



ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2023

ASD 23-118

Approved 12-7-23

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

PLN-130

Present: Alva, Adawalla, Badal, Barber, Bauer, Bonuso, Brown, Brusckke, Casem, Childers, Dabirian, Ebrahimi, J. Garcia, N. Garcia, Ghosh, Goodarzi, Graewingholt, Guo, Jarvis, Kakihara, Kanel, Kuffner, Landeros, Lewis Chiu, Luker, Meyer, Miller, Milligan, Nair, Oseguera, Plouffe, Robinson, Sacco, Scher, Self, Shepard, Stanley, Valdez, Valencia, Walsh, Weismuller, Wood, Zazueta

Absent: Evanow, Henning, Mallicoat, Ordenez-Jasis, Palencia Gutierrez, Swarat, Thomas, Wilson

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

A moment of silence was observed.

In Memoriam

- Dr. Paul Lester, Professor Emeritus of Communications [died November 12, 2023, age 70]

II. URGENT BUSINESS

- M/S/P (Bruschke/Weismuller) Motion to approve ASD 23-109 Faculty Representation on the Presidential Selection Committee. Motion passed unanimously.
 - (Kanel) when I go back to Statewide Senate, I am going to bring up two thing to the Chancellor's office; 1) if we could have advance notice when it comes to things like this because presenting it just before the holiday and having it due right after doesn't look like serious collegiality and collaboration, and 2) why only tenure/tenure track faculty are allowed to be on this particular committee.
 - (Jarvis) There is a flotilla of resolutions from various CSUs and from ASCSU over the last decade asking for changes to this process. A lot of folks on the campuses and systemwide have been asking the Board of Trustees to open this process up more.
 - (Jarvis) The open forum, which is already scheduled, will be on Tuesday, February 6th, we do not have a time yet.
 - (Jarvis) We are also going to put together a way for folks to let us know what they want us to be thinking about on the search, what characteristics we should be looking for in a president. We will do an anonymous survey so we can broaden participation and voice, as much as we can in this process. With the understanding that at the end of the day, it will not be our decision.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤	Academic Senate 3 rd Special Election to fill vacancies in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Senate – HHD seat (1 2-yr)• Academic Senate – SOC SCI seat (1 2-yr)	eVoting will take place: M, December 4 th , 7:00 AM thru R, December 7 th , 4:00 PM
---	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

IV. TIME APPROXIMATE

11:50 AM

Topic: [Fiscal State of the University](#)

Presenter: President Alva, VP Porter, and VP Dabirian

President Alva, VP Porter, and VP Dabirian gave the Fiscal State of the University presentation.

President Alva presented slides covering the following areas:

- Fiscal State of the University: What's Trending
- Governor's Compact
- Academic Year Tuition Increases 1984-85 through 2023-24 (Actual) 2024-25 forward
- Reasons for a Multi-Year Tuition Increase
- Comparison Institutions
- Undergraduate, Credential and Graduate Programs
- Effect on Undergraduate Students
- College Year (CY) Enrollment (FTES)
- Salary Compensation

VP Porter presented slides covering the following areas:

- Fiscal Status End of FY 2022-23
- FY 2022-23 Core Operating Funds & Lottery (by division)
- FY 2022-23 Carry Forward (as of July 1, 2023)
- Core Operating Fund Expenditures & Transfers
- FY 2022-23 Reserve Designations
- Current Budget FY 2023-24
- FY 2023-24 Fullerton's Allocations (Sources)
- FY 2023-24 Fullerton's Allocations (Uses)
- FY 2023-24 Operating Fund Baseline Budget (\$542.5M)
- Budget Outlook

VP Dabirian presented slides covering the following areas:

- Investing In Faculty
- New Tenure-Track Faculty Fall 2023
- Funding for New Tenure-Track Faculty
- Tenure/Tenure Track Faculty Promotions
- Lecturer Faculty Range Elevation
- Sabbaticals

Q&A:

Q: (Bruschke) Slide 12: we have a compact with the state and the red line is where we are funding at, but the blue line is what we are teaching, so can you explain to me how the compact works if we have every year prior to this one been teaching considerably more than we are funded for?

A: (Alva) The compact was not in place in the years where Cal State Fullerton was hovering well above the funded target.

Q: (Bruschke) Where would I find information about MPP salary and how that's affected?

A: (Porter) We can bring that information together. I am not sure if it's available on our website, but that is information we absolutely can share.

Q: (Bruschke) Slide 31: for every single lecturer range evaluation, the total campus commitment was \$242,348. Is that the correct amount of money?

A: (Porter) Correct.

Q: (Bruschke) I see the number we were granted; do we know the number that we applied for?

A: (Dabirian) We can get the total number. When I looked at the number of range elevation that was denied, I would say probably one or two last year. I would say 98% probably was passed.

Q: (Kanel) I wanted to ask President Alva do you have any pull with the Titan Shops in terms of the price they put on books? I believe they probably make a profit. Even custom publishing it's quite expensive.

A: (Alva) I would say that you as faculty have more pull than I do. One of the things we certainly would encourage faculty to think about are digital books. Is there an equivalent to a hard cover book that could be also made available to students so that they either purchase it digitally or in hard cover.

Q: (Kanel) Does that mean the Titan Shops is not part of the University? Are they a separate independent contractor?

A: (Alva) They are an auxiliary.

- (Porter) The Auxiliary Services Corporation that operates the Titan Shops, are an auxiliary to the university. The prices that are set for books are dictated by the publisher and in addition to that, there is a small markup that is added from a profit perspective. The profit perspective is mostly to generate overhead cost and do a very small profit margin to help run the operation.
- (Dabirian) If you find a book someplace cheaper, let the Titan Shop know and they will do price match. So, I strongly recommend doing that.

Q: (Valdez) Slide 20: I get inflation and all the lines went up a little bit, but that green one just says other expenses. Can you detail what that is and why that sharp increase?

A: (Porter) In the other line there is an increase the prior year of about \$25 million, \$16 million of that had to do with recovery of lost revenue funds from HERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund). So, to record the transaction you have to show the expense and the revenue, and the expense side shows up here. So, it will show an increase in terms of the expenditures.

Project Rebound was centrally funded for us, and that money was included in this side because there is no other place to classify it. In addition to that, we had other COVID related expenditures, our deferred maintenance projects were funded in this space. We had other technology increases we made, for example, the Zoom room we did around campus.

Q: (Graewingholt) Slide 20: the green line, I was curious to see if that's also HERF funds that potentially weren't sustainable? I know in the library, when it comes to Affordable Learning Solutions, Leganto is one that we spent approximately \$30,000 on, and it's saving students over \$8 million. I'm hoping that is one that we can spend money on forever, in addition to supporting other CSU wide affordable learning solution methods through the library.

A: (Porter) The HERF funds are one time in nature, they are not ongoing funds. They were one time for the federal government, and we have claimed and used all of those funds.

- (Dabirian) I am going to fund that baseline for you.

Q: (Brown) VP Porter, can you tell me why ASC budget items are never included in your budget, and they have \$1.8 billion in assets?

A: (Porter) Auxiliaries are not part of college operations, never have been, and never will be. They are a separately held corporation that is an auxiliary to the university, similar parking, Extended Ed, and ASI. They are auxiliary organizations that exist and work with the university but are separately held entities. There are rules and laws about how those monies are collected and used, and we cannot commingle those funds across the way.

They have a separately held board that governs their operations and how they're managed on a day-to-day basis, but they are not cross mingled funds. We will have contributions that the auxiliary will contribute back towards the university, one of these things for example with ASC has to do with our bookstore. They provide contributions and activities that they do within the bookstore and retail operations that benefit the entire campus.

In addition to that, over time, they have been our real estate acquisition arm. They have purchased property, for example the college park building across the street. In Titan Hall, over time they were able to use those funds to leverage to buy and acquire property of the University that eventually will be transferred back to the university over time.

Q: (Robinson) This question is for the Provost, what can chairs or coordinators do to help encourage their lecturers to seek range evaluation?

A: (Provost) When the process comes make sure they apply for it, there were 157 that did not. I will talk with the chairs and work on a marketing strategies to see how we can encourage them to do it.

Q: (Stanley) Slide 22: what is the retirement adjustment income that the university received? I thought Cal PERS handled all that and didn't know other funds coming in.

A: (Porter) There is an obligation that the university pays as a Cal State system that we pay into Cal PERS as a coventurer benefit for your retirement plan. Our portion of that, in terms of the additional dollars that we received to help offset those costs is the \$4.79 million. We as a system pay as well as you pay into your retirement plan.

Q: (Graewingholt) How long can we expect this Compact to be ongoing for and what advocacy can we do as faculty to increase State support?

A: (Alva) The compact is in place for five years and I believe we are in year two of the Compact. The State of California this year showed several areas where they are running a deficit at the state level, and we were very fortunate that the Governor honored the Compact. I think there's hope that we continue to show robust enrollment at least on those campuses that can absorb that 1% increase and continue to make the case that the success of the CSU really translates to the future and the State of California will be in a good place certainly with this Governor to continue to get that state funding.

Governor Newsom has been a strong champion and advocate of higher education, but it isn't a guarantee. Systemwide every year there's active negotiations around this very topic and it was one of the reasons why the system office really made the tough choice that a few campuses should get a disproportionately greater share of that enrollment growth to make the case to the Legislature that we're committed to continuing to enroll California residents and stay true to our mission.

It's a political game, there's no guarantee. But I think we, in particular, Cal State Fullerton is in a good place to continue to be a strong flag holder for why this continued investment is needed.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ M/S/P (Brown/Landeros) Motion to approve AS minutes. Minutes passed unanimously.

5.1 ASD 23-105 Academic Senate Minutes 11-2-23 (Draft)

- (Stanley) The work we did on UPS 300.024 - Majors and Minors: Declaration, Change, and Concurrent Degree Requirements, the minutes are pretty incomplete about the extensive discussion. And somehow, I recall more than one motion being passed about changing the wording. Can the person who took notes verify that?
- (Jarvis) the discussion is usually not recorded in the minutes; the motions are there. There was a pending motion when we ended, so that's still on the floor. I believe Senator Oseguera is the first speaker to that motion when we get to it.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

➤ M/S/P (Walsh/Kanel) Motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Consent Calendar was approved.

6.1 NOMINEES TO COMMITTEES

NOMINEES TO SEARCH COMMITTEES

DEPUTY PROVOST (5 faculty)

Nominees: Chean Chin Ngo (ECS); Irene Matz (CCOM); Zakyi Ibrahim (HUM);
Abigail Amoako Kayser (EDUC); Michele Wood (HHD)

VII. REPORTS

1. [Chair's Report](#)

2. Provost Report - **no report submitted.**

3. [Statewide Academic Senate Report](#)

- (Kanel) They are trying to work on creating spots for temporary faculty on the Statewide Senate, since it is so many of them in the system.

Q: (Stanley) On the Cal-GETC paragraph, just want to clarify the last part about how this seems to be changing the whole community college advising system. It's unclear to me if departments can reach out to departments at Fullerton College directly now? If we are allowed to recruit?

My understanding is that Academic Affairs has Elizabeth Borertz, who is the key person for transfer relationships. I'm not sure what's going on with the institutional ways to handle relationships with community colleges around this.

A: (Dabirian) Right now we are working with community partners through Student Affairs, to work with community colleges. Our local community colleges are looking at having closer relationships with us on the transfers. We are moving forward, and we will have a report coming back to Senate once we get everything organized. Right now, we have a MOU with Santa Ana College. We are looking at MOUs with other colleges how to extend those and make a stronger partnership.

- (Casem) I was meeting with our colleagues at Fullerton College, so there are conversations that are ongoing. If you have faculty who have concerns and would like to work with their colleagues at the community colleges, please communicate with me.

4. ASI Report - **no report submitted.**

5. [CFA Report](#)

Q: (Landeros) I would like an update on the strike readiness information.

A: (Brown) We support our Teamsters in APC, and we want you all to stand with us.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 ASD 23-101 Revisions to UPS 300.024 - Majors and Minors: Declaration, Change, and Concurrent Degree Requirements

IX. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 ASD 23-114 Revisions to UPS 100.700 - Formation and Review of Campus Centers and Institutes

X. ADJOURNMENT

➤ M/S/P (Garcia/Landeros) Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.