



**ACADEMIC SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
APRIL 23, 2024**

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

**MH-141**

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

Absent: Garcia

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Shepard called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

## **II. URGENT BUSINESS**

- The chair of the Department of Cinema And Television Arts (CTVA), Gary Hart, was removed as chair last Friday. Gary Hart is one of the longest serving chairs on the campus, this is his fourth term. The shared governance is a concern. The dean showed up a faculty meeting to talk about the decision and the only explanation was the University, without specifying a particular agent, has decided to go a different direction with the department. The faculty were feeling like there was no discussion with us at all about the chair and if the university wants to take a different direction with our department, there should have been months of discussion in advance, there has been nothing.

Gary is enormously popular; he won the elections unanimously. I believe the faculty is posing a letter of opposition because of the decision. I believe the faculty are posing a letter of opposition to this decision that will also bare all the signatures. The only is people fear retaliation in the department

- There is a little bit of a gap in our UPS document, but what is clear is faculty elect the chair, the President then appoints, unless there is a compelling reason. The UPS is silent on removing, I don't think we have ever removed a chair without faculty vote to remove a chair. In my history here, this has never happened. It's not only unprecedented, its unethical, and it doesn't look right on the surface. Somebody needs to be held accountable for how this happened and why would we treat someone this way.

The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.

## **III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (Walsh) There is an open forum this afternoon for the Deputy Provost.
- (Swarat) I go to the WASC annual conference every year to get a glimpse of where higher education is going in this country. This year there were two words that pretty much dominated the discussion, one is Artificial Intelligence (AI), the other one is outcomes.

I do assessments, so student learning outcomes are important, that has always been the focus of outcomes plus FAR, for accreditation with WASC. This time around, outcomes become heavily, almost exclusively focused on post-graduation outcomes. Which is also good, we want to know people are happy after graduation. However, the metrics they are using are predominately about income. The money people are going to make afterwards and the income to debt ratio.

I understand the metrics are tricky, to measure post graduate success. But the idea of hearing this makes me question are we now gradually moving towards a place where the measure of how well we do become how much they make.

I am going to advocate that we collectively as a campus come up with either a survey or something to measure alumni, we can think about what that means be more comprehensive. WASC does have one good thing that has not changed, which is WASC allows institutions to define what they mean, be it student success, shared government, or whatever. This is our chance to define for us what it means for us. I can't fight the Department of Education, but I think in our little bubble, maybe there is some hope that we can define what that means and to remain truthful to what we mean.

#### IV. TIME APPROXIMATE

12:15 PM - 12:25 PM

Topic: [ASI Student Wellness Initiative](#)

Presenter: ASI President Maysem Awadalla and ASI Board Chair Ashley Zazueta

ASI President Maysem Awadalla, ASI Board Chair Ashley Zazueta, and Dave Edwards came to the Executive Committee meeting to answer questions regarding the ASI Wellness Initiative presentation as part of their consultative process.

Q: (Bruschke) If I'm reading slide 10 right, the cost for student fees goes from \$428 to \$1,186. Has there been consultation with the students and how do they feel about the increase?

A: (Zazueta) The current Student Center Fee is \$330 per year. The proposal phases in an increase over four years that ends with students paying \$1,186 per year.

(\$330+\$98+\$130+\$254+\$374=\$1,186). ASI student leaders and the Wellness Team continue to reach out to students about the proposal and increase after starting again this semester. Response has been generally positive.

Q: (Walsh) Are there other potential places on campus that wouldn't require a capital project?

A: (Awadalla) The possible expansion and new construction area identified by CSUF Capital Planning and Facilities Management that would be compatible with the university's Campus Master Plan falls between and near to the Titan Student Union and Student Recreation Center.

Q: (Kanel) Counseling & Psychological Services has already developed a center. Is that not enough?

A: (Zazueta) Campus resources (CAPS, Basic Needs, etc.) are doing good work. In some instances, these are complementary services to fill gaps that aren't available at CAPS, or to bring services together to ease barrier to use but would still partner with a campus resource like Tuffy's Basic Needs.

Q: (Kanel) Will you centralize the services?

A: (Zazueta) The goal for Basic Needs and a Wellness Center is to centralize all resources in/around the Titan Student Union. Expansion/renovation of the TSU and SRC are designed to offer additional services in those areas

##### Additional questions:

Q: (Swarat) Will students want to come here with this additional \$500 fee? I'm very concerned, we might lose some of our competitive edge to Long Beach.

Q: (Milligan) What were they trying to accomplish by bringing this to us?

A: (Walsh) They want our support to ask to raise the fee.

- (Jarvis) They are doing the alternative consultation.
- (Bruschke) If the students want to do something this substantial, we should have the leadership in Student Affairs have a clear policy about how they go about doing it, that will serve the students better.

Q: (Swarat) We had VP Oseguera scheduled to come to Exec, has that invitation been extended to David Forgues?

A: (Jarvis) I had a one-on-one with David the other day and asked him for the audit. I asked him to take the names out of it audit and give us everything besides the names, he said he would look into that.

I will bring this up with both the President and Provost tomorrow morning in my one-on-ones, that this audit is being used as the pretext/justification for a lot of behavior that doesn't seem to be ok, so we need to see all that we can. I hope to have some answers by tomorrow afternoon whether David is coming to us, or he will produce the report.

- (Valdez) I want to reiterate what I sent in an email about having Steve Stambough come to talk about Administrative 360 review, we have been talking about this all year. The last time he was on the agenda to speak was when HSS was in flames and that kind of took over that conversation and he never actually gave an update. That's supposed to come out of the COACHE report. This is our third year, something actionable is supposed to come from that feedback and as of yet we have nothing. That was the one thing the Provost had decided to focus on, and we still don't know when is that happening, what's been done. I think that is very time sensitive considering the end of the academic year.
- (Jarvis) My other meeting tomorrow morning is with Phenicia McCullough because I talked with Steve and he felt we won't need a UPS on this because HR can make some changes and we could do it with the existing processes, with some changes. He said maybe it should be him and Phenicia coming, so I will be talking with her about that and trying to find a time when they both can come to Exec. So, hopefully we will have a presentation from them in the next couple weeks.
  - (Valdez) I think it would be helpful to have a report of what's in mind and a timeline.
  - (Jarvis) I will raise that with Phenicia and the Provost tomorrow morning.
  - (Shepard) I would like to keep on the table the idea of a UPS and not automatically cede the idea because HR thinks they can handle it through internal processes.

## **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 4.1 EC Minutes 4-9-24 (draft) - *forthcoming*
- 4.2 EC Minutes 4-16-24 (draft) - *forthcoming*

## **VI. CHAIR'S REPORT**

No report.

## **VII. STAFF REPORT**

No report.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

- 8.1 Assessment & Educational Effectiveness [Swarat], W, 4-17-24, 1:00 - 2:15 PM, Zoom  
No report submitted.
- 8.2 Writing Proficiency Committee [Garcia], F, 4-19-24, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, Zoom
  - Met via Zoom with quorum.
  - The commit we conducted a thorough review of ANTH 481 - Anthropology 481 for certification. However, after examining the supporting documentation, the committee determined that further clarification is needed regarding the writing assignments and the term paper. The request has been returned to the department with a request for clarification. We anticipate receiving the revised materials and reviewing them again at our next meeting.
  - Additionally, the committee has received a request to decertify RELG 300. It was unanimously agreed that before proceeding with the request, to reach out to ensure that the department has made the necessary changes to its program before moving forward.
- 8.3 Faculty Development Center Board [Valdez], F, 4-19-24, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, Zoom
  - The director gave updates on programing. One update of interest was on the use of Faculty 180 on Interfolio for chairs to keep department information central and organized (<https://www.interfolio.com/faculty-activity-reporting/>). The information would be populated by Binod's staff, with chairs checking that the information is correct.

- The board then reviewed the FEID scores for submissions that had been previously scores by committee members and past recipients. The director shared an excel sheet with the averages ranked. She hopes to fund between 19-21 but it depends on funding approved by the provost. Applicatns will be notified once the budget is approved.

#### 8.4 Academic Standards Committee [Jarvis], F, 4-19-24, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, MH-141

- Committee met in person with quorum.
- Committee received feedback from SALC on 300.021 (Academic Dishonesty). Being updated for AI. Committee mostly accepted SALC's revisions and passed policy.
- Committee edited UPS 300.018 (WU). Edited for clarity. Passed.

#### 8.5 General Education Committee [Bruschke], F, 4-19-24, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Zoom

- New Cal-GETC requirements are due by Fall 2025. Greg Childers reviewed the newly-mandated changes; there's a ton of work for this committee to do next year to implement. The exceptions will need to be reviewed and might not be allowable under the new standards. Some area E courses have been initiated for approval in other GE areas. This will also add workload to TDA technology, etc., and require departments to rework their pathways, etc. Lots of work all around the campus. Some release time available; no set process in place.
- HONORS 303T considered for overlay Z; the committee couldn't figure out what revisions had been made and sent it back to Stacy Mallicoat.
- Carol Chaffee expressed a view from a second committee meeting that we should implement the changes in a way that protected departments that are heavily affected. Discussion of "explore core."

### **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

10.1 Revisions to UPS 411.601 - Policy on Academic Internships

### **X. NEW BUSINESS**

10.1 Proposed changes to awards of sabbaticals - (Discussion item)

10.2 Revisions to UPS 260.102 - Sabbatical Leaves

10.3 Replace UPS 300.006 with New UPS 3XX.XXX - Credit for Prior Learning

10.4 Revision to UPS103.005 - World Wide Web Policy

10.5 New UPS 6XX.XXX - Export Controls Policy

10.6 Student Group Advisors - (Discussion item)

10.7 Revisions to UPS 100.001 - Academic Senate Bylaws

### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (Valdez/Self) Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.