**CLA FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 1st, 2024

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

LA5-359 & [Zoom](file:////Users/chriskaradjov/Dropbox/BUREAUCRACY/Faculty%20Council/(https:/csulb.zoom.us/j/86496727505%3fpwd=azhGYWtkSXg0TXNVWThCODlsVzVYQT09))

1. Call to Order
2. Meeting called to order at 3:38pm by Chris Karadjov
3. Attendance:
   * In-Person: Chris Karadjov (JPR), Emily Schryer (Human Development), Maddie Liseblad (Journalism & Public Relations), Jeff Blutinger (Jewish Studies), Marie Jayasekera (PHIL), Jessica Brooks (Classics), Araceli Esparza (English), Rezenet Moges-Riedel (ASLD), Aparna Nayak (RGRLL), Ann Kim (Human Development), Dmitrii Sidorov (Geography), Anand Commissiong (POLSCI), Steven Osuna (SOC), Adrià Martín-Mor (RGRLL), Janet Muñiz (SOC), Lily House-Peters (Geography/ESP), Jolene McCall (IST), Kate Flach (History), Carie Rael (History), Isacar Bolaños (History), Jen Reed (WGSS)
   * Over Zoom: Kimberly Robertson (American Indian Studies), Sabrina Alimahomed (Sociology), Crystal Lie (CWL), Karissa Miller (Psychology), Stephanie Hartzell (COMM), Steven Rousso-Schindler (ANTH), Yuping Mao (COMM), Moyang Li (English), Alice Nicholas (AFRS), Maricela Correa (Psychology), Araceli Gonzalez (Psychology), Ann Tran (AAAS), Eileen Klink (English)
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Araceli Esparza motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded. All in favor.
6. Reports
   1. Dean’s Report (Dean Deborah Thien)
   * More hateful posters appeared last week (4/24). Troublingly, the Jewish student organization, Beach Hillel was targeted (in addition to CLA colleague) with a poster of a photo of students and with language accusing them of bigotry and hatefulness. Faculty in this college play a critical role in supporting and mentoring students. If you teach in LA5, a site of these posters, please be aware you may have students in your classes who need your compassion due to these circumstances. Per President Conoley’s 5/1 message, it is right to speak out against injustice; is it wrong to target Jewish students, faculty, or staff.
   * The President and Provost have both written out in the past 24 hours regarding the importance of faculty stewardship of the educational and learning environment. To that end, please review the provost’s message sent 5/1 which reiterates her message in November about faculty academic freedoms and responsibilities. This is an area of CLA strength; we must serve as a model.
   * Kudos to our 13 faculty (of 29 across campus) awarded president’s excellence! <https://www.csulb.edu/office-of-the-president/the-presidents-awards-for-outstanding-faculty-achievement>
   * Kudos as well to our award-winning student teams who were recently honored by the president: Moot court, Forensics and Trivial Bowl champs.
   * The Dean’s office has drafted a graphic to distinguish listserv and forum.
   1. FC Chair Report (Chris Karadjov)

* We need to elect the Faculty Executive (chair, vice-chair, secretary, 2 members-at-large) for the next academic year. We cannot vote today because the constitution requires an anonymous vote. However some candidate statements were already circulated and we can also hear nominations from the floor.
* This meeting is also the second reading of the RSCA policy document.
  1. CFA Report (Lily House Peters)
* Good news. Faculty are now receiving their 5% back pay and SSI. This money may have come in different amounts.
* CFA has been fighting against budget cuts. This is an ongoing battle.
* Some CSU students, faculty and staff have been arrested for protests. One CSF Faculty member is on a hunger strike in protest of student arrests. For more information, please contact the CFA.

1. New Business
   1. Vote for FC Executive Committee (Aparna Nayak - nominations in advance and from the floor)

* Two self-nominations (Chris Karadjov for FC Chair, and Alice Nicholas for Member-at-large) were received through the Qualtrics survey over the past week. The candidate statements for those nominees were sent out to Faculty Council members this morning.
* Jolene McCall self-nominated herself from the floor for the position of FC Chair and provide a candidate statement.
* Anand Commissiong self-nominated from the floor for the position of Member-at-large
* As of this meeting, there are no nominees for the role of FC Secretary.
* The election for FC Executive will take place over Qualtrics and ballots will be sent to members of Faculty Council very soon.

1. RSCA Revisions – Second Reading (Araceli Esparza & Steven Osuna). Faculty Council voted on amendments to the CLA Policy and Procedures Document for Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity Awards Version 2.7
   * In the introduction to the document (lines 8-12), amendments included adding the words “and small faculty grants” on lines 8/9 and the word “Scholarly” on line 9) to create the sentence as follows: *This policy structures committees that will decide on awards for reassigned time* ***and small faculty grants*** *for Research,* ***Scholarly,*** *and Creative Activities (RSCA), Mini-­‐grants and Summer Stipends (MGSS); enables workload equalization between decision panels; conserves the scarce resource of available faculty committee service time in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA); and identifies eligibility and application procedures for the various RSCA awards*.
     + Jeff Blutinger motioned to approve the amendment. Seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed.
   * For section 1.1.2 there was a motion by Jeff Blutinger to hear an amendment from the floor allowing assistant professors to serve on the RSCA committee. Seconded. The amendment to article 1.1.2 on lines 19-20 changes the membership of the committee from “full-time, tenured faculty with either associate or full professor rank” to “full-time tenure or tenure-track faculty”. The amended article 1.1.2 reads as follows: *Members of the committee must be full-time, tenure or tenure-track faculty.*
     + Jeff Blutinger motioned to approve the amendment. 21 in favor, 7 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion passed.
   * For section 1.1 (line 16), the words “and small faculty grant” was added. The full amendment is as follows: *The RSCA committee will determine procedures for handling, reviewing, and ranking CLA RSCA reassigned* ***time and small faculty grant*** *applications.*
     + There was a motion by Jeff Blutinger to approve the amendment. Seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed.
   * For article 1.3.2 (lines 42-46), Kimberly Davis from the dean’s office proposed the following amendment, changing the number of RSCA review panels from “two” to “three” and identifying the MGSS sub-committee as a “fourth” review panel. The proposed amendment is as follows: *Members of the committee will be constituted into three review panels. RSCA committee members will constitute* ***three*** *panels. Members from the MGSS sub-committee will form a* ***fourth*** *review panel.*
     + Aparna Nayak supported the motion to bring this amendment to a vote. Seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed.
   * For article 1.3.6 (lines 56-57), Kimberly Davis proposed to add that the RSCA chair will be “working with CLA Dean’s Office staff” to coordinate the assignment of applications to review panels. The proposed amendment is as follows: *The chair of the RSCA committee,* ***working with CLA Dean’s Office staff,*** *will coordinate the assignment of applications to review panels and the normalization of scores for all RSCA applications, and will have other duties assigned as appropriate to a chair.*
     + Anand Commissiong sponsored the motion to vote on the proposed amendment. Seconded. 1 in favor. 18 opposed. 4 abstentions. Motion did not pass.
   * For article 2.1.1, it is proposed to replace the words “not both” (line 64) with “may only accept one award”. A friendly amendment was made to add the word “academic” before “year” on line 65. The complete amendment is as follows: *CLA tenured/tenure track faculty and full-time lecturers may apply for an MGSS award or for a RSCA award, but* ***may only accept one award*** *in the same* ***academic*** *year.* For articles 2.1.2 and 2.1.4, it was proposed to add the words “(RSA specific)” to the end of each sentence. The amendments are as follows: For article 2.1.2: *CLA tenure track faculty may apply for MGSS or RSCA awards for years after the expiration of their new faculty reassigned time* ***(RSCA specific)***. For article 2.1.4 the amendment is as follows: *Faculty with research support through other internal or external sources are eligible to apply for MGSS or RCSA awards for years after the expiration of new faculty reassigned time* ***(RSCA specific)***.
     + Lily House-Peters motioned to approve the amendments. Seconded. 26 in favor. 2 abstentions. Motion passed.
   * For article 3.1, the following amendments were made: changing the word “scholarship” with “scholarly” on lines 78 and 80. Kimberly Davis also proposed amendments including changing the word “giving” with granting” (line 80), change “three” with “four” (lines 80 & 82), changing “activity” to “activities” (line 81), adding “and faculty small grants” to the list of awards (line 81), specifying “Mini-Grants and Summer Stipends” (line 81), and changing the phrase “Faculty may apply for only one” award, to “Faculty may only accept one” award. The complete amendment is as follows: *Faculty are encouraged to apply for support for their research,* ***scholarly*** *and creative activities. There are two distinct internal award programs granting* ***four*** *types of awards at CSULB:* ***(1)*** *Research,* ***Scholarly*** *and Creative* ***Activities*** *(RSCA) awards for assigned time* ***and faculty small grants*** *and* ***(2)*** *Mini-Grant****s and*** *Summer Stipend****s*** *(MGSS) awards. Faculty may* ***only accept*** *one of these* ***four*** *awards per application cycle.*
     + Aparna Nayak sponsored the amendments to bring them to a vote. Seconded. 26 in favor. 2 abstentions. Motion passed.
   * For article 3.2.1.1 (line 86) it was proposed to change “Basic Research” to “***Scholarly, peer-reviewed, and*** *basic research*”. Article 3.2.1.2 (line 87) was changed from “Applied Research” to “**Community-engaged and** applied research”.
     + Anand Commissiong motioned to approve the amendments. Seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed.
   * Sections 3.4 (Mini-Grants) and 3.5 (Summer Stipend Award) will be amalgamated under section 3.3 (Types of Award), and numbered as such. Article 3.3.2 (Small Faculty Grants) was added to the policy document. The information provided is as follows: ***Academic Senate policy states: “Faculty small grants are monetary awards to facilitate RSCA activities. They may be used for expenses such as student assistance, minor equipment or materials & supplies, or travel to advance RSCA activities.”*** Thedescription ofMini-Grants (previously 3.4.1 now labeled as 3.3.3) one lines 98-109, was updated to the most current version of Academic Senate Policy. The amended policy is as follows: *Academic Senate policy states*: “***Mini-grants allow recipients to test promising ideas and obtain preliminary results prior to seeking external support. Funds may be used for undergraduate and/or graduate student assistants, clerical assistance, minor equipment, and for travel and supplies necessary for the activity. These mini-grants are intended to be ‘seed money’ leading to the application for external support. Since this award is ‘seed money,’ acceptance of a mini-grant requires that the application for external funding based on the proposal be submitted within two years of the date of the award and prior to any subsequent mini-grant awards***. The description of the Summer Stipend award (previously 3.5.1 now labeled as 3.3.4) on lines 111-121, was updated to the most current version of Academic Senate Policy. The amended policy statement is as follows: *The Academic Senate policy states: “****Summer stipends are equivalent to the prevailing 3-WTU Vacant Rate to support a recipient in continuance of scholarly and creative activity during the summer****.”*
     + Jeff Blutinger motioned to approve the amendments. Seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed.
2. Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:05pm. Seconded. Meeting adjourned.