



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2016

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11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

PLN-120

Present: Balderas, Barr, Bonney, Buck, Carroll, Casem, Cruz, Cuaresma, Dabirian, DeMars, Dries, Fidalgo, Filowitz, Fischer, Fitch, Fontaine, Guerin, Kanel, Lin, Mead, Moultapa, Oliver, Patton, Powers, Puri, Randall, Rhoten, Robles, Rodriguez, Sargeant, Stang, Stein, Stohs, Tavakolian, Walicki, Walker, Wang,

Absent: Armstrong, Basil, Chavis, Eanes, Evanow, Garcia, Gradilla, Meyer, Myck-Wayne, Perez, Wood

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bonney called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

IN MEMORIAM

- Vyron Klassen, Professor Emeritus, Department of Mathematics [died January 19, 2016]

II. INTRODUCTION

- AVP Nwosu introduced Dr. Elizabeth Boretz, AVP for Student Success and Director of Academic Advisement Center

III. URGENT BUSINESS

- ❖ Senator Walker The Executive Committee will be looking into two problems; one is dealing with homeless courses that don't live in any particular academic program and the approval process. And the second piece is the evaluation of lecturers who are appointed in programs where they don't have a program coordinator, department chair, or DPC. We will be getting that sorted out and sending to the appropriate committees.

Senator Walker requested from Provost Cruz and Michele Barr to help get out accurate information regarding the strike to make sure everyone is getting clear and accurate information.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dean Bowman announced on a true landmark in science that Cal State Fullerton played a role in. Today there is a large international collaboration called LIGO, which stands for Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) which is giant detectors searching for ripples in space time predicted by Einstein's theory of relativity. This is the last part of Einstein's theory that could not be confirmed. Cal State Fullerton has a huge role in this. The director of our Gravitational-Wave Physics and Astronomy Center, Joshua Smith is one of the lead people in the LIGO consortium. He is in charge of detector characterization which allows them to search for signals in the ripples of space time that are movements that are less than a thousandths of the width of a proton. Geoffrey Lovelace is another important part of the team that models numerical simulations of colliding black holes, which are key to being able to understand what we are seeing in the data. Jocelyn Read, who is the Associate Director of the Physics and Astronomy Center, is an expert in astro physics. This is where her entire career will be based off of, using gravitational waves to explore extreme space time events. Al Agnew is in the Department of Mathematics, he is a mathematic relativist who studies the mathematics of this.

There is a big paper that was published today in Physical Review Letters making this announcement; you will see it all over the news today. We have done a press conference that had FOX, CBS, KTLA, and KFI. This will undoubtedly become one of the biggest scientific announcements in the last 50 years and potentially this century. The paper has six lead editors, of which Joshua Smith is one. The model and data was done by Jocelyn, Geoffrey and their students, which are actually featured in the paper, models that was ran by master students here at Cal State Fullerton.

- Senator Dabirian announced the moving of the data system to the POD this weekend. IT will start with Titanium and some of the network on Friday and will be moving a lot of critical pieces until Sunday night. This will have an effect on Titanium on Friday starting at 2:00 pm, IT will bring it up as soon as possible. There is a possibility of certain downtimes during the weekend. IT will keep you posted every step of the way starting tomorrow until Sunday.

- Senator DeMars a lot of the Library services may also be down from noon on Sunday until midnight Sunday evening. We have a redundancy site set up so you will be able to access a link on our site for the next couple of days that will provide access to any sort of off campus services we have.
- Senator Walker reminded us to change our password.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 ASD 16-04 Academic Senate Minutes 1-28-16 Meeting

M/S/P (Oliver/Stohs) ASD 16-04 Academic Senate Minutes were approved unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/P (Kanel/Stang) Consent Calendar was approved unanimously.

6.1 NOMINEES TO STANDING COMMITTEES

FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (10 faculty)

Nominees: Joel Lanning (ECS)

Confirmed 10/1: Javette Hayes (COMM); Louise Adler (EDUC); Katherine Bono (HHD); John Patton (SOC SCI); Laura Lohman (ARTS); Betty Chavis (MCBE); Kathryn Dickson (NSM); Zakyi Ibrahim (HUM); Jie Tian (L/A/C/E)

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (10 faculty)

Nominees: Kathryn Glasswell (EDUC); **Pending** (L/A/C/E)

Confirmed 10/1: Charles Tumlinson (ARTS); Michele Wood (HHD); Heather Osborne Thompson (COMM); Greg Childers (NSM); Kevin Wortman (ECS); Donna Nicol (HUM); Brenda Bowser (SOC SCI); Ajay Bhootra (MCBE)

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT (Chair Bonney) Written report distributed to campus 2-8-16.

This may be only the third week of the semester but already the campus is in high gear, faculty and students seemingly energized by the winter break. This chair's report begins with a reminder that on the 16th of February Chancellor White will be visiting CSU Fullerton. Chancellor White will meet with a number of groups and, most significantly for the campus community at large, will appear at an open forum from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in TSU Pavilion C. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend and to take this opportunity to ask the chancellor questions and to hear his thoughts on the CSU in general and our campus in particular.

On February 4th President García announced the formation of the President's Commission on Equity and Inclusion. As her email to the campus explained, this body will have as its ongoing task the advancement of the campus conversation on "diversity, equity, and inclusion for all campus members." The work of this commission will be carried out by four subcommittees one of which will comprise a committee of the Academic Senate. Because the work of the commission is envisioned as open-ended we cannot create an ad hoc committee, whose work terminates at the end of the academic year. Instead the Executive Committee will propose a charge for a new standing committee to be created by an amendment to the Academic Senate Bylaws. We hope to have that matter ready for consideration at a March Academic Senate meeting.

Work on the Academic Master Plan continues. The AMP website is now online at <http://www.fullerton.edu/amp/> and faculty, staff and students are invited to add their comments through the Join the Conversation tab. The 18 March 2016 Academic Affairs/ Academic Senate retreat will provide participants with an opportunity to provides ideas and comments on the AMP including the input already provided online. Because the AMP is a vehicle for articulating our vision of CSUF the more people engage with the process the better.

At this week's meeting, 11 February 2016, we will be addressing several important matters. First is the motion to amend section I.B of the bylaws to align the identification of the constituencies with our actual practice. This does not affect the size of the constituencies which will remain the same unless there is a significant change in the size of one or more of the departments. Rather the constituencies are specified more clearly than at present. The amendments to the bylaws also include a modification in the duties of the Faculty Research General Committee at section IV.B.4 and the creation of a standing Faculty Research Policy Committee at IV.C.7.i. This change was recommended by the ad hoc research committee last year, and in our discussion of the report in spring 2015 met with little objection. Note also at IV.C.7.a the clarification that those attending meetings as designees whether of elected or ex officio members may not vote. The second issue up for consideration will be the amendment to the constitution in Article II to eliminate the at-large member seats. This change, unless passed without objection by the Academic Senate, will be voted on as part of the annual elections and if approved would not take effect until spring 2017. Faculty also have submitted additional corrections to the bylaws. In addition to acting on these proposed changes to the Constitution and bylaws the Academic Senate will have first readings of the revised UPS documents on

appointment of administrative personnel, 210.007 and 210.500 as well as the new UPS on the selection of instructional materials.

Other important news includes continued tributes to important members of the campus community. A reminder that this is Black History Month. A list of the scheduled events may be found at <http://news.fullerton.edu/2016wi/blkhistmonth.aspx>. At future meetings of the Academic Senate we will honor the students responsible for *The Wellebaethan*, CSUF's award-winning history journal showcasing the research of our students, and Nancy Segal, recent recipient of the Wang Award.

Finally, with elections only weeks away we are welcome to any suggestions you may have for Statements of Opinion.

May the semester continue to be fruitful and productive for all of us.

VIII. PROVOST REPORT

Provost Cruz stated the announcement that came out today regarding the role Cal State Fullerton's faculty and students played in confirming Einstein's general theory of relativity was momentous. Not only for what it represents for science, but also what it represents for our university. In addition to us using the tag line "Titans Reaching Higher", we also say we aspire to be recognized for what we know we are; which is a nationally recognized public comprehensive university.

When you look at our smaller partner institutions, smaller in size and stature: Cal-Tech, MIT, Paris schools, it is really exciting to see our students and faculty were instrumental in making sure the last piece of Einstein's theory of relativity was shown to be true and be validated. It shows to the quality of work that we do in our university regardless whether or not the slogans are the right ones or the visions are the right ones.

IX. STATEWIDE ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

A written report was distributed.

X. ASI REPORT

(Valencia) The entrance to the TSU is closed by the ATM machines and traffic has to go through the food court. All ASI facilities, services and programs are active in there. We noticed a decrease in foot traffic to the convenience store and the information desk, so please help and send out this information to all of your students.

XI. CFA REPORT (Barr)

The strike dates have been set, Wednesday through Friday, April 13th - 15th, then the following Monday & Tuesday, April 18th & 19th. Saturday and Sunday are non-strike days, so any faculty who work on those days, have to work. Phase 1 is a finite strike.

Q: (Fidalgo) Faculty is asking if we are going to get docked in pay?

A: They have the right to dock pay. The logistics is they have to first figure out who was on strike and who wasn't on strike.

Q: (Patton) Because of potential dock in pay, it seems it would make more sense to me if the dates would bridge pay periods, so the impact to faculty would be spread across two months rather than all in one block. So I'm wondering about the logic of how they chose those dates?

A: We were part of deciding how it would look. The first date we could legally strike is the April 11th, and we wanted to do it as quickly as possible to make it big and swift.

Q: (Kanel) Are chairs of departments considered to be faculty and on strike too?

A: Yes, they are unit 3.

Q: (Kanel) Are we going to wear t-shirts, hold picket signs, and line up around the perimeter of the university?

A: Yes, we are going to be very visible.

Q: (Casem) Speaking for my colleagues in Biology, many of whom have cell cultures and other kind of things that are not maintained by anybody other than themselves, like I have a whole collection of spiders that depend on me. If I am on strike my spiders are dying, my cell cultures are dying, which is a huge impact and can devastate someone's research. What's your response to that?

A: Is there anybody else, a grad student who could take care of that for you? Does anybody take care of them on the weekends? There is no such thing as going part way to go on strike, so I can't tell you it's ok to do that. I can just say you that you would have to cross the picket line. I do understand.

Q: (Fischer) Will there be a picket line on the weekend?

A: No, because the weekend is officially non-strike days.

Q: (Fischer) How about using email, can I use it for private purposes?

A: We are saying not to use your campus email.

Q: (Guerin) If pay were to be withheld, would it be for all days or only on teaching days that you miss?

A: I don't know how they are going to do it.

Q: (DeMars) Will the Senate meeting that is scheduled for April 14th be moved to one of the other weeks, just in case or will it be cancelled?

A: Can't give you an answer right away, it is complicated to move a meeting. We actually have a meeting in May that is declared optional, so we might defer the April 14th business to the optional day and make it not an optional day.

XII. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS REPORT (Nwosu)

AVP Nwosu gave an update on three areas: Curriculum, Student Success, and Quality Assurance. On February 25th we will come before the Academic Senate to provide updates on emerging issues in curriculum planning and processes.

We had a very successful opening yesterday of the new Graduate Student Success Center. It was opened by President García; it was a very successful event. The center is located on the 3rd floor in the Library. It is a very quiet space for students to study and network. It is an opportunity for students to utilize the space as they come from various disciplines to engage each other in study. It is one of the ten student success centers we have at the university. This particular center is funded through a grant we received from the US Department of Education last year. It is the first such center in the entire Cal State University system; it is also the only university student success center we have on our campus that is open to students on the evenings as well as on the weekends.

UPS 410.200 requires us to complete PPR's every seven years. In 2014-15, we had twenty degree programs complete self-studies. As a consequence of those self-studies completed and submitted to the Office of Assessment and Education Effectiveness, we worked with the various departments to have a culminating meeting for seven such programs in full of 2014-15 and we plan to have similar meetings for thirteen degree programs this semester. There are fifteen programs completing PPR's for this semester and we are in touch with those programs and we are asking them to work as they have been doing to ensure they meet the deadline we have provided for April for submission of all of the materials related to their PPR. We will be sending reminders to them.

The system-wide office requires us to conduct a review of centers and institutes at the university every seven years, our UPS requires us to do it every three years. We looked at our record and this is something we have not done in the last several years and we thought it would be important for us to engage in that process and we began discussions to re-engage ourselves those discussions and activity. As of last semester, prior to the beginning of the conversation, we counted and the number of centers we had at the university was sixty-two. Following the discussion we had with the deans and others that number is now fifty-seven centers and institutes. This semester, we will begin the formal review of centers and institutes. There will be seventeen reviews this semester and we will move through this over the next two semesters, which will bring us to the conclusion of the center reviews we have put in place. The information of the scheduling was distributed to the deans and can be found on the website of the Office of Assessment and Education Effectiveness. The guidelines are also being updated. A formal announcement will go out next week.

XIII. UNFINISH BUSINESS

13.1 Revision to UPS 100.001 Academic Senate Bylaws

M/S/P (Walker/Stohs) Motion to approve revision to UPS 100.001

[From approved 1-28-16 AS Minutes: ASD 16-04](#)

[M/S \(Fischer/Walker\) Motioned to approved ASD 16-07 UPS 100.001 Academic Senate Bylaws \[MAIN MOTION\].](#)

Continuing discussion from 1-28-16.

(Chair Bonney) Gave an overview of the suggested changes to be made to the Bylaws. The changes are to clearly define the basic constituencies. This is not a change in how we do business, but to clarify how we currently conduct business. To modify the charge to the Faculty Research Committee (the General Committee). To add the Faculty Research Policy Committee.

(Guerin) made several editorial suggestions that were *friendly*:

Line 136 - delete the word "other". Sentence will read "Elections to fill vacancies....."

Line 141 - remove period and put colon

Line 151 - change wording from "coaches that" to "coaches who". Sentence will read "...and coaches who are appointed...."

Line 210 - delete Academic Senate from beginning of sentence. Sentence will read "Voting shall be by secret ballot."

Line 535 - Add "University" before Curriculum Committee

Line 604 - the word serve is missing the "e"

(Mead) made an amendment that was considered *friendly* by the body.

Line 249 has similar wording in lines 1044-1045. Remove the heading on line 1043 and moved to lines 1044-1045 to line 249

(Mead) Motion to remove the wording "or electronically" from lines 189, 199, 205

M/S/P (Mead/Walker) motion passed unanimously

Back to the main motion

(Guerin) made several editorial suggestions that were *friendly*:

Line 692 - remove the wording "or a designee"

Line 689 - remove "s" from students

Line 732 - remove parenthesis from University and make same font

Line 803 - typographical error of the exclusive

(Guerin) Motion to remove the wording "two designees" from line 930. This was considered *friendly* by the body.

(Guerin) made several editorial suggestions that were *friendly*:

Line 751 - change Composition to "Section IV.C.7"

Line 660 - remove the wording "each and" from the beginning of the sentence. Sentence will read "Every standing committee shall transmit..."

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

14.1 Revision to UPS 100.000 Academic Senate Constitution

14.2 First Reading UPS 210.007 Appointment of Administrative Personnel [source: FAC]

14.3 First Reading UPS 3XX.XXX Instructional Materials. . .

XV. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P (Buck/Fischer) Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.