

## ACADEMIC SENATE

### Minutes

#### MEETING #1

Thursday, August 26, 2021, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Zoom link: <https://csulb.zoom.us/j/97606370449>

1. CALL TO ORDER- 2:02 pm Welcomed by NH who began with a land acknowledgement.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- MSA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- MSA
  - 3.1 Academic Senate organizational meeting of May 13, 2021
  - 3.2 Academic Senate regular meeting of May 13, 2021
4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS
  - 4.1 Executive Committee: Announcements- CBA 20.37 applications due 9-17-21 at 5 pm, email has gone out. EC will be meeting with Chancellor Castro next Tuesday, 8-31-21. We are soliciting questions from AS for us to communicate to the Chancellor. AS will have many policies to work on this academic year. Policy goals will be shared at the next AS meeting. Memo to go out soon regarding Tenure Guidelines from AS's COVID Equity in faculty evaluations.
  - 4.2 Nominating Committee Nominations – no report
5. CONSENT CALENDAR  
N/A
6. SPECIAL ORDERS
  - 6.1 Report from CSULB President Jane Conoley, TIME CERTAIN 2:10 PM – JC reports on vaccine numbers through the Portal. About 33,000 supplied vaccination verification. Very low percentage asking for exemptions 1-2%. Daily screenings are monitored and emails are sent to those who are not truthful in their answers. Number is around 400 who did not comply. Currently 13,500 students on campus. Budget update, many funds are put into designated areas so currently it is unclear the exact amount of funding in some areas. Divisional budgets have been reduced by 5% to cover other mandatory costs. Notification of campus exposure asked what is the protocol for this. Will communication be sent out broadly even if the area is not somewhere you would not normally be in. JC says the campus will be following public health guidelines with regards to occupancy of indoor events. EG asks about campus Wi-Fi. Asks if there is an off-campus website where these outages are listed.
  - 6.2 Report from CFA Co-President, Deborah Hamm- DH presents on areas that CFA helps faculty with. CFA recently work on FSAP(Faculty and staff assistance program), hours for grading support, support for counseling, and COVID Equity Task force. Beach Wellness includes the LifeFit Center and LifeMatters EAP mental health and wellness help Wellness Link: [https://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/groups/beach-wellness/2021\\_dsa\\_wellness\\_resources\\_handout\\_final\\_ada\\_fix.pdf](https://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/groups/beach-wellness/2021_dsa_wellness_resources_handout_final_ada_fix.pdf). CFA supports No on Recall including phone banking, text banking also anti-racism workshops and equity workshops. CFA is currently in the bargaining process. There are 8 steps, located on [www.cfabargaining.org/](http://www.cfabargaining.org/)

6.3 Report from CSULB Provost, Karyn Scissum Gunn – KSG reports that she is looking forward to learning more about the work done by all the University councils and committees. She is in her 8<sup>th</sup> week at the Beach and is very enthusiastic about the Beach. This is a challenging time where we are attempting to open the campus up for all. AA believes that communication is very important and the Provost messages which included a “faculty toolkit,” vaccination attestation process through SSO, availability of PA systems and recording software. Information for faculty members about campus testing locations, public health messaging, and having all information available in one space for easy access. An open forum was recently recorded regarding repopulation and was included in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Provost message. Academic Continuity webpage to be updated with developing FAQ’s. Daily vaccination data are uploaded to the website and is available for retrieval by those who desire to see it. Beach 2030 and student success are the Provost’s top strategic priorities – including closing equity gaps. Convocation was a huge success and KSG thanked Senators NH, AR, JH, AO, and the Student poets.

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Proposed Minor in Emergency Management (AS-1145-21/CEPC/URC)--TIME CERTAIN 2:50 PM- First reading moved and seconded. The minor is presented Peter Kreysa, Sinan Khan, Brenda Vogel and Shirley Jensen. Program was presented along with support received from chairs. Questions asked and answered. One queried an internship requirement, it is an elective. Moves to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at next meeting

8.2. Proposed Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering (AS-1144-21/CEPC/URC)--TIME CERTAIN 3:05 PM- First reading moved and seconded. The BS is introduced by Antonella Sciortino and Hamid Rahai, will be housed in CECM. Most courses are existing courses with only 4 new courses to be created. Faculty already exist to teach; may need some lecturer faculty in the future. Environmental engineering is a rapidly expanding field, a forecast suggests a 7-8% increase in this area. This area of study tends to attract a large number of female students. SLO and San Diego state have this program currently. HR also states the Ports are supportive of this degree program. Questions solicited and answered. One concern was the lack of social science courses – like environmental justice. Moves to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at next AS meeting.

8.3 Proposed Revision of PS 12-03: Policy on Final Course Grades, Grading Procedures, and Final Assessments (AS-1084-19/CEPC)-First reading moved and seconded. Tracked revised copy shown to AS, Jody Cormack introduces the revised policy. JC states change in the withdrawal section, and proposed to pull that section out and make it a new policy “Policy on Withdrawal”. Additionally, the plus/minus grade system was examined and the majority of students were against adding the +/- system to the policy. Student leaders spoke on the +/- aspect of the policy; ASI students Anthony Regina and Lindsay Apaza spoke on student feedback received with 95% of all respondents voting against the policy on +/- grades. ASI will continue to oppose this. Isaac Julian also spoke on this issue, he stated that many students felt blindsided by this policy, over 10,000 students participated with 95% against +/- in the policy – even if the policy went into effect in 5-years. JC states that the policy presented took ASI’s recommendation and removed the section of the policy on +/- grades. AC comments about section 5.2 where course grades are based on at least 3 demonstrations of competence. Suggestion to make an amendment regarding violations of this policy. Section 2.2.3 regarding incompletes has some questions about completion of the incomplete in no more than 1-year. Faculty may make earlier dates because of

cohort learning, graduation requirements, and faculty contracts (only teaching that semester). But, even if faculty make the due date for an incomplete an earlier date and the student fails to complete the work by that earlier date, ES will not change the grade for 1 year. This may be clarified with amendments next week. Moves to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at next AS meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT – 3:44 pm

AS 8-26-21 attendance

Al Colburn
Alessandro Russo
Alicia Del Campo
Allan Taing
Andrea Caban
Ann Kinsey
Anthony Regina
Antonella Sciortino
Aparna Nayak
Becky Nash
Beth Lesen
Brenda Vogel
Brian Katz
Brooke Winder
Chailin.Cumming
Chloé Pascual
Chris Brazier
Christie Waken
Christine Kang
Christopher Warren
Colleen Ryan
Courtney Stammler
Curtis Bennett (Curt)
David Wallace
Deborah.Hamm
Diandra
Dina Perrone
Donna Green
Eileen Klink
Elizabeth Guzik
Ferdinand Arcinue
Hamid Rahai
Heather.Macias
Henry O'Lawrence
Hiromi Masunaga
Isaac Julian
Jane.Conoley
Jeet Joshee
Jeff Cook
Jeffrey.Pair
Jesus Gonzalez
Jody Cormack
John Barcelona
Jonathan O'Brien
Karen Quintiliani
Karyn Scissum Gunn

Kathryn Chew
Katie Dudley
Kelly Janousek
Kerry Johnson
Kierstin.Stickney
Kirsty Fleming
Kirstyn Chun
Kris Zentgraf
Lindsay Apaza
Lucy.huckabay
Margy Merryfield
Maria Lopez
Mary Anne Rose
Mehrdad Aliasgari
michael palomarez
Mimi Nakajima
Min.Yao
Mischelle Van Brakle
Nancy Meyer-Adams
Neil Hultgren
Nellie.Wieland
Paul Sun
Pei-Fang Hung
Perla Ayala
Peter Kreysa
Pitiporn Asvathanagul
Praveen Soni
Rigo Rodriguez
Roger.Lo
Rosa Trujillo
Scott Apel
Sean Smith
Shabnam Sodagari
Sharon Olson
Shelbi Felter
Shireen Pavri
Shirley Feldmann-Jensen
Sinan Khan
Steve.boyer
Suzanne Wechsler
Ted Atkatz
Toni Garcia-Orozco
Vasanthi Narayanaswami
Vesna Terzic
Von Dominguez
91 attendance