

STAFF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 2021

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021 VIA ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chair Alessandro Russo

Approval of October 2021 Staff Council General Meeting Agenda

-Motion to approve: Ann K.

-Second: Sharon O.

-All approve

Approval of September 2021 Staff Council General Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Kristin B.

-Second: Ann K.

-All approve

Chair's Report (Alessandro Russo):

-There are many ongoing matters at Academic Senate at the moment

-Focus on faculty and staff basic needs and health & wellness

-Proposed Faculty & Staff Taskforce to Support Basic Needs

-Academic Senate Retreat in March focusing on health & wellness with
AVP of Health & Wellness, Dr. Damien Zavala

-Academic Senate Executive Committee to meet with CSU Trustee Wenda
Wong on Monday October 18th, email Alessandro.Russo@csulb.edu if you have
questions for the trustee

-Welcome new members! – Aivanna Padilla, Carol Sanchez, Rebecca Low

Vice Chair's Report (Ann Kinsey):

-No report.

Secretary's Report (Joseph Phillips):

-No report.

Treasurer's Report (Nicole Torres):

-Balance remains the same.

-Stateside: \$253.36

-Foundation: \$1,908.23

-Total: \$2,161.59

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

-There may be openings for Staff Council in your area, please reach out to me and Kim at Kristin.bonetati@csulb.edu and Kim.glick@csulb.edu if you're interested in serving on Staff Council

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

-Overall great vaccination rates – about 36,000+ students have provided verification of vaccination (about 97% of the student body)

-Have had some COVID cases—those that were traced were primarily off-campus activities

-Our campus' ASI won the "Ballot Bowl" to register the most students to vote in the CSU

-Last night we celebrated the Ukleja Center, at a great venue in Long Beach – The Modern –can watch the planes take off and land at the LB Airport. Highly recommend it

-We do have rapid-testing available – FYI – see here for more information:

<https://www.csulb.edu/covid-19>

9:15 a.m. Time Certain: Dr. Bonnie Gasior, Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)

-Presented slides for Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) –training to feel empowered to help a person in need

-Teaches individuals to be gatekeepers to an array of mental health challenges, and how to recognize signs and symptoms of a mental health challenge. It also touches on destigmatizing language in conversations, and how to connect people with the appropriate professionals

-Training can increase your mental health literacy and so that you can have better interactions with the students and other groups that we all serve

-You can find out more information here - <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>

-You can also check to see if there is more information on our CAPS website in case there is a training - <https://www.csulb.edu/student-affairs/counseling-and-psychological-services>

-You do get a certificate after the training. Working on getting a similar sticker or email signature line that designates that participants are MHFA trained

-Consensus from Staff Council is that there is an immediate need for MHFA training for staff. Alessandro will discuss with Nancy Torres.

Special Order - Campus Repopulation: Nancy Torres:

-74% of staff have completed vaccination affidavit. Campus population is 84% vaccinated

-Campus repopulation sub-committee making sure folks are getting tested on a weekly basis who are unable to get vaccinated (for various reasons) and have not reported status on the affidavits

-There are campus partners helping to verify and enhance the process of making sure folks are completing the green-dot process amongst other COVID/campus safety rules

-Booster shots are available at the Bookstore – check the reuniting the Beach page for details - <https://www.csulb.edu/covid-19>

Q: Are staff members on the sub-committee?

A: Yes, there are.

Ways and Means Committee Report Nicole Torres:

-Thank you for everyone who participated in the Naples Fundraiser! The restaurant only had three guests turn in flyers. If you dined or ordered to-go during the fundraiser, please email Nicole.Torres@csulb.edu with your name and items in the order. A copy of the receipt is helpful but not required. This will help ensure we receive the correct fundraisers funds

-Stay tuned for an October fundraiser. I am currently working on a date with Blue Burro. Also, Carl's Jr. on campus is not currently offering fundraisers.

Staff Development Committee Report Susan Tsuji:

-No report

Bylaws and Policies Committee Report Charleen Rice:

-No report

Academic Senate Report Pei-Fang Hung:

-Working on getting search committees together for various positions, as well as review committees for various matters

-Reviewing the final grade policy. Just wrapped up the "Incomplete" section. Hoping to wrap up this process by next meeting

-Beach 2030 – there are six action items

-Working on RTP policy along with other related policies

AR: Received an email just prior to the meeting in which Provost Scissum-Gunn has agreed to speak at next Staff Council meeting on Nov 19th, she may discuss Beach 2030 Action Plan #4 Reimagining Staff.

NT: Beach 2030 Action Plan#4 Reimagining Staff being spearheaded by HR, more to follow

Nominating Committee Report Ann Kinsey:

-No openings at this time

Special Events Committee Report Christina Salvador/Kristin Bonetati:

-Spooktacular will be on October 29th, 2021 and is 12p-1p

-Please consider entering one of four contest categories

-Here's the zoom link:

<https://csulb.zoom.us/j/85822848939>

-Meeting ID: 858 2284 8939

-In need of judges, please email Alessandro.Russo@csulb.edu if you are interested

Q: Are there any prizes?

A: Just bragging rights. We will wait until next year when we can be all together.

Announcements

- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute ([OLLI](#)) is now back up and running at CSULB, glad to have classes going in-person
- Horn Center construction is ramping up. Will be open November 1st (hopefully)
- Kleefeld Contemporary Art Museum will not be opening until the springtime
- Carol – Benefits – Open Enrollment is still ongoing, will conclude next Friday, October 15th. There are upcoming info sessions.

[-https://csulb.sharepoint.com/sites/Human-Resources-Services-Group/SitePages/Open-Enrollment.aspx](https://csulb.sharepoint.com/sites/Human-Resources-Services-Group/SitePages/Open-Enrollment.aspx)

[-https://csulb.sharepoint.com/sites/Human-Resources-Services-Group/SitePages/Employee-Assistance-Program.aspx](https://csulb.sharepoint.com/sites/Human-Resources-Services-Group/SitePages/Employee-Assistance-Program.aspx)

- Coffee with a Cop next week! – October 13th 10a-12p @ Maxson Plaza

Adjournment 9:50 a.m. – 1st Sharon O.; 2nd Kristin B.

Minutes Recorded by:

Joseph Phillips, Staff Council Secretary 2021/22