**CLA FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Anatol Center & [Zoom](https://csulb-my.sharepoint.com/personal/emily_schryer_csulb_edu/Documents/Downloads/%28https%3A/csulb.zoom.us/j/86496727505?pwd=azhGYWtkSXg0TXNVWThCODlsVzVYQT09))

1. Call to Order
2. Meeting called to order by Chris Karadjov at 3:35pm
3. In Attendance:
	* In Person: Chris Karadjov (JPR), Emily Schryer (Human Development), Jolene McCall (International Studies), Barbara LeMaster (Anthropology & Linguistics), Lily House-Peters (Geography/ESP), Maddie Liseblad (Journalism & Public Relations), Jeff Blutinger (Jewish Studies), Rajbir Judge (History), Carie Rael (History), Marie Jayasekera (PHIL), Jessica Brooks (Classics), Araceli Esparza (English), Rezenet Moges-Riedel (ASLD), Aparna Nayak (RGRLL), Ann Kim (Human Development), Dmitrii Sidorov (Geography), Kate Flach (History), Anand Commissiong (POLSCI), Steven Osuna (SOC), Martha Franco (SOC), Kimberly Robertson (American Indian Studies), Itxaso Rodriguez (Linguistics), Tom Do (English), Jen Reed (WGSS), Ann Tran (AAAS), Gabriel Estrada (RST), Rigo Rodriguez (CHLS)
	* Over Zoom: Araceli Gonzalez (Psych), Sabrina Alimahomed (Sociology), Crystal Lie (CWL), Karissa Miller (Psychology), Stephanie Hartzell (COMM), Steven Rousso-Schindler (ANTH), Dario Valles (CHLS – guest), Yuping Mao (COMM), Charles Mahoney (Political Science), Stacy Macias (WGSS), Brett Mizelle (American Studies), Mary McPherson (Comm)
4. Approval of Agenda
* Motion to approve agenda by Anand Commissiong.

Seconded.

All in favor.

1. Approval of Minutes from Feb. 7, 2024
* Motion by Anand Commissiong to approve the minutes from February 7th, 2024.

Seconded.

All in favor.

1. Reports
	1. Dean’s Report (Dean Deborah Thien)
* The dean recognized faculty members from across the CLA for their accomplishments and contributions. Please see Monday Memos for the details.
* AB 928, the Student Transfer Reform Act was brought forward in 2021/2022. Cal-GETC, the California General Education Transfer Curriculum is set to start in Fall 2025. The Board of Trustees will be voting on whether to extend Cal-GETC to all students, transfer and non-transfer. For CLA this will mean there will be 6 units less of GE required. This will necessitate both catalog and GE changes. CLA needs to consider how we will approach this change. One option would be to develop College-level requirements. If that is a path that CLA chooses, we can turn to CLASP work on Student Learning Outcomes to get an idea of what we want and our common values.
* CLA has just received timelines for the development of RTP policies at the College and Departmental level. Colleges must approve revised RTP by the end of the Fall 2024 semester. Department RTP documents must be revised by Spring 2025.
* There are important changes happening to GWAR that have implications for CLA. Many of these issues also overlap with issues related to AB 928. We currently have 4 representatives on CEPC guiding this conversation. We need to figure out what we want to advocate for in relation to GWAR.
	1. Budget Committee Report (Amy Rasmussen)
* Amy Rasmussen reported on behalf of the Budget Committee regarding the results of the committee’s meetings in November and February.
* The committee approved the call for funding from the Student Excellence Fee, and the proposals that were submitted from programs and departments. The committee also discussed the Travel Award for 2024-2025. Not much detail can be provided until the university budget is available. Please see the Budget Committee report for more detail.
	1. FC Chair Report (Chris Karadjov)
* In the interest of time, Chris Karadjov waved the FC Chair Report for this month.
	1. CFA (Lily House-Peters)
* As of March 4th the Board of Trustees have ratified the Tentative Agreement.
* Some (though not all) faculty members had their pay docked for the one-day strike. The affected faulty seem to be a select few, and mostly union activists. CFA has a hardship fund for those who have been affected. The procedure for applying is simple. Only CFA members qualify. The maximum amount disbursed will be $500. There is currently a request out to Faculty Affairs for details about how decisions were made with regards to which faculty members had their pay docked and which did not.
* There are plans for a rally co-organized with students on Wednesday May 1st so please keep a look out for more information as it becomes available. CFA is trying to coordinate this rally across all the CSU campuses.
	1. CEPC Report – GWAR revisions (Rajbir Judge)
* The GPE exam is being taken away and replaced by 4 courses. These changes are tied to AB 928 and GE requirements. This will affect every department. Departments that have a WI course that attracts STEM students will lose students because every major will have its own WI course. This is a complex issue with a lot of implications. GWAR revisions are still under discussion and CEPC is working hard on this issue.
* Please see the CEPC report for more details about the proposed changes and ongoing discussions related to GWAR.
1. New Business
	1. Elections calendar and procedures & CLA constitution revision (FC Chair)
* There is an election coming up to fill approximately 25 vacancies on various University committees. It is very important to be well represented on these committees. The last day of Spring Break is the deadline for these elections.
* The current election process is a mess. At some point FC transitioned to a single transferable voting system. This system makes it more difficult to run elections and to tabulate the votes. This is something to keep in mind as we consider changes to the constitution.
* We need to work on revising the CLA RTP policy. This work needs to get done quickly in order to meet the Dec 2nd deadline.
	1. CLASP Report and ETF working group tasks for the spring semester (Steven Osuna, Rajbir Judge, Araceli Esparza, Rigoberto Rodriguez)
* There are currently CLASP teams working on 6 major projects: The Lecturer faculty manual, CLA-Specific Student learning outcomes, Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Faculty workload (RSCA guidelines and Teaching load), RTP Policies, and the CLA Constitution. There are forums, meetings and events planned in the near future for several of these projects. There is a planned Forum for Lecturer Faculty (date TBD), a meeting with the CLA chairs to discuss SLO’s (April 10th), a community-building event in support of DEIA (April 24th, 12:30-2:30pm), a virtual forum to discuss RTP policies (March 20th, 1-3pm), and a Virtual Forum to discuss the CLA Constitution (April 22nd, 1-3pm).
* In order to review the CLA RTP and RSCA policies, there is a 3-step process. The scheduled faculty forums are the first step, followed by a first and second reading of the proposed policy changes in Faculty Council, and culminating in a CLA faculty vote.
* CLASP is making 4 Action Requests of FC: 1. A formal CLA Faculty Council co-sponsorship on RTP and Constitution forums, 2. For FC members to disseminate CLASP invitations to their colleagues, 3. For FC members to attend forums and/or provide their feedback over Zoom, and, 4. To establish dates for 2 readings of the RTP and RSCA policy changes.
* The RSCA (Faculty Workload) CLASP team also presented a timeline of the process of developing the changes to RSCA policy and reminded FC that there was a prior reading of the proposed RSCA policy changes in Spring 2023. They request that to ensure that the RSCA policy changes be brought to a vote this year, a first reading be scheduled for the April 10th Faculty Council Meeting, and a second reading be scheduled at the May Faculty Council meeting, and if appropriate a vote can be called at that meeting.
	1. Meeting adjourned by Chris Karadjov at 5pm.