



**ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2014
Added Meeting**

ASD 14-40

Approved 4-17-14

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Pollak Library North 130

Present: Armstrong, Balderas, Basil, Bedell, Botsford, Brusckhe, Chavis, Cruz, Evanow, Filowitz, Fitch, Fontaine, Gradilla, Hassan, Jarvis, Jones, Kanel, Knutson Miller, Matz, Mead, Michalopoulos, Myck-Wayne, Navarro, Rhoten, Rodriguez, Smith, Stang, Walk, Walker, Watson, Westgate, Yang

Absent: Bonney, Buck, Carroll, Dabirian, Fidalgo, García, Guerin, Lartey, Pasternack, Perez, Puri, Randall, Rhodes, Stambough, Stein, Walicki, Weismuller

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Walker) **REMINDER: 3-27-14 ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING CANCELLED**

(Stang) Invitation to attend the Open Hearing for the Proposed School of Music: Tuesday, 3-25-14, 9:00-10:00 AM in MH-141.

IV. TIME CERTAIN

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Topic: GRADUATION INITIATIVE – A Campus Conversation

Presenters:

Co-Chair: Lynn Sargeant, Interim Director of Undergraduate Programs

Co-Chair: James Rodriguez, Department of Child & Adolescent Studies & Interim Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Excerpted from the CSU Website: CSU Graduation Initiative that strives to raise the freshman six-year graduation rate by eight percentage points by 2015, and cut in half the existing gap in degree attainment by DSU's under-represented minority (URM) students. Involving all 23 CSU campuses, the Graduation Initiative encourages campuses to establish graduation targets comparable to the top quartile of national averages of similar institutions, and to close the URM achievement gap through a series of carefully planned activities.

Provost Cruz and VP Eanes framed the conversation and acknowledged the work of the 17-member Graduation Initiative Committee prior to the presentation by Drs. Sargeant and Rodriguez. Each Senator received an informational packet regarding strategies for increasing student success and decreasing time to degree. This conversation is, in fact, an "initiative" that focuses on seven areas of student success mandated by the Chancellor's Office.

The discussion began with a PowerPoint presentation that included video messages as part of a well-designed multi-faceted approach that is being used for campus-wide forums to explore, discuss and present information at all levels signifying how we ALL can make a positive difference in a student's life. This information is, by design, not data heavy and is intended to set a context for a positive tone to broaden and deepen conversations for everyone to be engaged toward the goal of student success and aligned with the Strategic Plan, Goal #2.

- Improve student persistence, increase graduation rates University-wide, and narrow the achievement gap for underrepresented students.

A Website "inspire.fullerton.edu" is in process to house data, and a free *app* is available containing information to use for interactive opportunities to engage faculty, staff, departments, and colleges toward group and individual conversations aimed at impacting and promoting student success. The challenge is to keep the pride of graduation day with us all year long! The final slide resonated with the Apollo 13 mission that "FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION".

Q/A session followed. Valuable examples and ideas were discussed (list not exhaustive).

- ✓ Ongoing presentations and discussions reveal the diversity of perceptions, ideas and activities that reside within various colleges/departments/divisions. Ongoing practices are being shared, sometimes for very little cost.

- ✓ Conversations should include emphasis on student learning as faculty maintain rigor in teaching and grading practices. Students graduating with a high-standard CSUF *earned* degree will be the reward for the students, their families, and their communities.
- ✓ \$50M has been set aside from the CO this year to address seven (7) priority areas mostly aligned with student success. *Request for proposals* (RFPs) will be offered (forthcoming) for each of those 7 areas. These conversations are preparing CSUF to apply and receive RFP monies to help reach our goals.
- ✓ Reports from this committee as well as from each task force will be forthcoming and will be reviewed collectively to inform, identify, and strengthen initiatives.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 5.1 ASD 14-23 Academic Senate Minutes 2-27-14 (Draft)
M/S/P (Jarvis/Rhoten) A.S. 2-27-14 minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.
- 5.2 ASD 14-28 Academic Senate Minutes 3-6-14 (Draft)
M/S/P (Matz/Fitch) A.S. 3-6-14 minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/P (Bedell/Mead) Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

- 6.1 ASD 14-29 New Course Proposal, Spring 2014 [EDSC/EDEL 541-V] [Source: Academic Programs]
- 6.2 ASD 14-35 [UPS 420.105](#) Right of Non-Compliance, Risk Activities [10-3-75] [Source: EC]

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT (Walker) Forthcoming

VIII. PROVOST UPDATE (Cruz)

Provost Cruz reminded the body of the five (5) searches currently underway:

- ✓ Dean - College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- ✓ Dean - College of the Arts
- ✓ Associate Vice President of Research, Creative Activities and Technology Transfer
- ✓ University Librarian
- ✓ Deputy Provost

Director of Undergraduate Studies. He encouraged individuals to nominate themselves or refer to other colleagues who may be interested in applying for this position.

IX. STATEWIDE ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

Statewide Academic Senators Guerin, Pasternack and Stambough are attending the Statewide meetings.

X. ASI REPORT (Smith)

- ✓ ASI is currently in the budget approval process for 2014-15.
- ✓ This is the final day for ASI 2014-15 elections for President, Vice President and Board of Directors.
- ✓ The process continues for approving proposals for Instructionally Related Activities (IRA).
- ✓ Tonight is the very popular event "Bill Nye, the Science Guy" in the TSU. Event will also be video-streamed.

XI. CFA REPORT (Hassan)

- ✓ Bargaining negotiations are ongoing.
- ✓ Faculty members are encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, 3-25-14, for a *show of support* for the bargaining team.
- ✓ CFA Chapter Presidents continue to ask each CSU President to implement Equity 3.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Walker received the body's permission to discuss agenda items out of order. Item 12.2 was discussed first.

- 12.1 ASD 13-152 Revised UPS 280.000 Intramural Research Grants [Source: FRC]
ITEM WILL CONTINUE ON 4-17-14 A.S. AGENDA.

- 12.2 ASD 14-25 Statements of Opinion, Spring 2014 [First Reading 3-6-14]
There was discussion on two statements for the ballot. Executive Committee was charged with clarifying background information and pro/con statements. Item will be brought back on Consent Calendar at the 4-17-14 A.S. meeting.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 13.1 ASD 13-176 UPS 330.230 Audio Recording and Transcription of Class Content by Students [5-11-12]
[Source: ITC/EC]

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P (Bedell/Fitch) Motion to adjourn at 1:00 PM.