

STAFF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 2020

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020 VIA ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chair Kristin Bonetati

Approval of June 2020 Staff Council General Meeting Agenda

- Motion to approve: Kim Glick
- Second: Ann Kinsey
- All approve

Approval of May 2020 Staff Council General Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Ann Kinsey
- Second: Kim Glick
- All approve

Chair's Report Kristin Bonetati:

- Read President Conoley's statement from June 1st. Staff Council supports President Conoley and Black Lives Matter.

Vice Chair's Report Ann Kinsey:

- No report

Secretary's Report Joseph Phillips:

- No report

Treasurer's Report Caroline Sinay Gudiel:

- No movement in our account, so current total balance is the same as last month

Representatives at Large Report Kim Glick & Alessandro Russo:

- No report

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

-There have been cases of COVID-19 amongst our students and several cases amongst our staff at the moment

-The current plan is to offer 211 courses on campus (355 sections) – 3-4 thousand students. Most classes are those that are hands-on or for seniors (nursing, etc.)

-Dining options: No communal dining, just grab-and-go using the CSULB Grubhub app (formerly Tapingo) Same for those in Student Housing. For those in dining services, staffing has been adjusted accordingly

Q: Is there a plan for staff to return to work?

A: Once “Safer at Home” is lifted, we will begin working on staff returning to work. The arrival of staff will be staggered, and it could be that not all staff are asked to report to the office at once. The key is to know who feels safe to come back.

Q: Regarding the staggering of staff returning to work: Can we consider alternating days rather than partial days for commuting purposes?

A: Yes, I would hope that that is being considered by those working on this matter.

Q: Changes that must happen to have staff come back safely sound like they will be quite expensive. How are we planning on balancing that with the budget cut?

A: We will take a nearly \$20 million dollar cut due to the \$400 million overall cut to the CSU. However, we expect the biggest hit not this year but the next. Our hope is that by cutting travel and other expenses now that we can anticipate the hit.

9:15 a.m. Time Certain: Larisa Hamada & Piya Bose

-Quick presentation on support services that are available to help our student body during this time of protest against racial injustice

-Piya sent resources to Kristin to send out to Staff Council that are available for our Black community on campus and some information for the general community as well

-Resources include: organizations on campus, support resources, and literature, etc.

-We hope to be able to connect students to resources during the summer-time when it can be difficult to assist them with their needs

-You should be receiving further information on upcoming town halls regarding how our campus can do better to fight racial injustice

Ways and Means Committee Report Nicole Torres:

-No report

Staff Development Committee Report Susan Tsuji:

-No report

Bylaws and Policies Committee Report Charleen Rice:

-No report

Academic Senate Report Jessica Pandya:

-Academic Senate is meeting with various Chairs/Leads to see what the Academic Senate can do to fight racial injustice within our institution. How can we change our campus policies and culture to better help our communities?

Nominating Committee Report Ann Kinsey:

Staff Council Chair

Nominees:

-Kristin Bonetati

-Result: 21 votes in favor (unanimous)

Staff Council Vice-Chair

Nominees so far:

-Ann Kinsey

-Result: 25 votes in favor (unanimous)

Staff Council Secretary

Nominees:

-Joseph Phillips

-Result: 25 votes in favor (unanimous)

Staff Council Treasurer

Nominees:

-Caroline Sinay Gudiel

-Result: 24 votes in favor (unanimous)

Note: Let the minutes show that these candidates were elected unanimously.

Staff Council Member at Large #1

Nominees:

- Alessandro Russo (13 votes)
- Vinny Savastano (5 votes)
- Sina Li-Hang (6)
- Result: Alessandro is the elected nominee

Staff Council Member at Large #2

Nominees:

- Vinny Savastano (16 votes)
- Sina Li-Hang (11 votes)
- Result: Vinny is the elected nominee

Special Events Committee Report Christina Salvador/Kristin Bonetati:

-Exec Team has started brainstorming what we can do in a virtual capacity. Perhaps we can do something in July where we can do a Zoom "Vacation Contest" with backdrop and outfits to connect and get together

-Two events we have in the fall semester: Spooktacular & Cherishing the Children – we may need to transition to an online format

-Will come up with ways to creatively bring us all together to help us with our morale and so we can still help the community

Announcements

-Ann Kinsey: Congratulations Pedro Castro on winning the Outstanding Staff Award!

-Corrie O' Toole: Staff Assistance is available in case you want to talk about what is on your mind. We are using the CAPS main number now and can have your routed to my office via (562) 985-4001.

-Mitra Baghdadi: Faculty had protested last week on campus, I found out who organized it (CFA) and I asked that the staff are invited as well. CFA official said that they need a staff contact for future announcements and I was unsure whether to give a union or staff council contact so please let me know or reach out directly to the CFA.

-Kristin: They can reach out to me and I can speak with Deborah Hamm who I sit on a committee with.

Adjournment 9:38 a.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

Joseph Phillips, Staff Council Secretary 2019/20