

General Faculty Senate Meeting

Time: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Minutes

01/18/2024

In attendance:

Chair Elizabeth McNie, Vice Chair Sarah Senk, Secretary Ariel Setniker, Amy Skoll, Aparna Sinha, David Satterwhite, Kitty Luce, Margaret Ward, Mike Holden, Mike Strange, Nick Lewis, Nipoli Kamdar, Taiyo Inoue, Tamara Burbach, Tom Nordenholz, Wil Tsai, and guests.

Absent: Christine Isakson, Julie Simons.

Call to Order

- *Chair McNie called the meeting to order at 11:02am after quorum was achieved.*
- *Motion to approve the agenda by Senator Setniker, seconded by Senator Satterwhite. Agenda approved by unanimous consent.*

Chair's Report

- The Faculty Senate Canvas is live
- Rapid Action Working Groups – timeline is short, encourage everyone to join one, if not two, groups
- Range Elevation for Lecturers Policy from Academic Affairs revisions – this is posted on Canvas for feedback

Update from CFA Cal Maritime Chapter President Aparna Sinha

- Faculty will be on strike January 22-26
- It is very rare that this happens
- For impact on students, this will be an important educational opportunity to see their faculty members stand up for fair treatment by employers
 - o In the long term, students will benefit from retained faculty (especially cruise faculty)
 - o We hope that students will engage in critical thinking as they investigate what has spurred the strike
 - o How classes are made up will be up to each individual faculty, and faculty will communicate this to their students
- Chair McNie encourages us to remember that we are all colleagues; continue to treat each other with dignity and respect

Vice Chair's Report

- Elections: need to replace Ryan Storz as an at-large senator, and Julie Simons as an S&M Department senator (one semester)

Department Report-Outs

Library

- *Senator Luce presenting*
- Recently updated our mission, and are currently working on updating and creating policies
- Have discussed creating a strategic plan and implementing with interim dean
- Investigating need for a 200-level information fluency class
- New library circulation staff member, Rachel Tamayo – contact her for course reserves
- Our archivist retired last spring, and this position has not been filled
- New way to obtain interlibrary loans called Rapido
- CSU as a whole has an agreement with Elsevier to publish open access at no cost to faculty
- We may return to a request for a faculty chair in our department – when you are looking at decision making, we request you just check in with us

IBL

- *Senator Kamdar presenting*
- Recruitment: dean-led effort
- Submitted accreditation report, at a midpoint of a 7-year cycle
- IMO renewed us as a scholarship school, so we will get \$25,000 a year, which goes towards scholarships
- Josh Shackman has joined editorial board at Maritime Business Review
- Working on alternatives to watch for IBL students – professional development program
 - o Launching a 'menu' of options for students, one option running now is in operations management in boat house, if successful hope to expand to other campus units
 - o Will continue working with shadow ship watches, various other marketing, service opportunities

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- *Senator Burbach presenting*
- Hoping to revise a lot of prerequisites and CS numbers
- Planning a response to STCW audit and plans for next audit
- Hiring plans – we have two major faculty retiring in the fall as well as hiring more lecturers
- Thinking about how to adjust schedule during pier updates
- Always welcome interdepartmental collaboration – if anyone has ideas please reach out
 - o Current engineering course (no units – thanks Fred Reiman!) to allow engineers to ride along with ship handling
 - o Course with oceanographers
- Boathouse dynamic – never been smooth but actively working on systems for communication

New GE Proposal

- *GE Director Sarah Senk presenting*
- Problems Trying to Solve
 - o Lack of integration between ELDP and academics
 - o Lack of common experience
 - o Demanding major curricula leave no room for common best practices like FYS
- Solution: create a comprehensive signature GE program
 - o Integrate curricular and co-curricular elements
 - o Create an educational common core, aligning with best practices
 - o Leverage existing structures and underutilized faculty experience
 - o Create something unique and relevant to Cal Maritime
- Goals for Common “Core”
 - o Cultivate appreciation for different concepts of leadership in the world
 - o Must be experiential
 - o Assert leadership framework for entire university
 - o Intentionally scaffolded
 - o Should improve student lived experience
- What is maritime GE?
 - o Hands-on, jumping in for any situation, being able to respond within the situation
 - o Industry is actually working on 21st century issues – e.g. sustainability
- Revision of GE outcomes
 - o Retroactively created from EO 1100, about 15, thinking of narrowing down to 4
 - o So many leadership skills already align
- Maritime GE is important and here to stay
 - o Leading maritime university
 - o Impact of globalization
 - o Need for academic rigor
- Director Senk will visit departments to continue this discussion
 - o Revise GE LOs
 - o Integrate curricular and co-curricular elements so they complement one another (focusing on GE courses the majority of students take)
 - o Make PD a cornerstone of GE
 - o Connect with biggest employers of graduates to have the “employer backend conversations”
 - o Discussion of restructuring “Academic Day” of orientation

Judicial Committee Bylaws Update

- *Senator Inoue presenting*
- This committee will be called upon when clear interpretation is needed for various policy as an objective body
- Oversee recall elections of senate executive committee
- Membership is unique – 3 will constitute when needed from a prioritized list
- Senate Exec will call this committee into action, committee will meet within 10 business days and report back with a memo

Faculty Development Committee Bylaws Update

- *Senator Setniker presenting*
- Largest changes:
 - o Membership is currently every department chair plus 2 at-large and we struggle to get everyone in a meeting – changing to one representative from each school
 - o Rubric and feedback will be distributed to applicants

Professional Leave Committee Bylaws Update

- *Senator Skoll presenting*
- Group spent most of the time discussing membership – 5 tenured representatives (per CBA) with no more than one representative per department
 - o Attempt to eliminate bias
- Senator Nordenholz argues for 5 members over 3, helps solidify majority, etc.

Meeting Adjourned [~12:16 pm] (Skoll, McNie)