

STAFF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 2022

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022 VIA ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chair Alessandro Russo

Officer's Reports

Chair's Report (Alessandro Russo):

-New members to report, currently at 57 members with 40 openings. There is an opening in ATS at the moment from a retirement.

-We need your help with filling vacancies –please reach out to me at Alessandro.Russo@csulb.edu if you have any questions about vacancies in your office (if any)

-Would be nice to get together sometime this year and do a staff day. We'll notify you all if/when things are better with the pandemic

Vice Chair's Report (Ann Kinsey):

-No report.

Secretary's Report (Joseph Phillips):

-No report.

Treasurer's Report (Nicole Torres):

-Previous Balance:LB49er: \$1947.75; LBCMP: \$253.36

-New Balance: No Change

-Current Total Balance: \$2,201.11

-Outstanding: \$399.60 Deposit from See's

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

-No report

Poll for Quorum

-We have quorum

Approval of January 2022 Staff Council General Meeting Agenda

-Motion to approve: Ann K.

-Second: Kim G.

-All approve

Approval of December 2021 Staff Council General Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Katalin S.

-Second: Ann K.

-All approve

9:00 a.m. Time Certain: CSULB President Jane Conoley

-Our COVID vaccination/booster rates are rising quickly. Thank you for contributing to that. Over 11,000 students have sent in proof that they have a booster at this point

-Library is open and Bookstore as well. Athletics is operating with a limited office at this time. Hoping to get up to 70% of classes in-person after Feb. 7th though the virus may make this a maybe

-We are about to form a taskforce charged with assessing the basic needs of Staff & Faculty. Please let us know if you are facing food and/or housing insecurity and we'll see what we can do. This may be trickier than with students, but we can take a look at one's current situation

9:15 a.m. Time Certain: Corrie O'Toole

-Discussed the idea of "languishing" where one is not clinically depressed, but feels waylaid by the anxiety of not knowing what is coming next. Uncertainty creates anxiety, and anxiety prolonged can lead to this shutdown. This is happening to a lot of people, and if you'd like to talk about this, and/or access resources, you can reach out to me at the Faculty & Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) from 9a-3p during the workweek – reach out to corrie.otoole@csulb.edu

-You can reach me via CAPS and you'll receive a zoom link - 562.985.4001

-A suggested resource is Empathia.com - <https://www.calstate.edu/coronavirus/employee-resources/Pages/employee-assistance-program-empathia-life-matters.aspx>

Q: Is there a brochure that you may have?

A: You can access some related information on our website here:

<https://www.csulb.edu/student-affairs/counseling-and-psychological-services/services-for-faculty-and-staff/faculty-staff>

Campus Repopulation: Neil Iacono:

-Theme of the month has been depopulation in order to be flexible with start of the semester being virtual. About 6-7% of courses currently in-person with February 7th being the tentative date to “return to campus” for most classes (*Note: Conoley later mentioned a figure around 70%). Many departments are having their staff work from home for now, however, some still require staffing for in-person services

-Case numbers on campus continue to be high in terms of people who are COVID-positive. Not many cases where there is campus transmission, mostly off-campus related

-There is a booster policy being floated at the moment that will need to be discussed with the Unions. Will rely on CDC guidance

-No updates at this time on the telecommute policy—is one of our priority projects and is a work in progress. Drafted policy will need to be reviewed by various groups on campus

Q: Is there going to be an increase in the turnaround on the COVID test results?

A: The latest that I’ve heard is a 3-4 day turnaround. It used to be 24 hours and the time has increased—the lab our partner uses is currently inundated with tests

Ways and Means Committee Report Nicole Torres (Alessandro Russo filling in):

-We are talking about another Valentine’s Day fundraiser with See’s Candy

Staff Development Committee Report Susan Tsuji:

-No report

Bylaws and Policies Committee Report Charleen Rice:

-No report

Academic Senate Report Neil Hultgren:

-The Academic Senate Retreat will take place on March 17th at the Japanese Garden. Focus is on Health & Wellness. We are remaining optimistic that this event will still happen

-January 27th will be the first Academic Senate meeting of the spring 2022 semester

-No flyer at the moment—waiting for the Omicron surge to be over

Nominating Committee Report Ann Kinsey:

-No openings at this time for any committees

Special Events Committee Report Christina Salvador/Kristin Bonetati:

-No special events at this time—hoping things reopen soon

Announcements

-The Grad Fair will now be on the week of March 21st at the Bookstore (pushed back one week) unless there are further issues with COVID variants

Adjournment 9:17 a.m. – 1stAnn K.; 2nd Katalin S.

Minutes Recorded by:

Joseph Phillips, Staff Council Secretary 2021/22