

STAFF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2022

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022 VIA ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chair Alessandro Russo

Officer's Reports

Chair's Report (Alessandro Russo):

- Take this time to welcome students back to campus and keep things optimistic & positive

Vice Chair's Report (Ann Kinsey):

- Welcome 2 new members to Staff Council – Cheetah Chin & John Shaw

Secretary's Report (Joseph Phillips):

- No report.

Treasurer's Report (Nicole Torres):

- Previous Balance:LB49er: \$1947.75; LBCMP: \$253.36
- New Balance: LB49er: \$2347.35; LBCMP: \$253.36 (no change)
- Current Total Balance: \$2600.71
- Outstanding: N/A

Representatives at Large Report (Kim Glick & Kristin Bonetati):

- Congratulation Makisha Glover-Hill on being Employee of the month for January!
- Happy to see everyone back on campus

Poll for Quorum

- We have quorum

Approval of February 2022 Staff Council General Meeting Agenda

- Motion to approve: Ann K.

-Second: Susan T.

-All approve

Approval of January 2022 Staff Council General Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Ann K.

-Second: Kris B.

-All approve

9:00 a.m. Time Certain: CSULB President Jane Conoley (Chris Fowler filling in today)

*FYI - 8:40 a.m. amended time certain for Chris

-Great to be with you all, I worked with the Chancellors Office for a long time, but now working on campus as President Conoley's Chief of Staff

-Thrilled to see everyone back and all the students here

-Lots of students concern about commencement at the moment

Q: Are we moving to text notifications for students? For example, I know that the mask mandate is lifted next week—how will we communicate this to students?

A: I do not know if Student Affairs will follow up their last email to all the students with a text message. We have been getting a lot of questions about the masking after the last email that went out

Q: Could you go into the behind of the scenes justification for choosing the Angels Stadium for commencement this year as well?

A: The decision to go back to Angels Stadium was decided shortly after the ceremony last year. Student support was overwhelmingly in support of having commencement there. Because of the way the ceremonies work, there was not a plan to have student's names read as they cross the stage. Exploring possibility of having some means of this as there are some students who would have liked something of this sort. Survey will go out to ask student preferences. If we do change things to have names read, the students would have to stay on the field the whole time until ceremony done. Trying to accommodate the wishes of the students as we can, and the good news is that we can have 10 tickets per student for family members

Mental Health Updates: Corrie O'Toole

-Presentation on Coping with Returning to Campus

-To work against fear, anxiety, and loss it is important to re-engage previous stress management methods and/or develop new ones. It is also important to reconnect with the ones you love as well.

-Important to be self-aware and to know what you really need. What makes your life easier as we make this transition back to campus? Make sure to communicate with your leaders about what your needs are.

-If you're having a tough time completing daily tasks, or coping in general, reach out to us at Faculty & Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) or check out the website here - Information on Empathia and the Faculty & Staff Assistance Program (FSAP)<https://csulb.sharepoint.com/sites/Human-Resources-Services-Group/SitePages/Employee-Assistance-Program.aspx>

-You have access to Empathia.com for mental health resources – use the login here:

-www.empathia.com

-Password: GoBeach

-Corrie is available if you have questions or need support at corrie.otoole@csulb.edu & at 562-985-4001

-Heads up that Kaiser members can get the Calm app for free at the moment

Campus Repopulation: Neil Iacono:

-This week has been a ramp up for repopulation for the Beach community.
Telecommuting levels still determined by the departments

Q: Are COVID levels going down or about the same as the state?

A: We're trending the same way as our local community. Our campus may see an uptick after this week, but we probably won't see this in a drastic way

Ways and Means Committee Report Nicole Torres:

-Spring See's Candies Yumraising - Order now – March 25: <https://bit.ly/3uyB2Ob>

-50% of all chocolate egg purchases and 20% for all other purchases go to Staff Council

-All prices are the same as in the store

-Shipping! Enjoy delivery directly to your home or to your loved ones'.

Ground Shipping (up to 6 business days) is free with orders \$70 or more! Or pay \$7.95

shipping for orders \$39.99 and below or pay \$5.95 shipping for orders between \$40 - \$69.99. 2-day delivery options are available for an additional cost.

-Questions? Contact nicole.torres@csulb.edu

Staff Development Committee Report Susan Tsuji:

-No report

Bylaws and Policies Committee Report Charleen Rice:

-No report

Academic Senate Report Neil Hultgren:

-Hoping that the transition back to campus has gone well for you all!

-Pleased to say we have accomplished a few major things including policies having to do with accessibility and selection of course materials.

-Approved the charge for the Task Force to Support Faculty & Staff Basic Needs & Health. Now soliciting members to be on the taskforce

-We seek to diversify the senate and we encourage you to join if interested. You can talk to me, Alessandro Russo, Ann Kinsey or Kristin Bonetati if you have questions on what it's like to serve

Nominating Committee Report Ann Kinsey:

-Task Force to Support Faculty & Staff Basic Needs & Health (2 staff members needed). Will be voting on this at March meeting

-Send a statement to me at Ann.Kinsey@csulb.edu and I'll make a slide and show it. You can make a brief verbal statement as well. We'll vote on the nominees at next meeting. We encourage anyone interested to nominate themselves

Special Events Committee Report Christina Salvador/Kristin Bonetati:

-We would love to have more volunteers to come up with "Staff Day" events. Reach out to us if you're interested.

Announcements

-Grand opening of the Shake Smart – located at the SRWC – Grand Opening for Shake Smart will be 2/22 with a ribbon cutting ceremony at @ 12:15pm.

-Head to www.ShopTheBeach.com to see listing of food options on campus for Student Union & 49er Shops

-Academic Senate Retreat going on next month. Alessandro will be given the invitation to forward to Staff Council representatives

-Kleefeld Contemporary Museum will open this Saturday, 2/12 from 10am-12pm - <https://www.csulb.edu/carolyn-campagna-kleefeld-contemporary-art-museum/visit>

-Music starts their events this week with their orchestra concert – events should be rolling now on a regular basis. That includes with the Carpenter Performing Arts Center

-For information on benefits, head here - <https://csulb.sharepoint.com/sites/Human-Resources-Services-Group/SitePages/Benefits-Services.aspx>

Adjournment 9:30 a.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

Joseph Phillips, Staff Council Secretary 2021/22