



**ACADEMIC SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MARCH 5, 2024**

**Approved 3-19-24**

**11:30 AM - 12:50 PM**

**MH-141**

Present: Bruschke, Garcia, Jarvis, Kanel, Milligan, Self, Shepard, Swarat, Valdez, Walsh

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **II. URGENT BUSINESS**

- President Alva has requested to address the Senate with updates on Titans for C.A.R.E. and the Strategic Plan implementation. We don't normally have a Presidential address as a Senate item we could add one. The structure of our meetings is not specified in the Bylaws, the fact that we have Provost report, and a CFA report is a tradition, not a mandated bylaw. We can add it and have her submit a written report and take questions as we do with the other reports.
  - I think her intention is to make sure some of the important things are communicated to the Senate. Is she asking for this to be a regular thing or just this one time?
    - Q: Should we suggest a time certain of ten minutes for her?
    - Q: Why has this never been a thing in the past?
    - A: It hasn't been requested before.
    - Q: Could she do her update under announcements?
- Suggestion:  
Have the chair ask the President if she plans to do updates at every meeting, if so, we should add President Report to the AS agenda. If she plans to give updates every now and then, inform her she can give them as an announcement.

## **III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (Bruschke) We will be hosting the Cross Examination Debate Association National Championship Tournament on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- (Kanel) We have three finalist for the Dean of HHD, we will be seeing them in two weeks.

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- M/S/P (Walsh/Self) Motion to approve the February 13<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion passed.
- 4.1 EC Minutes 2-13-24 (draft)
  - 4.2 EC Minutes 2-20-24 (draft) - *forthcoming*
  - 4.3 EC Minutes 2-27-24 (draft) - *forthcoming*

## **V. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- We are going to be asked to put together a search for the VP of Advancement, we will need three faculty and the AS chair's designee. We have not been formally asked yet, but it will come so we should start thinking of faculty who would be good at that.
- Q:(Valdez) What does that person do?  
A: (Jarvis) Fundraising and strategic communications.

Suggestion:

Advancement should give us a yearly report of where funds that they bring in go, who is using it.

Q: (Kanel) Does a report go to PRBC?

A: (Bruschke) PRBC does not receive an expense report.

Q: (Shepard) Do you have the timeline of this?

A: (Jarvis) We would want to put together the search committee to draft the proposal this semester, then have them look at applications and review in the fall. We would like to have the committee by early April, so they can get the position description done. So, we would need names on the March 21<sup>st</sup> AS agenda for Senate approval.

Volunteers:

Michael Milligan (CBE) and Jason Shepard (COMM)

- I received a call from Dave Edwards, he and the ASI leaders would like to come and present the Student Wellness Initiative to the Senate. I informed him that I would meet with them, but we would not have a presentation at the Senate, since this was not in our purview.

Q: (Bruschke) Who is the entity that decides whether it goes to a referendum or alternate consultation process?

A: (Jarvis) The process is specified in Title V. How it gets interpreted here, I'm not sure, I think the President.

- The presidential search description is now live. Feel free to share it widely with your professional networks.
- I received an email from Irena Praitis about UPS 210.001, Recruitment and Appointment of Tenure-Track Faculty regarding the role of the Dean. The UPS states "The Dean recommends the appointment of faculty to the appropriate Vice President after considering the recommendation of the DSC and input from the Department Chair". She said the wording leaves too open the possibility for the Deans to discount the recommendations and make their own choice/decision.

There are other problems along with our search process. I wouldn't mind a policy that says we notify people when we said they are not going to be hired. Even if we are not sure between candidates 1 & 2, it is cruel to leave candidate number 3 and numbers 4 - 80 hanging in the wind, just in case. It's awful practice.

- (Valdez) And the chair is told they can't say anything.
- (Kanel) Equally bad is that the Deans and other upper officials hire people that the search committee did not want, or it's a failed search and they still hire the person.
- (Jarvis) I suggest we refer this to Faculty Affairs Committee and let them discuss it and decide. Truth is there is no way FAC will get through it this year, so this will be a next year's problem. So, we can refer it to FAC with Exec's suggestions.

## **VI. PROVOST REPORT - 12:30 PM**

Searches:

- The two dean searches are moving.
- We have three finalist for the HHD dean search, they will be announced shortly.
- We have good candidates for the HSS dean, we will hold those interviews next week via zoom, then they will announce the finalist.
- We are finalizing the associate dean of ARTS. We had only one candidate who went through the entire process.
- We are currently holding interviews via zoom for the associate dean of communications.
- The deputy provost position will go out this week.
- We are doing the executive director for black student success. We went through the process and finalized that search. We made an offer to someone, but they declined the offer.

Q: (Kanel) What is your policy if the search committee says it's a failed search? Do you support the Deans in picking somebody despite the committee saying it's a failed search?

A: (Provost) If it's a failed search, it's a failed search. I am very respectful of the committee.

- CBE will begin the process for their associate dean search.

- I approved HHD to do their associate dean search after the dean search is completed and the new dean starts.
- We appointed Kimberly Shiner will serve as interim vice president for university advancement. She will serve until December 31, 2024. The permanent position will be advertised after the presidential search is completed.

**AB 928:**

We discussed this in the Provost Council, this process is very complicated.

Q: (Kanel) Are you all planning for full alignment?

A: (Jarvis) Yes.

**Executive Leadership Team (ELT) of Chancellor Garica:**

In the last system-wide provost meeting, Chancellor Garcia includes two major priorities: Black Student Success and NAGPRA. EAB has a presentation they gave to the president and provosts, about the state of Higher Ed. I would love for you all to look at it and see the impact on us.

The Chancellor office is looking at a Lumina Grant that will work with the local high schools and will auto populate Cal State Apply, transcripts with articulation.

**Question:**

Q: (Kanel) When are we going to be told how those extra five are going to be at our campus?

A: (Walsh) We aren't going to be told, we will have to figure it out.

- (Jarvis) the task force will come up with things. The feeling on the task force is generally against any campus level mandate. What we are hearing from the Chancellor's office is they don't want to tell campuses what to do.
- (Provost) The goal is the five units will be flexible, so people can use it. We are strongly recommending programs to review this. Lifelong learning is really important to some of the programs, add it on if you need it.

## **VII. STAFF REPORT**

- CSU election will take place next week, March 11<sup>th</sup> thru March 14<sup>th</sup>. We have one applicant running for the seat.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

8.1 Information Technology Committee [Self], F, 3-1-24, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, Zoom

- Quorum not met; we discussed agenda items.
- Report by VP of IT, Rommel Hidalgo.
- First reading: AI guidelines from AI taskforce.
- Windows 10 end of life/Windows 11 update likely to take place summer 2024.

8.2 Faculty Affairs Committee [Walsh], F, 3-1-24, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, MH-141

- Committee finished changes to 210.070 with some changes on retreat rights—to compromise with FPC desires and to mirror language in the recently revised CO policy on retreat rights.
- Worked on 210.000. We recommend changing the by-laws which still have the FPC reviewing ALL tenure and promotion files and ALL department standards.
- Began review of UPS 260.100 on Assigned Time for Exceptional Service.

8.3 Curriculum Committee [Jarvis], F, 3-1-24, 12:00 - 2:00 PM, Zoom

- Met via Zoom with quorum.
- Main item of discussion was AB 928 and what programs should do if (when) the GE package for FTF is reduced. Sentiment in committee was to have Matt & Fred Kinney prepare a memo with options for programs; given the existing waivers for C/E, the committee agreed that a university requirement would be complicated, and there wasn't much enthusiasm for adding another GE overlay, but that will be included in the memo as a potential campus solution.
- Limited discussion occurred on how to encourage the creation of cross-department/cross-college programs.
- A number of minor changes to HONR courses were approved, name changes, mostly.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 General Committee Senate Nominees**

- Exec begin working on filling the General Committees vacancies. An email will be sent out to faculty asking them to serve as the Senate nominee. Once we receive an acceptance, the faculty member's name will be added to the consent calendar for the March 21<sup>st</sup> Academic Senate meeting.

### **9.2 Faculty Committee Assignments for Standing Committees/Misc. Boards/Committee**

- University Advancement Committee – CBE
- Assessment & Educational Effectiveness Committee – ECS
  - Exec worked on filling vacancies on the Standing Committees. An email will be sent out to faculty asking them to serve as a substitute for the remainder of this semester.

### **9.3 Revisions to UPS 300.010 - Policy on Final Grade Reporting**

- Exec begin working on this document, will continue discussion at next week's meeting.

### **9.4 Proposed changes to awards of sabbaticals - (Discussion item)**

### **9.5 [Resolution for Emily Bonney](#)**

### **9.6 New UPS XXX.XXX Academic Standards for Blended Bachelor's and Master's Programs**

#### **1. CSUF Blended Programs Moving Forward**

### **9.7 Revisions to UPS 210.050 Recruitment and Appointment of Temporary Faculty**

### **9.8 Resolution on Potential Revisions of CSU General Education Breadth**

### **9.9 Confirmation of task force on committees**

### **9.10 Joint Committee on Student Success - (Discussion item)**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (Garcia/Walsh) Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.