



**ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2020**

Approved 12-8-20

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

ZOOM Meeting

Present: Dabirian, Gradilla, Kanel, Matz, Stambough, Stohs, Walker, Walsh, Wood

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stambough called the meeting to order at 11:33 AM.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

- A committee of the Statewide Senate was talking about trying to increase diversity on the Statewide Senate.
- Another issue that is coming up is the faculty trustee for the Board of Trustees. That whole process goes through the ASCSU, and one of the problems is a former ASCSU Senator ends up being the faculty trustee. To some faculty around the system, it appears that it is an inside group doing the choosing, so if you are not known within the ASCSU, the chances of getting elected by them are pretty close to zero. While the Statewide Committee was talking about that, I read the email that went out to all faculty. It says each Senate campus should develop procedures for selecting eligible nominees to be the nominee for the faculty trustee. I'm not sure we have ever created a process. The deadline for this year's nominations is January 9, 2021, so we don't have a lot of time.

We will send out the notice to campus and a fillable petition form for anyone interested in the position.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Walsh) We finished interviews for the Government Relations AVP position today, and we are meeting this afternoon to determine the finalist for the next round.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 EC Minutes 10-20-20 - *forthcoming*

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

The President will be joining us at 12:30 to discuss the Emeritus Policy.

VI. STAFF REPORT

No report.

VII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

7.1 ASI Board [Stambough], T, 10-20-20, 1:15 - 3:45 PM, Zoom

- ASI met on October 20. We heard reports from David Forgues and Bobbie Porter in HRDI about diversity initiatives and support on campus. We also listened to a report from Greg Saks about Advancement, including some questions about various options for spring commencement. They are exploring virtual, in-person, and small group in-person options with a virtual audience.
- We also approved the leadership review committee for internal evaluations. We heard the report from the HSS representatives and NSM representatives. We received the reports from the Executive officers, including the Chief Government Relations office, discussing the Ethnic Studies requirement and campus Get-Out-The-Vote efforts. Dave Edwards updated pandemic safety changes to the CSUF Children's Center, new resources made available for the Student Rec Center's outdoor activities.

7.2 Diversity & Inclusion Committee [Gradilla], T, 10-20-20, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, Zoom

No written report was submitted.

7.3 Assessment & Educational Effectiveness Committee [Walsh], W, 10-21-20, 1:00 - 2:15 PM, Zoom

- Committee began with the Chair suggesting a survey of all faculty to determine
 - What exactly does the faculty do for assessment
 - What resources faculty have for doing an assessment
 - How much of a burden assessment poses for individual faculty members.
- A few members noted that it is a bad time to survey faculty and, also, the answers to these queries exist. Further, it became evident that not all committee members had the same understanding of assessment—some were thinking of program assessments; some were thinking about assessing student learning in individual courses.
- The Chair and past Chair were adamant that we need to hear each faculty member's voices because they feel that assessment is a waste of their time. Su Swarat gave links to the annual reports and examples of best practices for each college. After some more discussion, the past Chair and a few members stated they didn't know the purpose of this committee. A couple of members also noted that they are forced to do pre and post-test, but their programs/departments do nothing with the data.
- Finally, it was agreed that the next meeting would start with Su Swarat giving a seminar on what assessment is, how it is supposed to work

7.4 Curriculum Committee [Gradilla], F, 10-23-20, 12:00 - 2:00 PM, Zoom

No written report was submitted.

7.5 General Education Committee [Stambough], F, 10-23-20, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Zoom

No written report was submitted.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Campus Morale

(Stambough) I had a chat with the President about the campus being used and still being relevant as we try to work our way towards reopening slowly. From the numbers I heard, we had in the reentry for the fall, the target for maximum was 3 percent of the classes, and we ended up with about 1.5 percent, so we went below that number. The campus isn't used very much, and it impacts student groups and a bunch of different things.

For the spring, there has been some chatter about having very social distance events on campus. Two possibilities came up in different conversations I had. One was in the spring, and there would be a talk by the writer from the movie Just Mercy to talk about issues related to what the film entails. IT put up screens all over campus a couple of years ago, and we could rope areas off, max out capacity, have cocktail tables out there, and have a food truck out there. People would have to wear their masks. We could do it like they do outdoor restaurants and have campus be a place where we could screen the movie simultaneously. Some talk of maybe doing some of that with an outdoor viewing of our men and women basketball teams; they will start playing in December, not with fans in the stands.

Would that be something we would push or recommend? Something that the Senate or Senate Exec could promote or co-sponsor? Would people be interested or willing to do something like that, or is that pushing the envelope too much?

- (Wood) I think it's a great idea. Based on data, one of the concerns people have about doing this kind of reentry activity is will other people follow the rules. Will somebody walk up and hug me or breathe? This kind of thing will be more successful if we can think through how to keep it safe for folks and communicate that because people are afraid of other people they love, putting them at risk.
- (Stambough) It would have to be apparent from the beginning that if you are getting a ticket for this, we are only allowed to do this if people behave, and if you don't, you will be thrown out.

- (Walker) One of the things to remember when we are talking about bringing people back and having events is why we were low in the percentage of classes. The faculty said I thought this would be a good idea, but now that I am thinking about it more, I don't think it is a good idea. I think we want to be very careful about planning stuff like this, and it flop because nobody shows up. Or let's say we have a bunch of community members show up who are like, screw the rules.
- (Matz) If we did a movie, could we do drive-in? Do we have enough spaces, so people stay in their cars? We could have signs posted that say, "stay in your car and if you leave your car, wear a mask."
- (Dabirian) We have big screens by the gym, and we can do a movie night, and then park their cars on the grass. There are a lot of possibilities we could do.
- (Gradilla) One of the things we may want to do this semester is a dry run of faculty registering online through google docs, come to your office and get some things. And do it as a big coordinated event, I think it would help demonstrate some of the issues in terms of how will we manage people coming onto the campus. At the movie event, families would be invited and partners. I think we need to limit it to people who have rsvp'd, no walk-ons because people have to verify that they will wear a mask and follow the rules. I think we need to do a dry run, seeing what faculty with masks could come simultaneously, coordinate the parking, see the before and after of what happened to the restrooms, etc. I think that will be helpful.
- (Gradilla) Are we keeping data of how we are doing with the current students on campus right now and the faculty reporting to campus? I'm hoping that is also being recorded to see what it will look like blown up with more people.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Revisions to UPS 261.000 - Faculty Emeritus Status

President Virjee joined the Exec meeting, and there was extensive discussion on the Emeriti Policy and proposed changes.

(Stambough) This document will go back to the Faculty Affairs Committee and the Emeritus Association with suggestions received.

9.2 CSU General Education Breadth Requirements

1. LJB to President's feedback on CSU General Education Executive Order
2. CSU General Education Breadth Requirements Draft - EO Revised 10-8-20
3. Form - Feedback on the Executive Order on CSU General Education Breadth

(Stambough) I have planned for Thursday when we get to this on the AS agenda to open it up, and we could have the Senate feedback by early next week. Based on what I hear, I will write something up and send it around to everybody to have it ready to go. We will be receiving at least one report from HSS, and they proposed a resolution as well. They want the report received by the Senate and referenced in the materials we send out to the Chancellor's office.

X. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P (Dabirian/Wood) Meeting ended at 12:55 PM.