

Executive Committee Minutes
November 14, 2022
Noon - 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Alison McKee (Chair), Priya Raman, Karthika Sasikumar, Reiko Kataoka, Laura Sullivan-Green, Steve Perez, Marie Haverfield, Julia Curry, Nina Chuang, Patrick Day, Rachael French, Tabitha Hart, Kathy Wong(Lau)

Absent: Vincent Del Casino, Charlie Faas

Recorder: Eva Joice, Senate Administrator

1. The committee approved the consent agenda (Executive Committee Agenda of November 14, 2022, Consent Calendar of November 14, 2022, Executive Committee Minutes of October 3, 2022 (12-0-0).
2. Update from the Chair:
Chair McKee thanked the president for hosting the Senate at his home for the holiday party.
3. Update from the Interim President:
The president recently attended the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Conference (AASCU). They were very interested in the Ahlquist Building and it was a great kickoff meeting. [There were no questions for the president.]
4. Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility (BAFPR):
It looks like we have at least three confirmed professors to be added to the BAFPR which gives them quorum and they can proceed with business
5. Consideration of Special Committees:
The Senate Office has received two referrals: one referral from the staff council to add staff to the Senate and one from Senator Mathur on Senate expansion in general asking for a special committee to be established to research both referrals in addition to the Organization and Government (O&G) Committee. Discussion of the formation of special committees ensued.
6. Senate Modality:
The Organization and Government Committee (O&G) is bringing a resolution on Senate Modality to the December 5, 2022 Senate meeting for a final reading. Instead of the current modality being predetermined for each of the four types of meetings (e.g. Senate, Executive Committee, Policy Committees), the modality would be voted on and determined by the committee members.

Q: What type of support could the Senate expect from the President's Office if the Senate voted for the resolution? For instance, could we expect any financial support for equipment, or a room equipped for hybrid meetings with tech support? Could we use rooms in the Student Union without being charged for them?

A: [Interim President Perez] We would need to see exactly what the Senate would be asking for and would need to see the costs associated with this.

Q: Does O&G have a list of what would be needed to make the hybrid option work?

A: No, but we have recommendations.

C: The Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) has had in-person and online meetings. Policy committees have met online. If O&G is trying to present a way to address the future before an emergency occurs such as COVID-19, then it is very important to get the budget, extra personnel, and space all established first. We don't want to be in another emergency transfer situation as with COVID.

C: [VP Day] We need to make sure that the passage of this resolution doesn't depend on taking over rooms in the Student Union. The Student Union rooms are primarily for student use.

C: There would be a significant impact on the Senate Office that has one staff member. The resolution would have to contain language that the university would provide a room and tech support as well as additional personnel if needed for the meetings.

Q: If passed, would this resolution go into effect in Fall 2023?

A: Yes.

C: [Interim President Perez] We can't write a blank check. We would need to know exactly what would be needed. The Senate cannot book Student Union rooms for the whole semester.

7. Policy Committee Updates:

a. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):

AS 1834 and AS 1835 will be coming to the Senate meeting on December 5, 2022 for final readings. I&SA received a referral, ISA-F21-1, on calculating GPAs. I&SA is also working on a referral to look at the student absence language in S12-7 regarding the consent for recording.

b. Professional Standards Committee (PS):

PS received feedback on AS 1839 and AS 1840 and will be discussing it. PS has also received an informal referral from Bethany Shifflett (Emeritus Faculty) regarding FERP faculty and pandemic compensation. PS also has a referral regarding the Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility (BAFPR), and is also working on a referral regarding the Retention-Tenure-Promotion (RTP) guidelines.

c. Organization and Government Committee (O&G):

In addition to the resolution on Senate Modality, O&G is working on a referral to update the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) policy. A Sense of the Senate Resolution passed by the Senate in Fall 2020 condemns anti-black racism. O&G is looking at this along with the referral on expansion of the Senate to ensure that diversity and equity are taken into account. O&G is also considering a steering committee to organize a Senate Speakers Committee.

- d. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):
C&R will be discussing feedback on University policy F19-3 about eliminating the WST. This may not be ready for the December 2022 Senate meeting. Regarding university policy S16-17, Academic Certificate Program, there are two curricular items to review today. Lastly, C&R will review a BA proposal in Information Science related to SAVi.

8. University Updates:

- a. Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA):
We are in the finalist stages of hiring an AVP of Enrollment Services and a Native Indigenous Program Director.

We are seeing big declines in our junior and senior classes.

We are doing some restructuring of Orientation over the summer.

We are receiving funds from Graduation Initiative 2025, from Foster Care, from Basic Needs, from SB 24 regarding abortion and AB 367 regarding menstruation. There is lots of energy around these programs. We will talk about these more at another time. Bonnie Sugiyama and Traci Ferdolage are working on AB 367. SB 24 will be implemented in January led by the Executive Director of the Student Wellness Center.

We are saddened by the murders of 7 students: 4 from the University of Virginia and 3 from the University of Idaho.

Questions:

C: [Interim President Perez] I personally have friends at the University of Idaho and this is devastating.

Q: Any updates on the firearms policy from last spring? It was sent to the Chief of UPD for review.

A: [VP Day] This is a question for VP Faas, but I'll follow-up and have him bring an update.

Q: Many students and colleagues have increased mental health issues around Thanksgiving. Will the university be sending any messages to students about services during the break? For some students, not having classes next week and the holidays make it more difficult.

A: I'm not sure we have a planned message but will be happy to send something out.

C: Thank you for agreeing to send a message to students.

C: The Guardian Scholars have programming over the long weekends for those with no family.

A: First, we don't close the residences. Also, the leader of the Guardian Scholars is really exceptional. We have friends from Foster Care that work together to help us plan where to use the funds we are getting.

Q: There are any Iranian students that are done with their studies and have to face returning home with no VISA. It is of great concern.

A: We will take a look at this for this group of students.

b. Chief Diversity Officer (CDO):

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI) InterGroup Dialogue (IGD) Facilitator Institute is about half way through training most faculty and staff. The CCDEI is working on tool kits with key performance indicators. The CDO is serving on the WASC Review Committee and they are working on the Campus Climate Survey. There have been many issues. There was a bicyclist battered and one of the attackers used racial language. We reached out to the Director of the Black Faculty and Staff Association and to the victim confidentially. We have provided as much support as possible. We have organized support groups. If anyone receives information about these incidents, reach out and we will let you know the processes.

c. CSU Statewide Senator:

The Board of Trustees will be meeting today and tomorrow.

The response to AB 928 is on the web.

Dominguez Hills will send out a notice on women's leadership opportunities.

9. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

The minutes were edited by Chair McKee on January 25, 2023.

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