

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Friday, June 5, 2020

In attendance: Dinesh Pinisetty (Chair), Sarah Senk (Secretary), Steve Browne, Matt Fairbanks, Christine Isakson, Elizabeth McNie, Cynthia Trevisan, Wil Tsai, Frank Yip [all via remote connection], Guest: Sheikh Nayeem

Absent: Keir Moorhead (Vice Chair)

- I. Sheikh Nayeem's Presentation on Energy and Sustainability Program
  - Nayeem begins by reading CSU Systemwide Sustainability Policy
  - Nayeem reads CSU sustainability goals
  - Nayeem says we implement the program across three "buckets": operations, curriculum, and community.
    - o Operations: marine hydrokinetic project; limit energy consumption with LED and HVAC improvements, promote water-use efficiency); install academic microgrid (including solar, carport, solar thermal, wind energy, etc.) to produce clean energy and learn what technology is involved; transportation management (conversion to electric vehicles, EV chargers, eVan, installing DC fast charger); waste management (goal is to reduce waste, recycle electronic waste, compost as much as possible, promote outreach to inform campus); campus has been designated as a "tree campus"; sustainability in dining services
      - Trevisan asks if there is a plan to replace eucalyptus trees because campus looks so barren
    - o 2020 Projects include: PG&E EV chargers installation in A lot; electric shuttle van 100% electric and most of the money is coming from the government's hybrid and electric vehicle incentive program (Calstart); installation of DC fast charger for eVAN; EcoVox Utility Data Management; CA Green business network certification involves Solano County auditors to make sure we have good management program); Skycool technology cooling for classroom building; Tree Recovery Plan (we lost ~400 trees, looking at replacing with 800 trees; initial layout already planned, trying to get free trees from Arbor Day foundation to minimize cost to campus)
    - o Three additional projects initiated this year will not be completed this year. Zero Global Warming Potential Project with EPRI (based in Palo Alto); Academic Microgrid Design and Installation; Biodiesel Plant still in initial stage. There's an interest in city of Vallejo to partner with us, will be funded through California Pollution Control Financing Authority. Meetings are happening, City of Vallejo has expressed interest. These projects have been initiated by completed possibly the year after next.
    - o Nayeem notes there is student opportunity to get involved in PG&E EV Charger Program
    - o Nayeem proceeds to show pictures of various projects. "This is the van." "This is the charger."
    - o Nayeem shows image of SkyCool systems that will cool classroom building
    - o Nayeem shows image of tree/vegetation plan layout. Will be shared with campus advisory committee. Now the job is to get funding to plant the trees. Past estimate is 1.2 M (includes labor, materials, irrigation, etc.)

- Nayeem notes he has two more slides.
- Nayeem explains how Zero-GWP heat pumps work: ERPI developing novel heat pump that uses ammonia and carbon dioxide, reduces operating costs. Grant amount approved is 2.5M of CEC funds. We don't get the money; we get the technology and we host the facility.
- Nayeem notes areas in which EPRI is working and says they would like to partner with Cal Maritime for future projects
- Nayeem is working on getting EPRI to make a presentation to Cal Maritime staff.
- Nayeem reviews information about project funding, total of \$1.65 M coming to campus.
  - Senk asks to confirm this is money coming to the campus from outside sources. Nayeem confirms, says it's not all money, it's the monetary value of the materials, resources, etc.
- Nayeem lists Community Outreach events, discusses postponing Earth Day event to October since it was cancelled due to COVID; says sustainability speakers will probably be online
- Nayeem invites questions
  - Isakson asks "didn't we move away from using ammonia as a refrigerant around populations because of explosions risk?"
  - Nayeem says that's a good question, he posted the same to EPRI who said they are using very little ammonia, stored in a way to minimize risk, says we can ask project manager.
  - McNie notes it's great to see Cal Maritime moving in a sustainability direction
  - Tsai says he spoke to Nayeem about student internship opportunities, kudos for bringing faculty and students into the project. Pinisetty notes that for FET internships and co-op opportunities are great.
- Yip asks a question, notes it's unrelated to this presentation, but is a question about an incident on Earth Day in which material from another CSU (Cal Poly) was posted to the Cal Maritime and apparently plagiarized entirely. Nayeem said that was a mistake, it was posted as a template when Aubrey was here. Yip says website still has material closely related to that other university. Yip says this is absolutely unacceptable and asks who in your office is responsible? Nayeem says replacement is ongoing project, and if you check it out now, it's all Cal Maritime information. Yip says he is very concerned about that occurrence, says it's a bit like our students saying "I wrote my own report, but in the interim I substituted someone else's report. I find that to be ethnically unacceptable." Nayeem says this was a mistake.
- Committee thanks Nayeem for his presentation. Nayeem exits Zoom meeting.

## II. Additional Business

- Pinisetty asks if Exec would be interested in inviting Lachlan (Corps Commander) to present/discuss student survey data.
- Senk notes that Lachlan is deeply committed to having open lines of communication between faculty senate and student leadership
- Committee agrees it would be good to hear student perspective.
- Pinisetty reports on meeting with President. Asked to meet to hear directly from him because some messages appear to have been miscommunicated by Cabinet members. President emphasized that health and safety is a priority, wants to have as many classes face to face to preserve every job, particularly dining center and custodial staff, and wants to

make sure that cadets get co-curricular activities. Does not anticipate Fall 2020 furloughs unless there is a system-wide mandate from Chancellor's office. But we can't conclusively say anything until final budget numbers are here.

- Trevisan asks to clarify because common denominator of face to face classes now is that they all have STCW components attached to them. If we stick to that, there will be three majors that have not a single face to face class together: oceanography, business, and GSMA don't need to be back.
- Pinisetty reports that the President wants all students to have Cal Maritime hands on experience, is scared that we'll lose students if they don't get any in-person experience.
- Tsai notes from LRPG, they're working with data inputs they got from each department. LRPG isn't going to push back on that. Any requests would be on department level, and someone will have to convince additional faculty to do that.
- Yip notes the key issue seems to be that there is a critical number of students that need to come back to keep operations viable.
- Isakson: all universities are having the same issue; we're not unique. Do I understand correctly that he is reinterpreting the chancellor's directive?
- Pinisetty says President says Chancellor knows about campus intentions, says that the rules are guidelines, not a directive.
- Tsai notes that the timing decision are in the LRPG court, but that committee is trying to get details out to faculty in a timely fashion and are aware of time pressures. Tsai is also curious what the bar is to encourage all students to come back. There may be some GSMA/IBL students who want to come back because financial aid will support them in the dorms.
- Committee discusses question of "directive" vs. "guidelines." Reviews CSU policy: <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/8100995/latest/>
- Fairbanks notes that LRPG is currently authoring a letter explaining how the campus will be meeting every campus requirement, doesn't understand why that's necessary if the policy is "just guidelines."
- Tsai: what's the next step? Can we go back to President and say that if he convinces faculty to opt in, and if they tell the LRPG they want to opt in, they'll calculate it, but it's not in the LRPG jurisdiction to tell faculty that they need to opt in.
- Pinisetty wants to first find out feedback K. Tener has received. "One thing I've found on this campus is that we can believe Kristen Tener."
- Tsai wants to record for the record that LRPG is operating on data they got from departments, which includes bulk of classes online. For me, primary directive is the data I've got.
- Pinisetty says we also have to include faculty as a whole. They are the ones who have to teach the classes, they are the ones who have to tell us that they feel safe. We need data from the wider faculty, and I'm not sure who is doing that. It can't be senate exec doing everything. Should it be the Deans?
- Tsai says if you are trying to convince people to come back, I would go through Chairs over deans. "It gets closer to the ground troops."
- Committee asks what happens with IBL where chair is the dean?
- Pinisetty notes that Nipoli is still chair through end of the month.
- Tsai says let's let other institutions with higher capacity test out this fall and use that data to drive our understanding for spring.
- Yip asks if there has been movement on the ground negotiating a union contract for summer teaching.

- Browne reports faculty submitted votes on negotiated MOU earlier this week, but does not know the results, assumes the vote was positive, particularly since the administration is offering appropriate compensation.

### III. Review of Student Affairs Reorganization Meeting

- Trevisan asks what the next steps are. Will they be going back to the drawing board? Pinisetty says they will be getting student and staff feedback and understand that they must go through the proper shared governance process and get input from affected constituencies.
- [Fairbanks had to leave meeting early. Reports via email that “CFA has heard from a majority of the faculty affected by the MOU, and the response has been very positive. At the time of the CFA board meeting, the contract hadn't been officially ratified, but it was expected to sail through.”

Meeting adjourned.