parking rates published in summer. VP Donahue asked questions about this tax be communicated to him or his office for clarification.

VP Donahue expressed the parking budget has been thoroughly examined to see if there is a way to offset the cost increase of this tax. Parking is running at a negative and rates are looked at every few weeks. Parking services on campus is self-sustaining and does not acquire any state funding.

9. New Assessment Model – Sakilé K. Camara, Director of Academic Assessment and Program Review; Janet Oh, Senior Director of Institutional Research

Janet Oh, Senior Director of Institutional Research, and Sakilé K. Camara, Director of Academic Assessment and Program Review shared that the office of Academic Assessment and Program Review is implementing its new assessment model in Fall 2023. All colleges will be onboarded with a College Assessment Lead (CAL). With the new processes and procedures, assessment will be streamlined with heightened participation and expanded analytics that drive continuous improvement. Their website will have the latest updates.

Camara shared a video introducing the assessment model. Senators questioned the general process and the choosing of faculty to participate in assessment. CALs will identify learning outcomes under assessment and will identify courses and faculty to assess the specified learning outcome. Assessment is considered part of the faculty workload and faculty will be asked to assess only every 3 to 5 years.

10. Policy Items – Personnel Planning and Review Committee, Lindsay Brown, Chair

First Reading:

a. DEI Language in Section 600

MSP: Send this policy item back to PP&R for further review.

b. Preamble to Sections 600 & 700

MSP: Move this to the Senate as a first reading with small editorial change.

11. All Faculty Elections

Nominations:

- a. Vice President: Theresa White
- b. Secretary: Yoko Mimura
- c. Statewide Academic Senator: Adam Swenson
- d. Senator at Large: Lisa Cheby, Aimee Glocke, Holli Tonyan, David Wakefield, Theresa White

12. Senate Elections

Nominations

- a. Academic Technology Committee: Cecile Bendavid, Chris Sales
- b. Educational Equity Committee: John Valdovinos
- c. Educational Policies Committee: Aimee Glocke, Dan Weingartern, Tadeh Zirakian

- d. Educational Resources Committee: Elizabeth Debach, Ellis Goddard
- e. Graduate Studies Committee: Danielle Jarvis, Julie Gainsburg, Monica Gianni
- f. Research and Grants Committee: Kyle Dewey

13. ERC bylaws change proposal

MSP: Motion to place ERC bylaws change proposal on the ballot for the Spring elections.

14. Statewide Academic Senate Report – Adam Swenson

Senator Swenson discussed the role of the Statewide Academic Senate in the CSU System and brought attention to three important resolutions recently passed.

- a. In Support of Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Compliance in the California State University: The law is both federal and state requiring respect of the remains and cultural patrimony that have been stored in museums and used for research. It requires research being done on these remains and other cultural artifacts to be done in consultation with the affected tribes.
- b. Systemic Inclusion of Preferred Names and Pronouns within the California State University: The resolution calls upon faculty to respect and utilize preferred names and pronouns.
- c. Adopting a Font Designed for Readability for California State University (CSU) Business: This resolution calls on universities to use accessible fonts which will increase accessibility within the CSU system.

Senator Swenson provided background and discussed laws AB 927 & AB 928. AB 927 allows community colleges to now offer 4-year degrees as long as they are not duplicated CSU degrees. Some degrees have caused friction leading to the discussion of program review. AB 928 requires a singular transfer pathway to the CSU or UC. This has arisen the task of having a negotiated transfer framework between the community colleges, CSUs, and UCs. A framework has been passed with details still needing attention.

Senator Swenson reported the board rejected the formal addition of a fourth year of quantitative reasoning.

15. Standing committees minutes review

- a. Academic Technology Committee: No updates.
- b. Educational Equity Committee: First meeting is next week on the 13th. Discussion on the resolution regarding the transgender population will be had.
- c. Educational Policies Committee: No updates.
- d. Educational Resources Committee: Bylaws change discussion.
- e. Extended Learning Committee: No updates.
- f. Graduate Studies Committee: No updates.
- g. Library Committee: Library services are under review. Mural to celebrate the Tataviam people is moving forward and the plan is to begin summer 2023. A location has not been decided upon.

- h. Personnel Planning and Review committee: Policy update discussions.
- i. Research and Grants Committee: RSCA competition is February 21st with announcements in April.

16. Set agenda for the February 16 Senate Meeting

17. New business

Senators discussed their sentiments with CSUN's Title IX survey, specifically its opening statement and measures used.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm

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