



General Faculty Senate Meeting

Time: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Minutes

2/17/2022

In attendance:

Dinesh Pinisetty, Elizabeth McNie, Colin Dewey, Matthew Fairbanks, Keir Moorhead, Tamara Burbach, Margaret Ward, Mike Holden, Ariel Setniker, Ali Moradmand, Christine Isakson, Wil Tsai, Ryan Wade, Steve Browne, Nipoli Kamdar*, Frank Yip, Kitty Luce, and guests.

* Arrived after policy votes

1. Call to Order

- *McNie motioned to approve the agenda, Tsai seconded. Agenda approved by unanimous consent.*

2. Minutes Approval

- 1/20/2022 Senate meeting minutes were reviewed. Secretary Fairbanks noted two grammatical corrections that had been made. *Vice Chair McNie motioned to approve, Senator Tsai seconded. 1/20 minutes approved by unanimous consent.*

3. ASCSU Updates

- ASCSU Senators Isakson and Tsai presented on issues and resolutions moving through the ASCSU.
- They encouraged feedback on issues we [Faculty Senators] believe are most important to our campus on the statewide level.
- The slides for their presentation are available. Points include two Assembly bills (927 and 928) that will respectively allow community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees that do not directly compete with CSU and UC offerings, and require a common General Education pathway for transfers to the CSU and UC systems.
- Senator Tsai noted that the dominating issue at ASCSU is Chancellor Castro and calls for investigations regarding his handling of Title IX issues while he was at Fresno State.
- Questions for Senators Tsai and Isakson? None at this time.

4. Academic Integrity Committee Policy

- *This was a second reading of the revised policy and moved directly to a vote.*
- *Vote was unanimous in favor of approval (15-0).*

5. General Education Committee Policy

- *Senator Tsai motioned to adjust “edict” to “executive order”. Seconded by Dewey.*
- *There was a proposed amendment to the motion from Associate Provost Benton to include coded memos, but it was determined that these were adequately captured by the existing policy language.*
- *Senator Dewey motioned to approve the policy as amended. Vice Chair McNie seconded the motion.*
- *Vote was unanimous in favor of approval (15-0).*

6. Cal Maritime Capital Campaign – VP Richard Ortega

- VP of Advancement Richard Ortega is presenting on the Comprehensive Campaign.
- Ortega explained that he was 2 year appointment and that he’s been here since mid-fall semester (2021).
- Comprehensive Campaign appears to be going quite well in large part because of the vessel program. Most donors are not associated with the University. More than half of donations are in this category. The total campaign has raised \$32 million.
- Ortega noted that realizing the value of the vessels takes about a 3 year timeline.
- Once the funds from the vessels are designated to particular priorities, we can tell the story of the good the money/vessels are doing. Some vessel donations are already designated, for examples, \$126K for Oceanography Education and Research and \$287K for the Marine Transportation program.
- There has been research in the donor database to identify prospects with the greatest ability and propensity to support the University.
- Fundraising Training is coming to campus and is provided by CASE@Campus. The Deans have gone through it and speak highly of it. The training will be offered to other University personnel involved in or interested in fundraising, including some faculty and department chairs.
- University Advancement is looking for projects to highlight to aid the Campaign, and these may come out of the strategic planning process.
- The “public phase” of the Campaign will be starting soon: September (2022)-ish.
- The outline for the Fundraising Training was shared, and VP Ortega encouraged faculty leaders to be advocates and also help with highlighting programs and projects that would help the Campaign.
- VP Ortega asked for questions from the audience.

- Secretary Fairbanks asked about the fundraising training and its length. Answer: it’s tailorable to an extent. Initially planned for two days. Maybe Fridays, which VP Ortega has heard are best for the most faculty schedules.

- Chair Pinisetty asked about time commitments for fundraising activities and whether we would need to travel to the donors. VP Ortega said that we would want to show off our programs and facilities and students actually doing things. Ideally donors would be brought here, and that practice has been shown to be most effective.
- Chair Pinisetty said that the engineering project days would be a great showcase. Ortega agreed and said that he'd like to bring in a donor who donated machine tools specifically for those.

7. Student Health Center Fee Presentation – Dr. Grace Chou

- Dr. Grace Chou, Student Health Center Director, is presenting on a proposed student health fee increase.
- *The proposal is to have a one-time 15% increase in the fee in Fall 2022, followed by automatic increases that would be pegged to inflation.*
- The goal is to reach self-support status in approximately 10 years and establish a reserve fund.
- The CLC (Campus Leadership Council) has endorsed the proposal. There will be further discussions with students on the issue.
- Fee proposal eventually goes to the President and if approved, then to the Chancellor's Office.
- The current Student Health budget is composed of student fees and general fund in that order.
- Most CSU campuses have self-supported Student Health.
- The current fee is quite high, but Cal Maritime's students do not have the out-of-pocket expenses that other CSUs have. Dr. Chou gave examples of various services that free of charge currently. These included physicals and various OTC medicines for colds, etc.
- Dr. Chou the Health Center is operating at capacity or beyond it in current conditions.
- Presented data showing student headcounts, student visits to the health center, and another on mental health visits showing high utilization of health services.
- Questions?
- Secretary Fairbanks asked about the practice of pegging to inflation and whether it was standard practice. Dr. Chou wasn't sure whether it was standard practice. Associate Provost Benton said that it did appear to be a trend in the CSU and made it so that health centers did not need to come back to the fee committee every few years.
- Senator Tsai asked about possibly expanding health center hours, perhaps to the weekend for convenience.
- Senator Burback: is it standard to dispense medications with no co-pay like we do here?
Answer: No, not at other CSUs.
- VP Franz Lozano added that many other campuses are going the way of automatic increases based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index, i.e. inflation).
- Steve Runyon noted that cost of living increases are hard on people, particularly at this time. He wonders why we're putting these costs on students when the CSU and state have a budget surplus.
- VP McMahon said that across the CSU, health services are meant to be self-support. She's not sure if it's part of an CO executive order, but that's the expectation. We're unique in this way. We're also highly utilized and we'd like to keep this going.
- Chair Pinisetty noted that CSU advocacy day was last week. Perhaps there will be additional funding as a result that be helpful to us on this matter.

- Steve Kreta: it's difficult to cover costs on our scale. He noted that maintaining the cruise health center is expensive. Perhaps that portion of the health center could be not self-supported and instead focus on the on-campus center.
- Senator Isakson asked what proportion of student fees on other campuses go to health center vs. our situation and also whether other funding sources are available.
- Dr. Chou noted that cruise health services are expensive. MARAD support does come, but she's not sure how or if that covers things.
- Andrew Som (Budget Director) said that MARAD funds the campus in general, not specifically the health on cruise and the like. There's an executive order that dictates having a doctor and basic medical services. He mentioned that the medications are free essentially because otherwise we'd need to hire a cashier to handle those co-pays, and having a cashier is cost prohibitive.
- There were more questions in the queue, but the schedule today is tight. Chair Pinisetty brought the discussion to a close.

8. CAPS Update – Dr. Ian Wallace

- Dr. Ian Wallace is presenting.
- Dr. Wallace and Mira Elwell are the current counselors. Mira Elwell is part-time and is remote and sees students via telehealth.
- CAPS is currently hiring a full-time counselor, and they would like a faculty rep on the hiring committee. Please contact Ian Wallace if you are interested. There are already qualified candidates in the applicant pool. Looking to move quickly if possible.
- Dr. Wallace brought attention to the Jed Foundation campus assessment. There's a virtual site visit 3/28 and 3/30. Looking for students (up to 15) to participate, and they want a diverse group. The assessment focuses on the mental health of students/cadets at Cal Maritime.
- Dr. Wallace noted the services offered by CAPS in his slide. These are also available on the CAPS website.
- Senator Tsai asked about the Jed assessment: What that would look like, what does the outreach to students look like, whether it would be looking at the NSSE data and NCHA data? Dr. Wallace's understanding is that it will include a review of that data among others, and that there would be dissemination of its findings in the fall semester.

9. Campus Inclusion Center

- King Xiong (EOP Coordinator) presenting.
- Xiong: We're all aware of the challenges related to equity that came up a lot this past fall.
- Part of the response is to identify a space on campus that will be a safe space for marginalized groups.
- Planning group for the space included students – members of the GSA (Gay Straight Alliance), etc. They also have faculty including Jen Metz on the planning group.
- Xiong noted the upcoming 'soft opening' of the center in the PEAC and the date. 3/8 at 11am for ribbon-cutting. 4pm for snacks and open house.
- Inclusion Center will be supported by equity leaders - paid student workers who will facilitate the activities of the center. He and Jen Metz are working on hiring these.
- There will be a full-time coordinator in the near future if all goes according to plan.
- Xiong looks forward to collaborating with faculty on activities, etc.

- Aparna Sinha: how are we going to train the students we hire? Is the full-time coordinator going to participate in that training? Also, how are we making the center available to various groups (African Americans, Pacific Islander, etc.) on campus? Certain time slots?
- Xiong responding: The coordinator would be involved next year. Training would happen for student workers and would focus on fundamentals. Xiong noted his own experience with these centers and would bring that experience to training these students and running the Center. He would be happy to coordinate with faculty who have expertise in this area as well. There's going to be a process for reserving the space for certain activities, but current plan is for it to be available and open for all. Would want to also prioritize evening hour availability for athletes, transfers, etc.
- Steve Runyon: a question on the space itself. Some students have said to him that the PEAC seems a little out of the way for them. Are there any plans to move it into central campus, perhaps the Mayo Hall renovated space? Xiong not certain on plans, but there is planning around having multiple spaces available on campus.
- VP McMahon added to this, noting the importance of dedicated Women's Center among others. There will be a lot of offices moving around when Mayo Hall opens, but a central campus location is a goal.

10. Open Floor

- Senator Luce: Please mark your calendars on Thursday March 10, 1200-1300, for an AL\$ (Affordable Learning) event.
- Senator Tsai reminded Senators of the reform document that was circulated. He briefly outlined the rationale for it and noted the deadline for feedback at the end of the month. Emphasized that we really want to be sure we're hearing *all* faculty. Try to do more than simply passing the document along to your constituencies in terms of soliciting feedback – outreach is important.

11. Meeting Adjourned [12:20 pm]