

ASCSU Plenary Minutes
May 19-20, 2022
CSU Office of the Chancellor (Virtual)

Thursday, May 19, 2022 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Senate Social - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 20, 2022 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

(**Bakersfield**) Millar, vacant; (**Channel Islands**) Grzegorzczuk, Pereira; (**Chico**) Boyd, Ford; (**Dominguez Hills**) Norman, Talamante; (**East Bay**) Glass, Wu; (**Fresno**) Jenkins, Schlievert; (**Fullerton**) Matz, Milligan, Stambough; (**Humboldt**) Burkhalter, Pachmayer; (**Long Beach**) Janousek, Klink, Soni; (**Los Angeles**) Bezdecny, Riggio; (**Maritime**) Isakson, Tsai; (**Monterey Bay**) Leuzinger, Lopez-Littleton; (**Northridge**) Ricks, Neubauer (substitute), Swenson; (**Pomona**) Speak, Urey; (**Sacramento**) Hamilton, Holl, Van Gaasbeck; (**San Bernardino**) Groen, Steffel; (**San Diego**) Butler-Byrd, Csomay, Ornatowski; (**San Francisco**) Collins, Gerber, Yee-Melichar; (**San José**) Curry, Rodan, Van Selst; (**San Luis Obispo**) Laver, Rein; (**San Marcos**) Barsky, Ramos Pellicia; (**Sonoma**) Ostroff, Senghas; (**Stanislaus**) Filling, Nakano; (**ERFSA**) Schutte

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. and Chair Collins welcomed the body.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 17-18, 2022 MINUTES

[March](#) minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: CAMPUS CONCERNS

Senators Riggio, Bezdecny, Senghas, Ornatowski, Janousek, and Butler-Byrd, Van Selst, Pereira, Ramos Pellicia, Boyd, Curry, and Milligan shared concerns. These included the statement of no confidence in the Presidents of Sonoma State University and CSU Los Angeles, the lack of student mask requirements and general safety. Gun violence and violence against people of color was mentioned. The lack of preparation of students, even among honors students speaks to the need to enforce standards. Long Beach has lost many administrators and had to let some recent hires go as the search firm did a poor reference check.

REPORTS

Chair – Robert Keith Collins

Activities and Meetings

- Chair Collins expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to lead the ASCSU the past two years. He thanked each and every senator for their collegiality, dedication to systemwide shared governance, hard work, and service. He shared these words.
 - “In finalizing resolutions aimed at promoting accountability within our CSU community, enabling equity and civic engagement, and ensuring faculty purview over curriculum, let us codify these recommendations so that we fix and move beyond a culture where bullying and misconduct create barriers to ensuring safe learning environments, the successful recruitment and retention of talented 21st century faculty needed to close equity gaps and fulfill the goals of Graduation Initiative (GI) 2025, and challenge the notion that the CSU betrays its motto of “Vox, Veritas, Vita” or voicing truth as a way of life. During this last plenary, I ask all of you to never forget our common unity and the many ways we are devoted to equity, no matter how much we debate and disagree, so that we become the much needed change agents that aid in the restoration of trust in the CSU and support the creation of 23 different campus cultures through positive changes, that address inequities impacting all of our colleagues, promote survivor and victim advocacy in Title IX processes, address the distrust and low moral that remain due to recent scandals, and discuss potential revisions to “ASCSU-CO Tenets of Shared Governance,” that brings us together, so that we, the ASCSU remind all that shared governance is not circumstantial, it is our way of showing how mutual respect is achieved and maintained.”
- Chair Collins then recapped the dozens of meetings attended in March, April and May on behalf of the ASCSU.
- He concluded saying “It is my sincere hope that you all find the aforementioned principles of enabling belonging and common unity in all efforts that I have engaged. The following are areas of discussion that I will recommend the that next ASCSU Chair continue to engage:
- Continue examining AB 928, the timeline received from the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS), and feedback being received from campuses.
- Continue examining commendations for exiting and retiring senators.
- Continue exploring faculty concerns, and the similarities and differences between faculty and student concerns, regarding campus repopulation during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- Continue exploring ways faculty can provide input into WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) Senior College & University Commission (WSCUC) perspectives on online education and modality choice.
- Continue exploring the impact of the shift to online teaching during the COVID-19 Pandemic and what implications this shift holds for what works and what doesn't work for faculty engaged in online education in the CSU.
- Continue exploring how the ASCSU might provide resources to the Chancellor's Office on matters of curriculum related to the four areas engaged during the ASCSU-CO Retreat on "Enabling Belonging: Reducing Barriers to CSU Student Engagement, Success, and Wellness During the COVID-19 Pandemic". The areas are as follows:
 - Building a Culture of Belonging, Mental Health, and Well-Being: Demarginalizing Race, Gender, Class, and Ability in the CSU During the Pandemic.
 - Academic Technology and Access to Enable Faculty and Student Belonging and Success
 - Funding the CSU: Legislative Advocacy that Enables Faculty and Student Belonging and Success
 - GI 2025: Enabling Belonging Through Expectations for Equitable Student Success
 - Continue exploring how the ASCSU might continue collaborating with the CFA, CSSA, and Chancellor's Office in virtual legislative advocacy early this Spring in order to improve our footprint in Sacramento.
 - Explore collaborative avenues for assessing the extent to which academic dishonesty occurs systemwide, with particular attention to CHEGG.
 - Explore collaborative avenues for enhancing faculty diversity systemwide.

Standing committees

- **Academic Affairs (AA)** – Simon Rodan, Chair
 - AB 927 - CSU needs to state objections via a report, but it is unclear what happens. Then the lawyers get involved, if the report is not seen as a requirement to proceed by the community colleges.
 - Extent of autonomy to create graduation requirements and desire for unity and with respect to first time students and transfer students.
 - Expressed thanks to his Vice Chair Urey, committee, liaisons Butler-Byrd and Wrynn.
 - Questions were asked by Schutte and Van Selst.
- **Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP)** – Rick Ford, Chair
 - Thanked his committee for their hard work.
 - Implementation of AB 130, the course review process, and mathematics frameworks.

- Work on alignment related to change with Ethnic Studies requirement.
- Questions were asked by Soni.
- **Faculty Affairs (FA) – Irene Matz, Chair**
 - The committee prepared twelve resolutions.
- **Fiscal & Governmental Affairs (FGA) – Elizabeth Boyd, Chair**
 - The FGA team continued to screen legislative bill submissions for bills relevant to the ASCSU beyond the Feb 18 submission deadline. In particular, many spot bills (bills that no longer match what was introduced) or other submissions were identified. These bills were assigned preliminary positions at the April interim meeting and those positions were sent to the Executive Committee for approval.
 - Governor's May Budget Revision: Legislative Specialist Schutte arranged meetings on May 17th with both the Department of Finance (DOF) and Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) regarding the CSU Budget outlook as depicted by the May revision. These meetings were attended by Chair Collins and FGA Chair Boyd.
 - Issues around salary and deferred maintenance and targeted advocacy methods were discussed with regard to advocacy in the Assembly and Senate. Parameters of the State Appropriations Limit (SAL) were discussed and generally, this has been a recurring topic of conversation at FGA this year as the SAL relates to funding for deferred maintenance.
 - Questions were asked by Holl, and Schutte.
- **CSU Faculty Trustee – Romey Sabalius**
 - The Trustee visited CSU San Luis Obispo, Sonoma State University, and the Stockton campus of CSU Stanislaus and visited the crematorium and morgue, and San Jose State University. He will attend 15 Commencement addresses this Spring including Cal Maritime, CSU Bakersfield and CSU Fresno, CSU Northridge and San Jose State University.
 - He is slated to become the Chair of Educational Policy moving up from Vice Chair.
 - The May revise of the governor was disappointing.
 - He had served 15 years on the Academic Senate and as a body we only met a few trustees. This has changed as this academic year we have met half of the Board of Trustees.

Other committees and committee liaisons:

- **General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) – Mark Van Selst, Chair**
 - The meeting with the CSU Council of Ethnic Studies led to agreement on treating University of California (UC)/California State University (CSU) competencies interchangeably. The committee made recommendation to

CSU Chancellor's Office (CO) about transparency in process and standards for selecting General Education (GE) reviewers who will be drawn from Course Identification Numbering (C-ID) reviewer applicants. The CSU CO understood the desire and function of transparency and the ASCSU was defined as the faculty recommending body.

- California Community College (CCC) campuses have been generally very responsive to prior GE feedback
- There were no guiding notes updates issued for 2020 Inersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) Standards. IGETC 2.3 updates include intended revisions (to include Ethnic Studies) for Fall 2023 catalog
- They discussed Credit for Prior Learning (high school coursework) Applied Baccalaureate (AB), International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and military credits reviewed. (UC gives credit at A – level)
- With respect to Open Educational Resources (OER) GE remains a strong contender for focused action on free/low-cost support materials relative to AB 928.
- Relative to CSU GE, we lose area E (lifelong learning) and the 3rd course in area C (humanities and arts); the 0-1 unit lab for area B becomes 1 unit (only).
- Will CSU GE have to mirror common lower division transfer pathway (e.g., the system or campus might consider a lower division First Year Experience (FYE) course?)
- [ERFSA Report– Jerald Schutte](#)
 - Council meeting was on April 26th. Harold Goldwhite retired and Merry Pawlowski (SB) was confirmed as the new Executive Director.
 - David Speak joined the Health Care Committee as he transitions out of ASCSU.
 - Treasurer Sue Holl reported a balance account with \$15K additional funds.
 - Investment Fund. Three board seats are open. CalPERS walked away from the \$2.8 settlement agreement for Long Term Care.
 - The Reporter Newsletter will out by early June.
 - The next meeting is planned to be at Dominguez Hills during the last week in October.
 - A question was asked by senator Soni.

SPEAKERS***Jolene Koester – CSU Interim Chancellor***

- The Interim Chancellor shared her vision and priorities for the coming year. She will work to help in the selection of a permanent chancellor and take immediate action to address the issues related to Title IX affecting multiple campuses.
- Questions were asked by senators, Glass, Schutte, Collins, Holl, Leuzinger Rodan, Talamante, Gerber, Van Selst, and Tsai.

Jamienne S. Studley – WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) President

- President Studley showed appreciation for the work of the ASCSU and shared the role of her organization relative to the faculty on our campuses in ensuring the development and delivery of a quality education. She addressed some common misperceptions about limits on online modality or other requirements.
- Questions were asked by senators, Neubauer, Van Selst, Janousek, Rodan, Schutte and Speak.

Fabiola Moreno Ruelas – CSSA Liaison Report

- The liaison thanked us for our support and reported on the successes of the past year.
- Questions were asked by senators Lopez-Littleton, Norman, Collins and Director Butler.

Yammilette Rodriguez – CSU Trustee

- The trustee commented on her commitment to the wellbeing of the state of California via 20 years of work on youth development, education, admissions, and enrollment focused on transfer and reentry students and the importance of first-generation graduations. She thanked the ASCSU for its leadership on standardized testing.
- Questions were asked by Butler-Byrd, Riggio, Boyd, Talamante, Norman, Yee-Melichar, Soni, Millar, Van Selst, and Tsai.

Charles Toombs – CFA Liaison Report

- President Toombs updated the ASCSU on the current priorities of CFA in light of this year's budgets and the multiple concerns about the climate on our campuses.
- Questions were asked by Butler-Byrd, Soni, Collins.

Jack B. Clarke – CSU Trustee

- The trustee shared his Riverside background in the Inland Empire (an area typically underrepresented). He has two children a son who is graduating from college this year and daughter who is a recent graduate. His father came from San Francisco and he served on the Riverside City Council. His mother Rose Elizabeth Campbell

came from Alabama, her father had a difficult period growing up. There was an expectation that everyone would go to college. He is very committed to providing access to our students.

- Questions were asked by Janousek, Van Selst, Butler-Byrd, Soni, Norman, Rodan, Ford, and Riggio.

Sylvia A. Alva - Executive Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs

- On June 6th Dr. Perez will be Associate of Student Affairs, Equity and Belonging and enrollment was pulled out because it is an all-university responsibility.
- Questions were asked by Riggio and Soni.

Dolores Davison – President of the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges

Robert Horwitz - Chair of the Academic Senate of the University of California

- Faculty leaders from the other two segments in the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates addressed the ASCSU. Their discussion focused primarily on the challenges related to aligning general education pathways for transfer students from the Community College system.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CSU 2030 Challenges: Faculty Perspectives	<u>AS-3528-22/AA (Rev)</u> <i>Approved</i>
Cultural Taxation, Issues and Faculty Input	<u>AS-3533-22/FA (Rev)</u> <i>Approved</i>
Promoting Victim and Survivor Advocacy in CSU Title IX Practice	<u>AS-3534-22/EX (Rev)</u> <i>Approved</i>
Defining the “Singular Lower-Division General Education (GE) Pathway”	<u>AS-3535-22/APEP (Rev)</u> <i>Approved</i>
Establishment of Ombudsperson Positions at Every CSU Campus	<u>AS-3536-22/FA (Rev)</u> <i>Approved</i>
Academic Senate of the CSU 2022-2023 Meetings	<u>AS-3537-22/EX (Rev)</u> <i>Approved Unanimously</i>
Towards Developing Common Understandings for the Content Areas of the California Lower Division General Education (GE) Transfer Pathway	<u>AS-3538-22/APEP (Rev)</u> <i>Approved</i>
Requirements for Shared Governance Process to Support Systemwide California State University (CSU) Naming	<u>AS-3540-22/EX (Rev)</u> <i>Approved</i>
Increased Support for C-ID Course Review	<u>AS-3541-22/APEP (Rev)</u> <i>Approved</i>

Loss of Confidence in the Board of Trustees' and the California State University (CSU) Administration's Handling of the Hiring and Separation Procedures for CSU Administrators	AS-3542-22/FA (Rev) <i>Approved</i>
Existing Faculty and Staff Mental Health Concerns Exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic	AS-3545-22/FA (Rev) <i>Approved</i>
On Reconciliation of the CSU and UC Ethnic Studies Competencies	AS-3546-22/APEP/AA (Rev) <i>Approved</i>
Renaming Buildings and Removing Symbols that Memorialize White Supremacy	AS-3547-22/FA (Rev) <i>Approved</i>
In Support of Increasing Access to CSU Teacher Preparation Programs	AS-3548-22/APEP (Rev) <i>Approved</i>
Change in Bylaws to Establish a Standing Committee to Advance Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Within the Academic Senate of the California State University	AS-3549-22/FA/FGA/AEDI (Rev) <i>Approved</i>
Chancellor and President Search Process in the California State University (CSU) System: Announcement of Finalists and Campus Visits	AS-3550-22/FA (Rev) <i>Approved</i>
Establishing an Interruption Practice for the ASCSU	AS-3551-22/FA (Rev) <i>Approved</i>
Addition of a Second Faculty Trustee to the CSU Board of Trustees	AS-3552-22/EX <i>Approved</i>
Protecting the Academic Freedom of California State University (CSU) Faculty	AS-3553-22/FA <i>Approved</i>
Position of the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) on Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) and Retired Annuitant Employee COVID Compensation	AS-3554-22/FGA <i>Approved</i>
Commendation for Interim Chancellor Koester, Ph.D.	AS-3556-22/EX <i>Approved by Acclamation</i>
Commendation for Acting Chancellor Steve Relyea	AS-3557-22/EX <i>Approved by Acclamation</i>
Commendation for Associate Director Karen Simpson-Alisca	AS-3558-22/EX <i>Approved by Acclamation</i>

The following commendations were also Approved by Acclamation for the following Senators completing their term with the Academic Senate CSU:

- Irene Matz
- Stephen Stambough
- Vanessa Lopez-Littleton
- Ivona Grzegorzczuk
- Chair Robert K. Collins

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN:

Recommendation for a Course in Oral Communication in the AS-3544-22/APEP (Rev)
Singular General (GE) Transfer Pathway

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION DIED:

Provision of Free Condoms to Students on CSU Campuses AS-3555-22/FA

Adjourned – 12:10 p.m.