

CSULB Staff Council Meeting



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Staff Council

- Start Time: [8:32am]
- Land Acknowledgement
- Mission Statement
- POLL FOR QUORUM: [84%]
- Agenda: moved by [Ann K.], seconded and approved.
- Past Meeting Minutes: moved by [Colleen R] seconded and approved.

Chair's Report- Alessandro Russo

- Exec Committee has been discussing membership; elections coming up. New officers for Exec will be voted in during the May SC meeting. Alessandro's term is expiring, so a new Chair must be elected. Please consider joining Exec and/or identify colleagues you can encourage.
- We've been discussions about what it means to be a member vs. a Rep. Reps can vote and have speaking privilege during meetings. We welcome guests to meetings; consider inviting your colleagues so they can get an idea of what we do and potentially become Reps.
 - Only 50% of our Rep vacancies are filled—we want to make sure all departments and units have representation and are informed of staff issues.

Vice Chair's Report – Ann Kinsey

- See Nominating Committee report

Treasurer – Julie Woods

- Current balances:
 - LB49R Fund N0202: \$1969
 - LBCMP Fund MT153: \$201
- Pending or anticipated funds: Panera fundraiser= \$47
- Pending expenses: for Meet and Greet Event, Spring Staff Day

Secretary – Laura Emery

- No Report

Members-at-Large – Jeff Scott & Colleen Ryan

- Come to March 6, 4-6pm [Meet and Greet](#) event! Great opportunity to meet Exec team!
- [Staff Night at Dirtbags](#) Game, Feb 20—get your 4 free tickets! Email Jeffrey.Scott@csulb.edu to request.

Special Reports – Pei Fang Hung, Academic Senate Chair

- First Spring '24 Academic Senate meeting last week;
 - Discussed enrollment management in general; big discussion on continuing to revise certificate policies, digital badges, micro-credentials—we will postpone the revision of these policies until March.
 - Masters degree, GE policy work continuing this semester
 - Faculty strike discussion still ongoing

Membership – Ann Kinsey, Colleen Ryan, & Jeff Scott

- Please come to [Meet and Greet!](#) RSVP so we can plan food and space.

Ways and Means – Julie Woods

- Panera Fundraiser just completed = \$47 raised.
- Thinking of ideas for March – maybe a Greek restaurant, or Bundt cake place by traffic circle (opening soon).

Staff Development -Susan Tsuji, Karla Reyes

- Walking Tour of Upper Campus Feb 27 12-1; tour of public art; can just show up!
- Dining Hall Tour: This event is full, but we are adding a second event in May – you will get an email if you signed up for first tour but are on waiting list.
- Recap of Alumni Center tour (Somone W.): 2 dates/15 people each; we learned how to reserve spaces; visited all the spaces in the center; viewed memorabilia and alumni statue in the outdoor patio. A beautiful space! Staff can reserve rooms or the whole space. Contact them for more details.

Special Guests

- President Conoley:
 - Hope you all fared well with all the rain!
 - Happy Black History month! Great events going on.
 - Targets for enrollment: Clarification on a recent statement about our pledge to governor that we'd allow our campus to grow by 1% students every year: "Persistence" counts towards the 1%-- so we are not necessarily adding more students every year -- we can count those students who continue towards degree completion. Our shared goal as a campus is to support students so that they will continue.
 - Will be attending an upcoming talk about "Is US Higher Ed Still Relevant?" Should be interesting.
 - Role of Continuing Education (CPaCE) department—has given them a goal of increasing non-residents on campus from 4% to 9%.
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) discussions ongoing—new product called Co-Pilot launched on campus. We'll be upgrading our chat bots on campus websites for after-hours questions.
- Melissa Soto- BBS Capitol Projects
 - LA1 Renovation completed; new Atlas Advising Center
 - 4 Outdoor Classrooms: shading added, AV for podium. No classes are assigned to these spaces; any professor can reserve them as needed.
 - Puvungna soils treatment project; cleaned up construction debris and planted with new soils, native grasses and flowers
 - Campus-wide road repairs completed over summer; added bike and pedestrian lanes
 - FINE ARTS 1: in progress and opening next month; part of Peterson Hall 1 project
 - FCS Child Center Expansion: child care services for children of staff and faculty; received a grant to expand childcare on campus; doubles the capacity; tentative opening 202.

- USU Renovation; entire building will be renovated and expanded; expanded food services area. During this time, temporary facilities will be provided;
 - Largest project ever in the CSUs!
 - Very conscious of being expedient—it is funded by student fees. We've done a lot of outreach and engagement with students
- Hillside North La Playa—state grant funded !
 - Affordable housing will be spread out throughout; Rents will be below market; Dining Commons will be expanded as well.
- PH1: New College of HHS will be consolidated here;
 - will include a clinic- Long Beach Memorial partnership; Nursing students will get practical hours to work in clinic.
 - We have not had a new academic building funded since 2010! Difficult to get state funding for academic vs. auxiliary projects.
- Fine Arts Cooling project: these buildings need a lot of renovation to HVAC systems—this project will cover us until we can get a better solution
- COB Student Success Center- Renovating lower level advising center
- 2035 Master Plan—just approved last week!
 - Nothing has been funded or designed yet- plans could change over the years. The only thing approved and funded is the USU Renovation. We will have further meetings with stakeholders and campus people who would be impacted by any changes.
 - Last plan was 2008!
 - Master Plan will address issues of aging buildings and systems
 - Focused on renovations of existing buildings and making them more efficient, expanding vertically in many cases
 - Priority to build housing for students faculty and staff
 - Some existing buildings are very inefficient currently
 - We need housing for upper level students who are ready for a more independent style of living rather than the first year type of spaces.
 - New bldg. planned for faculty and staff; 200+ apartments! 6 stories! Will come with parking spaces.
 - Some building space for Community partnerships (we don't know who yet), to have a lab or center on our campus.
 - Visit csulb.edu/beach-building-services/design-and-construction-services
 - Master Plan – not all “green lit” - these are all estimates and visions. Funding hasn't been approved and garnered.
- Temporary Dining options during USU construction: Looking at “Fooda, ”Kitchens to Go,” Food trucks, vending services. Food Trucks are a bit expensive – so not a great option for students. Looking at some vending machines like “Farmer's Table” or “Every Table” that have hot foods. Nugget and Outpost will stay open, & we want to expand hot food options at Wall Street convenience shop. New USU will have more flexible and healthy food options!

Bylaws & Policies – Charleen Rice

- No report

Nominating – Ann Kinsey

- Please nominate people for the [Outstanding Staff Award](#)! Closes in 3 weeks.
- Selection committee: 3 past winners, Alumni Association, ASi, Faculty member
 - Request for Staff Volunteer [open call at meeting]: Berta Hanson approved.

Special Events, Kristin Bonetati, Christina Salvador

- Staff Day, Wed April 3, 11-1
 - In planning phase: Kristin will send an invite for next planning meeting
 - Possibly looking into doing it in the Games area in the USU for bowling, pool tables; need to discuss within Exec Comm regarding budget etc.
 - Please contact Kristin Bonetati if you'd like to volunteer to help plan or run the event.

Announcements

- Grad Fair coming up at the Bookstore: March 11-14, 7am-4pm; prizes and fun!
- [Benefits is having workshops](#) on Wellness in Parenting, Fidelity, Open Hours for Kaiser Members
- BMAC, Health Services, and Housing sponsoring a weeklong student event next week = "Sextopia;" find all info on MyApps Events & Orgs
- Care Partner Support Group; had our first meeting; this CSULB grassroots group is for staff caring for elders and partners; will be sending a survey to participants to find out what topics and dates are preferred; we have people lined up to speak. Contact Colleen Ryan or Kristin Bonetati if you want to be on the mailing list to receive meeting dates.
- Last year ARC conference, Alessandro was on a panel to discuss the role of Staff Councils at all CSUs. Discussed ways we can help campuses who don't have a Staff Council; also talked about having a state-wide Staff Council. As part of that, we discussed the possibility of taking action to request that a staff member have a seat on the CSU Board of Trustees; A resolution was drafted, headed by Chico State Staff Council, and they are speaking to different groups around the CSUs. In the meantime, they would like staff members to complete an anonymous form to state their support for this resolution which you can read here [BOT Staff Seat Resolution Proposal](#). If you have questions, contact Alessandro.russo@csulb.edu

Adjournment: motion to adjourn [Colleen R.] seconded and adjourned at 9:48 am.

Submitted by: Laura Emery