Tuesday, April 09, 2024, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Academic Senate Conference Room (AS 125)
Or on Zoom: https://csulb.zoom.us/j/87997222094 (Meeting ID: 879 9722 2094)

P. Hung, N. Hultgren, R. Fischer, A. Nayak, C. Warren, B. Katz, M. Dyo, S. Kasem, N. Schürer, E. Klink, P. Soni, A. Russo, J. Klaus, J. Cormack, A. Kinsey

Additional Guests: D. Hamm, C. Ward
Absent: S. Collins, S. Apel, K. Scissum Gunn

1.   Call to Order - 2:00pm

2.   Approval of Agenda – Moved by AN, seconded and approved.

3.   Approval of Minutes: Meetings of March 26, 2024 – Moved by BK, seconded and approved.

4.   Special Orders
        4.1.   Report: Provost Karyn Scissum Gunn – Not present, no report.
        4.2.   Report: AVP, Student Affairs Jeff Klaus
                -    JK emailed a copy of his report (here.) JK states the COVID tracking numbers will probably be dropped next semester if the numbers stay down. Also shares updates about CalWORKS, alumni engagement efforts, McNair scholars, and alternative spring break.
        4.3.   Report: VP Administration and Finance Scott Apel - Not present, no report.

5.   New Business
        5.1.   Setting the agenda for the Academic Senate meeting, April 18, 2024
                -    PFH presents draft agenda for next AS meeting. PFH asks EC about the Certificates Policy and the council review. How can we encourage councils (CEPC and URC) to make curriculum items a priority?
                -    PS says curriculum items are prioritized on URC, if the schedule isn't already full. Discussion ensues about prioritization of items within the councils.
                -    Discussion about proposed amendment in Certificates Policy that would allow for "provisionary approval" of certificates or micro-credentials if CEPC and/or URC are unable to agendize and begin discussion within 4 weeks.
                -    Discussion about potential new business items and time certains for agenda.

- Discussion about how to begin work on revising GE policy. GEGC has presented a draft to CEPC for the new GE policy. A draft memo has been distributed to the CSUs with updates about the GE policy at the state level. Discussion may begin on the new GE policy at Senate. This discussion will be added to the agenda.

5.2. [Time certain 3:00 pm] Debrief and discuss the presentation on CSU Course Equity Portal
- C. Ward presents on this portal. The CSU portal is not being rushed to give all faculty access to the dashboard. A learning community is planned first to instruct faculty about how to use the dashboard effectively. Aggregate versus student data availability discussed. BK comments about the need for safeguards to ensure this information is not used in the faculty review process. Also shares some concerns about problematic ways the data may be used for analysis (e.g. with respect to 'deficit mindedness'). C. Ward notes that we are working on a dashboard for CSULB that is different from the CO's portal. The proposed dashboard is modelled after one being used at CSUF. NS states that these data will be used by those already invested in this. C. Ward notes that the hope is that beginning with the learning community will provide a first step to provide the tools to faculty to address equity issues. Also notes that only the faculty can view the data, no one else. There is no requirement for faculty to view their data. NH notes that the Ds, Fs, and Ws are all grouped together – it would be beneficial to have them separated. NH and NS comment on the usefulness of connecting these data to resources that faculty can access in order to assist students. PFH says there has been a request to present this information at senate this semester. BK, NS, and others raise several issues that would make it difficult to present this at senate this semester. Discussion continues regarding items such as, faculty access ('all or none' vs. specific faculty), using the data to identify gaps faculty members weren't aware of, the usefulness of a tutorial video using 'fake data', and real-time vs. delayed access to data. C. Ward notes that M. Finney is the leader in spearheading this work.

5.3. Cal-GETC and Planning for GE Policy Revision
- PFH says that we can send comments about the "redline" version of the draft. Also notes that CEPC is meeting tomorrow to discuss this.

6. Old Business
6.1. Draft Memo for CED Faculty Council re: Service Expectations
- PFH shares the draft of the memo. CED wishes to have lecturer faculty serve when no T/TT faculty are available to serve. Also shares information compiled by AK that shows the service expectations for CED for AS Councils & Committees – this table will be included with the memo. PFH also reiterates that the lecturers allowed to serve in place of T/TT faculty must be 12+3 faculty (12 units teaching; 3 units service). Correct number is 37

for CED T/TT faculty. Discussion ensues about memo and details. EC approves the memo.

7. Announcements and Information
    7.1. None

8. Reminders
    8.1. Academic Senate Meeting: 4/11/2024, 2-4 pm

9. Adjournment – 4:02pm