

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Academic Senate Conference Room (AS 125)

Or on Zoom: <https://csulb.zoom.us/j/82629516957> (Meeting ID: 826 2951 6957)

N. Hultgren, R. Fischer, N. Meyer-Adams, C. Miles, A. Moore, C. Warren, S. Kasem, N. Schürer, E. Klink, M. Aliasgari, S. Collins, C. Ryan, S. Apel, D. Green, P. Hung, K. Scissum Gunn, A. Kinsey
Absent with notice: M. Dyo,

1. Call to Order- 2:00
2. Approval of Agenda- moved by NS, seconded and approved.
3. Approval of Minutes: Meetings of October 1, 2024- moved by RF, seconded and approved. N. Brandt asked about the certification of category E courses with respect to GE. Some courses currently in pipeline will be to find a new GE category. NS suggests contacting the CO. PFH states that students have the option to select the new GE pathway, DG states we currently have five patterns. EE will present this data to EC. Adam Moore announces that October 18th will be his last day at the University. He has accepted a job in private industry. A leadership transition in his department is taking place. Senate will vote to replace him in a future meeting. MA asks if we may have a moment of silence at Senate to acknowledge the lives lost due to the recent natural disasters. NS disagrees due to the great number of tragedies that happen daily.
4. Special Orders
 - 4.1. Report: Provost Karyn Scissum Gunn- KSG congratulates A. Moore on his upcoming move. She updates us on her DC trip, Excelencia in education convening. There are 46 seal certified campuses in the US. The convening consisted of advising, expanding our paradigm to not expect students to be campus ready, serving-ness at the institutional level. There are 12 CSU's in the 46 campuses. Stateside summer is being discussed, meeting with stakeholders have taken place. Make happen in summer 25 at the earliest. Operational considerations are being developed currently. President and Provost's Leadership fellows have been resurrected. Alumni were at the kickoff and credited this as part of their trajectory. KSG will be at the Global Mind Ed conference in NY, to create a talent pipeline that closes the equity gap. Nonprofits, UNIV presidents, and students will attend. Topics will include accountability measures, and a University Presidents panel. MA asks about stateside summer. NS asks for a presentation on this to explain. CM suggests a FAQ's for faculty and departments.
 - 4.2. Report: AVP, Enrollment Services Donna Green- DG presents that offers have gone out for spring 25, looking for about 1425. Working on GE, so that it will be ready for fall 25. Working on summer rollover.
 - 4.3. Report: VP Administration and Finance Scott Apel- SA reports on open enrollment, ending this Friday. New networks added to programs. CFO meeting last week, spent time with Provosts. Money saving procedures discussed. CO says next will be worse financially. Cutting expenses not the issue, this is a revenue issue. The CSU needs more revenue, our campuses, no layoffs, smaller campuses will have layoffs. MA asks about cost cutting, what are ideas. SA states multi campus collaborations were discussed. SC asks about more medical options being

provided. CalPERS negotiated to have more doctors' groups added to the Gold Plan. NS ask if reallocation funds from other campuses will happen again; yes.

5. New Business

- 5.1. Preparations for 10/10/24 Academic Senate Meeting-NH presents agenda and asks EC for feedback. NH will announce A Moore leaving and ask for nominations and have the election at the next meeting.
- 5.2. COTA Faculty Council question related to RTP descriptors- CM asks EC for clarification on terms. PFH says section 7 addresses this question.
- 5.3. [Time Certain 3:00 pm] Concerns from the Finance Department about students cheating online

Guests: Lu Zhu, Associate Professor of Finance; Pia Gupta, Chair and Professor of Finance; Sabine Reddy, Associate Dean for Administration, College of Business; Mark Washburn, Professor and Chair of Management and Human Resource Management- Trace Camacho and Jeff Klaus attend EC to address this issue. NH states he was approached by COB about academic integrity issues, a memo was sent to J Klaus. COB presents their concerns, MW and SB apologize not sending memo to JK before sending to EC. Faculty members are concerned that student integrity violations are not being taken seriously. Many faculty are presenting grade appeals to address integrity violations. They feel OSCED does not enforce standards of academic integrity. A recent case involving a graduate student that was not upheld provided the impetus for this action. What are the options in the policy being considered in student conduct cases. Either no action, or extreme action are being taken by faculty, both are problematic. MW states that honest students are sending screen shots of cheating on Discord to faculty members which is disconcerting. LZ says she has heard that CSULB is OK with students cheating, and that students hire someone to take courses for them. LZ brought this to NH, he brought to EC as is the normal procedure. JK and TC respond to EC. JK states an inaccuracy, when a student is sent a letter, if the student does not show, the hearing still takes place, it is not over, if the student is a no show. TC states that a hearing happens even if the student does not show up, it still goes forward. Sanctions include intervention, disciplinary probation, transcript notation, suspension and expulsion. Students feel that the grade is the harshest punishment. The grade appeal form shows the grade assigned by the faculty. The conduct process does affect the grade, educational outcomes are affected. The numbers state that the AIC upholds the faculty decision 80% of the time. Whistleblowers need evidence, JK states. Anonymous reports, there is little to be done with no verification. Per FERPA specific outcomes cannot be shared. JK says the majority of faculty do not ask for OSCED to further investigate. All Academic Integrity cases need to be tracked, SA and AA keep records. TC says the form has been updated to ensure tracking. DG says there is no "repeat delete" for these, the final grades will be averaged. RF states that faculty need to be thorough in filing out the form, are these courses online or in person. Quality matters is strongly suggested for online courses. MW says many students want to know if an integrity violation will be noted on their transcript. Faculty have stated the process is not transparent. He says some faculty have been asked to "un-

check” the box after they had checked it. MW states for faculty to always check the box. JK will meet with chairs to help with this. JK says their process is governed by an Executive Order. NS states this is part of the overall issue that SA “seems” to be overriding academic affairs. He states that the perception across the CSU is that CSULB is losing academic standards. Is there a way to bring together the findings of committees, if AIC is upheld, then a GAC will be denied? JK says AIC and GC are not the purview of SA, they are AA. JK says there are more grade appeals now since when a letter is sent to a student, the policies are sent to them also, informing them of their rights. KSG would like to return to this topic at a future EC meeting with regards to the perceptions about CSULB. This matter requires further discussion.

6. Old Business

- 6.1. Revised copy of the First Year Experience report- FYE report presented to EC on the steps for moving forward with this including requesting feedback from campus constituents. NH asks about timing of feedback request to FC. NS says timing is urgent as this needs to be sent to CEPC as soon as possible. The available six units may be taken rapidly so this needs to be addressed.
- 6.2. Amending the ASCSU Constitution: ratification vote- may NH and AK work on language for a ballot to conduct this election. This will be announced at Senate this Thursday.
- 6.3. Departmentalization Policy
- 6.4. [Time Certain 3:40 pm] Planning for the Fall 2024 AS Retreat

7. Announcements and Information

8. Reminders

- 8.1. Academic Senate Meeting #4, 10/10/24, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, PSY 150

9. Adjournment- 4:04 pm