



**ACADEMIC SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 22, 2019**

*Approved 2-5-19*

**11:30 AM - 12:50 PM**

**PLN-120**

Present: Bruschke, Dabirian, Fitch, Gradilla, Perez, Powers, Shahi, Stambough, Stohs

Absent: Rodriguez

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Stohs called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

## **II. URGENT BUSINESS**

- Josh Borjas has resigned as the ASI President due to not meeting the necessary GPA.
  - That is a red flag for the unit load that students are being highly encouraged to take. Over the break three ASI leaders had to resign their post because of grades and time commitments. What is the ASI leader doing? If this was the basketball team and everybody all of a sudden became ineligible, we would hold the coach and athletic director accountable. This is happening in ASI, who is accountable for it? If the students are doing as much as athletes, then they should probably start mimicking the structures of athletics by having counseling and tutoring,
  - The problem is it is more than a full time job. There are a lot of receptions and other things the ASI leaders have to attend. Maybe the leadership over ASI needs to take a look to see if they are asking them to play too big of a role and do too much.
  - It would be real interesting to see how many units they did attempt and what was going on.
  - We should invite Dave Edwards to come to an Executive Committee meeting to discuss.
- There is an issue with the vote from the last Senate meeting. There are three ways of voting at a Senate meeting (a voice vote, a roll call, or by secret ballot). Our Bylaws do permit secret ballot only on voting for committees where there are individuals involved, secret ballots are not permitted in senate meetings. The voice vote is the one that is required and if that doesn't go well, it's a show of hands (division), which is what happened. Once the show of hands was done, it was counted, and the Chair declared the "ayes have it." The vote was done at that point and time. Any other request for another vote is a request for re-voting. There shall not be two votes on any vote and a roll call vote in effect would be another vote; that's why it was ruled out of order. The Parliamentarian agreed with the Academic Senate Chair.

Q: How would a roll call vote fit into this scenario?

A: If someone would have called for a roll call vote before the chair said the ayes have it, then it would have been permitted. The best approach for a roll call vote would be to request it before a vote is taken.

- It would be good to explain this procedure or explain it. A bigger issue was that the vote was held after the normal time for the meeting to be adjourned and that created a problem because people had to leave before the vote was taken.
- Some of the most problematic decisions the Senate has made have been done at the very last minute when people are leaving like the Marathon meeting when people are coming and going to classes.
  - I recall in the last several years when some Senators say they want limits on the time people do not go along with that. The Statewide Senate had three in favor and three against, then debate is cut.

Q: If someone wishes to appeal the ruling of the chair would that be in order at the start of the next meeting and would that go to the entire body?

A: Possibly. We would have to look at that in terms of when that would happen, not sure how that would work.

- I think all this would be better if we make it clear that we are going to do something about GE.

- I'm at peace with the vote and the decision, but what I'm concerned about is we had the larger issue, but under the issue I felt was like a parasite, the first year program snuck into the curriculum and people ignored that. I don't want any more first year programs to be jumping onto GE. I would like to see a formal proposal, a long range plan for them, and how they can fund themselves without GE and how sustainable that is. I think we can say this is an exception what happened to Biology, I don't want to see anymore first year programs embedded into lower division.

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 EC Minutes (Draft) 12-11-18 - *forthcoming*

### V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- It would be good for CSUF to have something like a study group for GE, looking into the big picture and looking within the framework of the Executive Orders, what we have and what we don't have. To think broadly about this, but taking into account the breadth verses depth and First Year Experience. If we do this, it would be best to have a very small committee, but if it has any faculty, it should have one faculty member from each college. The deans have already asked if this is happening what authority they would have, and my view is there would be no authority in this group, it would be exactly what it says a study group.

Assuming we go ahead with this, we have some issues. We do have the GE Committee and that is not really their directive to rethink GE, they take the guides we have and apply them. We have the task force and they are not officially done yet and if we start this while they are still going on, then it's the question of who's doing what and why do we have the task force.

- (Dabirian) We need to look at our processes, learning goals outcomes may not be enough. Our process worked for years because we had control of GE. Now that we don't have control of GE, but we have control of our courses and process, we need to be very specific guiding the study group.
- (Stohs) One thing that goes through my mind is we disband the GE Task Force or maybe we say to the GE Task Force these are the new things you should think about this semester without starting a new group.
- (Bruschke) I really think the key to the success is speaking to our President and Provost about advocating for our campus at the Chancellor's office.
- (Gradilla) We repurpose the task force to do GE and student success related to GE and direct them to focus on what are the success strategies for first generation students and underrepresented students. We build into our infrastructure success for underrepresented first generation students which is the majority and we can say this is what our data and information has shown, our students need that guidance and embed it so that it is natural.
- (Bruschke) We might want to consider getting the Provost involved as a member or through a designee.
- We need to look at committees, we have had a lot of changes. Kavin Tsang and Jessica Stern are now associate deans, Mark Filowitz has now moved up. Kavin served on four committees as the senator and we will need a senator representative on those committees.

Kristi Kanel (HHD) and Vita Jones (EDUC) resigned from the Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

Elections Committee needs someone, Faculty Research Policy Committee needs someone from ARTS, and Curriculum needs someone from COMM.

- (Fitch) Can you send out an email of what is needed and we can work on it via email?
- Question, is there any reason for trying to do an AA/AS Retreat this semester?

No

## **VI. PROVOST REPORT - 12:30 PM**

- Chair Stohs welcomed our new Provost Pamela Oliver.
- The Provost stated she would attend every other Executive Committee meeting.
- The Provost asked the question “What do you want from a Provost”, she then went around the room to hear from each Exec Committee member.

## **VII. STAFF REPORT**

The dates for eVoting for the special election to fill the vacant HHD will take place on February 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

- 8.1 ASI Board [Stohs], T, 12-11-18, 1:15 - 3:45 PM, TSU Legislative Chambers  
No report submitted.
- 8.2 Internships & Service Learning Committee [Bruschke], W, 12-12-18, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, PLS-360  
No report submitted.
- 8.3 Faculty Development Center Board [Shahi], F, 12-14-18, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, PLS-299  
No report submitted.
- 8.4 Diversity & Inclusion Committee [Gradilla], T, 12-18-18, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, PLS-260C  
Aitana Guia was elected as the chair of the committee.
- 8.5 Assessment & Educational Effectiveness Committee [Bruschke], W, 12-19-18, 1:00 - 2:15 PM, MH-141  
No report submitted.
- 8.6 Writing Proficiency Committee [Perez], F, 12-21-18, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, PLS-140  
No report submitted.

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 9.1 Resolution for Provost Knutson Miller  
(Stohs) I will ask James Rodriguez to work on the resolution.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

- 10.1 Revisions to UPS 292.000 - Faculty Leadership in Collegial Governance Award  
This document will be added to the January 24<sup>th</sup> Academic Senate agenda.
- 10.2 Revisions to UPS 293.000 - The Carol Barnes Excellence in Teaching Award  
This document will be added to the January 24<sup>th</sup> Academic Senate agenda.
- 10.3 Revisions to UPS 294.000 - L. Donald Shields Excellence in Scholarship and Creativity Award  
This document will be added to the January 24<sup>th</sup> Academic Senate agenda.
- 10.4 Revisions to UPS 295.000 - The Outstanding Lecturer Award  
This document will be added to the January 24<sup>th</sup> Academic Senate agenda.
- 10.5 Native Land Resolution
- 10.6 Online Courses and Instructor Drops (discussion)
- 10.7 Free Speech (anti-Semitic acts)
- 10.8 On-line Reports to Committees
- 10.9 Skateboarding across campus (especially between EC building and book store).  
(Stohs) We will refer this issue to the CF&B Committee.
- 10.10 SOQ for online. (incessant reminders but no solutions on how to get students to comply)  
(Stohs) This has already been given to the SOQ Task Force Committee.

10.11 End of Semester Recognition Ceremonies (could we make them on Fridays so that students don't have to miss classes during the last three weeks of semester and lose points)

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (Dabirian/Gradilla) Meeting adjourned at 12:44 PM.