**CLA FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

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

LA2-200

1. Call to Order
2. Meeting called to order at 3:34pm by Vice-Chair Jolene McCall.
* Motioned by Jeff Blutinger
	+ Seconded.
1. In Attendance: Adrià Martín (RGRLL), Paul Laris (Geography), Alice Nicholas (Africana Studies), Emily Schryer (Human Development), Azza Basarudin (WGSS), Jolene McCall (International Studies), Jessica Brooks (Classics), Barbara LeMaster (Linguistics), Lily House-Peters (Geography/ESP), Aparna Nayak (RGRLL), Maddie Liseblad (Journalism & Public Relations), Araceli Esparza (English), Gabriel Estrada (Religious Studies), May Lin (AAAS), Tina Matuchniak (English), Jeff Blutinger (Jewish Studies), Crystal Lie (CWL), Araceli Gonzalez (Psychology), Raven Pfister (COMM), Manny Pulido (COMM), Tom Do (English), Chris Karadjov (JPR), Darin Dewitt (POSC), Charles Mahoney (POSC), Yousef Baker (I/ST Global Mideast Minor), Maricela Correa (Psych), Moyang Li (English), Ann Tran (AAAS), Rezenet Moges-Riedel (ASLD), Preeti Sharma (American Studies), Kimberly Robertson (American Indian Studies), Sabrina Alimahomed (WGSS), Rajbir Singh Judge (History), Steven Rousso-Schindler (ANTH), Carie Rael (History), Kate Flach (History), Eileen Klink (English), Martha Franco (Sociology), Andre Harrison (ECON), Sandra Arévalo (HDEV); Marie Jayasekera (PHIL)
2. Approval of Agenda
* There was a request to add a report from CFA to the agenda.
* A motion was made by Jessica Brooks to approve the agenda with addition of a report from CFA
	+ Seconded.
1. Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2023
* An objection was made to the Minutes from September with the statement that the minutes did not adhere to Robert’s Rules of Order
* A motion was made by Rajbir Singh Judge to table the minutes from September
	+ Motion seconded.
* All in favor. No opposition. Motion carried.
1. Reports
	1. Dean’s report (Dean Deborah Thien)
* The Dean congratulated the students on the Forensic debate team for their accomplishments.
* CSULB was recently awarded the Seal of Excelencia. Congratulations to the Faculty team that were involved in that process.
* A call recently went out to all Department Chairs in CLA to provide information for the Advancing Black Student Success inventory. This has been a process with a short turn around and CLA was not given much time for this process.
* The DEI directorship position is still in the process of being developed.
* There is a vacancy for one of the Faculty Equity Advocate positions. The Dean requests that Faculty Council form an ad-hoc committee to review applications for the vacant position.
* CLA day is scheduled for Tuesday October 17th. All are welcome to participate.
	1. Faculty Council interim chair’s report (Jolene McCall)
* The Associate Dean search is ongoing and is currently in the semi-finalist selection stage. The Faculty Council representative position on the search committee is vacant. As per Academic Senate policy 3.3.4.1, the faculty council representative should be the Chair or Vice-Chair of the council and that representative must be tenured. Vice-Chair Jolene McCall does not have tenure, and a Chair was not elected in September. The representative position at this point will need to remain vacant as per policy 3.4.3 which states that any vacancies on the committee must be filled “prior to the selection of the semi-finalist candidate(s)”.
* The changes to the RSCA policy documents proposed in 2022-2023 by the CLASP committee have not yet been ratified, therefore, the current RSCA policy documents remain in effect during the current RSCA application cycle.
* The Election Committee is unfilled and requires 3-5 members in order to run CLA elections.
* There is a vacancy on the Budget committee that needs to be filled as soon as possible.
	1. CFA Report
* The bargaining process is currently at the fact-finding stage. Once that process is complete, the CSU will have the opportunity to give their best offer. At this point there may be a strike authorization vote by members of the CFA.
1. New business
	1. Faculty Council chair nominations
* Jolene McCall motioned for call for nominations from the floor for Faculty Council Chair
	+ Seconded.
* No nominations were received from the floor
* Only one self-nomination for Faculty Council Chair has been received from Chris Karadjov
* The candidate statement from Chris Karadjov has already been circulated to faculty representatives.
* An election will be held online so that all representatives can vote.
	1. Call for nominations for Election Committee
* A motion was made by Jolene McCall for a call for nominations for 3-5 open positions on the Election Committee
	+ Seconded.
* Five nominees put their names forward: Aparna Nayak, Yousef Baker, Azza Basarudin, Tom Do, and Moyang Li
* As there were 5 open positions and 5 nominees, a vote was held by acclamation for the nominees
* All in favor. No opposition. Motion carried.
	1. Call for nominations for Budget Committee
* A motion was made by Jolene McCall for a call for nominations to fill a vacancy on the budget committee.
	+ Motion seconded.
* According to CLA constitution policy article IV2.5, “ If a vacancy occurs in the Faculty Council or in a Committee for which there is no alternate to step into service, a replacement shall be selected to complete the unexpired term”.
* A motion was made by Barbara LeMaster to accept nominations in this session of Faculty Council and vote on a representative who will be selected to fill the vacancy on the Budget Committee
	+ Motion seconded.
* A nomination was received for Rajbir Singh Judge to fill the vacancy on the Budget Committee
* All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
	1. Discussion of FC meeting agenda items for 2023/2024
* A discussion ensued about proposed topics for future Faculty Council meetings for the 2023/2024 year.
1. Adjournment
* Motion to adjourn by Jessica Brooks
	+ Seconded.
* Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm by Vice-Chair Jolene McCall