

STAFF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 2022

FRIDAY, APRIL 08, 2022 VIA ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chair Alessandro Russo

Officer's Reports

Chair's Report (Alessandro Russo):

-We are coming up to the end of the year. It's been a great experience being Chair this past year, and it looks like things are looking up for staff. I'm in discussions for the Staff Development Center—and I'm making sure to advocate for all staff members

-Staff Day was a success, and was a very well attended event. Thank you to Scott Apel and his office, as well as ASI & the Bookstore for refreshments. Also thank you Classroom Support Services, and Kris/Christina for event support. Shoutout to Ikes Sandwiches and California Pizza Kitchen for items for staff

-Staff Council is pleased to announce that Kristin Bonetati is the recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Staff Award

Vice Chair's Report (Ann Kinsey):

- Now soliciting nominations for Staff Council Executive positions. Send me a slide if you are interested with a blurb on why you should be chosen

-Also going to solicit nominations for various committees later in the meeting (see Nomination committee information)

Secretary's Report (Joseph Phillips):

-No report.

Treasurer's Report (Nicole Torres):

-Previous Balance:LB49er: \$2347.35; LBCMP: \$253.36

-Current Total Balance: \$2600.71

Representatives at Large Report (Kim Glick & Kristin Bonetati):

-No report

Poll for Quorum

-We have quorum

Approval of April 2022 Staff Council General Meeting Agenda

-Motion to approve: Kati S.

-Second: Susan T.

-All approve

Approval of March 2022 Staff Council General Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Kati S.

-Second: Jennifer L.

-All approve

Mental Health Updates: Corrie O'Toole

-Talked to the group about change. One way to cope with change is to view things as an opportunity. Getting outside and exercising is also a great way to begin coping with change and getting back out there. It can take a while to get used to changes on campus and returning to our offices. Sometimes we must look at our losses and practice letting things go

Staff Statement: A Faculty member mentioned that they & other faculty members are sensing that staff are feeling down and demoralized.

Response: I can tell you that many staff and faculty are feeling the same right now. Don't shame yourself, but ask: what are the steps within your control to get moving in certain areas of your life to renew your energy and comfort yourself?

Academic Senate Report Neil Hultgren:

-Thank you to all those who attended our retreat on March 17th! The theme was health & wellness, and it was a very positive experience held at the Japanese Garden

-Legacy Lecture is Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 2-5 pm at the Anatol Center. Invitation coming soon!

-Various policies in the works including for the Honors Program

-We have upcoming elections for senate, the senate officer election will be on May 5th

Campus Repopulation: Neil Iacono:

-There is a slight uptick on campus, but nothing alarming. Continue to be vigilant and stay safe

-COVID pre-screen still in place, no changes there

9:00 a.m. Time Certain: CSULB President Jane Conoley

Unable to attend

9:20 a.m. Time Certain: Courtney Ahrens – Ph.D. Guidelines for Students Facing Non-Academic Challenges

-How to respond to challenges that students are facing. Easiest way to access these are through the CSULB Faculty Center which you can find here:

<https://www.csulb.edu/faculty-center> - then head to <https://www.csulb.edu/protocol-of-engagement> which can direct you to the correct guidelines

-These guidelines have checklists for how to proceed. This will help faculty & staff to know how to appropriately support students

-Please contact Courtney.Ahrens@csulb.edu if you have any questions

Ways and Means Committee Report Nicole Torres:

-\$284.65 from the See's Candy Fundraiser given to Staff Council

-Thank you for Special Events for hosting the Rummage Sale—your purchases gave us \$92

-The sub-committee for Ways & Means is always accepting members. At the moment I'm the only active member, so if you're interested in events and/or fundraisers please consider joining, it's a great networking experience too! – Contact

Nicole.Torres@csulb.edu for details

Staff Development Committee Report Susan Tsuji:

-Thank you to Suellen Jacob for the hosted visit for Staff to the Vertebrate Collection on March 15

Bylaws and Policies Committee Report Charleen Rice:

-No report

Nominating Committee Report Ann Kinsey:

-If you're interested in joining the Nomination sub-committee, please consider joining. At the moment I'm the only active member. Contact Ann.Kinsey@csulb.edu if interested

-Here's a list of all the Academic-Senate related committees if you'd like to read the charges: <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-senate/councils-committees>

-Staff Senator Election results announced 4-22-22

Nominations – Please note that for all opportunities listed below (Staff Council Executive Committee/University Committees), the Tuesday (5/10) before the May meeting is the deadline to submit your PowerPoint slides (nominations) to Ann.Kinsey@csulb.edu

-Nominations solicited for below positions, vote at May meeting- one-year term

-Staff Council Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Two members at large

-Staff members are also needed for the following committees below:

o **LGBTQIA+ Campus Climate Committee (LGBTQIA+ CCC)**

• 2nd Fri. 12-1, AS-125. 3-year term

o **International Education Committee (IEC)**

• 2nd Tuesday 12-2, 3-year term

o **Resource Planning Process Task Force (RPP)**

• Must be a Staff Senator, meets as needed, 1-year term

o **USU Board of Trustees (USUBOT)**

• 1-year term, begins meeting in summer 22

o **Community Engagement Group**

• 1-year term, meets as needed

o **Task Force to Support Faculty and Staff Basic Needs and Health**

• 2-year term, meets as needed, day TBD

o **Student Fee Advisory Group (SFAS)**

• Fridays 9-10 am, 1-year term, meets monthly as needed

Special Events Committee Report Christina Salvador/Kristin Bonetati:

-No report

Announcements

-Bob Murphy Access Center (BMAC):

-Having a summer overnight day for our students to learn about campus programs & resources

-If you have any students who would like to register with BMAC, please direct to our website

-Benefits Department: Health & Wellness Workshop on May 9th

-College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics (CNSM): We're having a "Community Building" luncheon today (4/8) to launch more social activities to enhance our contacts in our college and rebuild our connections. Event is at our patio

-Academic Technology Services (ATS): Check out our upcoming events and trainings as we begin working with Canvas in lieu of BeachBoard <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-technology-services/events-and-workshops>

-College of the Arts (COTA): There is an ongoing Arts Festival, please check out our website for all of our upcoming events: cota.csulb.edu is the website

Adjournment 9:47 a.m. – 1stClarice R.; 2nd Susan T.

Minutes Recorded by:

Joseph Phillips, Staff Council Secretary 2021/22