

# STAFF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 2021

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021 VIA ZOOM

**Meeting called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chair Kristin Bonetati**

Approval of January 2021 Staff Council General Meeting Agenda

- Motion to approve: Ann K.

-Second: Kim G.

-All approve

Approval of December 2020 Staff Council General Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Shelly H.

-Second: Caroline S.G.

-All approve

**Chair's Report Kristin Bonetati:**

-Looking forward to this new year, Staff Council has begun advertising the Executive positions for Staff Council. Will be soliciting nominations until March, April will be voting. Results should hopefully be ready to go for May

-Executive officers have discussed wanting to continue for next year for the sake of keeping things rolling in these unusual times, but if you are considering these positions, please run! (You do have to be a Staff Council member to run as a heads up)

-If Kristin were to run again, we would have to vote to suspend the Constitution and Bylaws rule that says the Chair can only be in that position for 3 consecutive years

-Also, please consider becoming involved in one of the several Staff Council Committee meetings, we could use your help

**Vice Chair's Report Ann Kinsey:**

-Reported on what Executive Officer roles for Staff Council are available to run for

**Secretary's Report Joseph Phillips:**

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### **Treasurer's Report Caroline Sinay Gudiel:**

-No movement in our accounts. Working to get accounts to show the fundraiser deposits

### **Representatives at Large Report Vinny Savastano & Alessandro Russo:**

-Have been working to recruit new members to Staff Council—starting with the colleges and notifying Deans' assistants on what's available

-Nancy Torres: Reach out to the ASM's to spread the word on what positions are open, they are aware that Staff Council is soliciting nominations from various offices

### **8:45 a.m. Time Certain: Terri Armstrong, "Demystifying Academic Senate"**

-Terri is one of our current staff-representatives for Academic Senate giving a slideshow today on Academic Senate from a staff perspective, what's been accomplished, and how to get involved

-Senators impact policy on campus, and vote on issues that impact all members of the campus community

-Academic Senate is an important forum to share one's voice as a staff representative on what issues are important to us and to give recommendations—it is a good thing terms are 3-years long so that senators have time to learn how to shape policy on campus

- Meetings are open to the public, feel free to attend or check out the website for updated agendas, minutes, or events [here](#). Also, here's a [link](#) to Policies & Resolutions.

### **9:00 a.m. Time Certain: Jessica Pandya, Academic Senate**

-Had to reschedule the Academic Senate Retreat to this Spring 2021 Semester, please attend! Kristin had sent out details to Staff Council members

-Campus conversations were scheduled for the Fall and will continue January 21<sup>st</sup>. This one will be an Open Forum, and Jessica will send details about the Conversation. (email went out today) It'll be a drop-in forum where you can ask questions to the Provost or Jessica. Other events/topics upcoming

-Here's a [link](#) for past Campus Conversations

### Upcoming Senate Events:

Campus Conversation January 21, 1-2 pm – Open Forum please join us!

February 11, 2021, 2-4, social hour 4-5; February 18: Repopulation

March 4: TBD

March 22: LFSA presentation on representation of Latinx Faculty, Staff, Administrators & students (tentative)

April 15: TBD

April 29: Presidents' Equity & Change Commission preliminary report

### **9:15 a.m. (9:37a.m. actual) Time Certain: Angela Locks, HERI Climate Survey**

-Went over HERI Climate Survey and where Staff Council can contribute to the reports. Here's a [link](#) to the website

-You can download infographics that highlight what the surveys goals were and what's happening now and upcoming. There's datapoints listed and gives a sense of Campus Climate. Here is also a [link](#) to go straight to the results

-There is data for both campus staff and auxiliary staff as well to capture both populations

-Nancy Torres: HR will not be handling the survey results, what will be happening this time is that folks around campus will have a hand in interpreting results and not just admin

-Angela L: Yes, data belongs to the campus community and is widely available

### **Ways and Means Committee Report Nicole Torres:**

-Valentines Day Sees Candy fundraiser has begun, here's a [link](#)

### **Staff Development Committee Report Susan Tsuji:**

-No report but planning to meet to discuss some future events.

### **Bylaws and Policies Committee Report Charleen Rice:**

-Will have a meeting soon to discuss current policies

-Kristin B: We'll have to put our updated policies on the Staff Council website

### **Academic Senate Report Jessica Pandya:**

-See guest speaker details

### **Nominating Committee Report Ann Kinsey:**

-See details RE: upcoming Executive Officer roles that are up for election in the Chair's report. Please send a short statement and picture to Ann if you are interested in running.

## **Special Events Committee Report Christina Salvador/Kristin Bonetati:**

-No events planned currently but please send us your ideas for a virtual event for February. Our goal is to have a virtual event every month.

### **Announcements**

-Kristin Bonetati: On behalf of the Bookstore—Virtual Grad Fair will be March 8-12<sup>th</sup> Discounts, prizes, fun and senior portrait sittings. If you want us to link to something on your sites that are graduation related, please let us know

-Terri Armstrong: Examining: Is there a way for Staff representatives on Academic Senate to receive credit for their terms? Compensatory or otherwise so that there is some recognition of their roles? Terri A. will explore with other reps. Email @ [terri.armstrong@csulb.edu](mailto:terri.armstrong@csulb.edu) if you want to give input on this process

-Sharon Olson: May have to go thru Staff Personnel

-Terri: Would still be good to get input so we know what to put on the table

**Adjournment 10:08 a.m.**

**Minutes Recorded by:**

**Joseph Phillips, Staff Council Secretary 2020/21**