

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

Tuesday, April 30, 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, C. Warren, B. Katz, M. Dyo, N. Schürer, E. Klink, A. Russo, S. Apel, J. Klaus, J. Cormack, K. Scissum Gunn, A. Kinsey

Additional Guests: D. Hamm, J. Rhee

Absent: A. Nayak, S. Kasem, P. Soni, S. Collins

1. Call to Order – 2:00pm
2. Approval of Agenda – NH moves, seconded and approved.
3. Approval of Minutes: Meetings of April 23, 2024 – NS moves, seconded and approved.
4. Special Orders
 - 4.1. Report: Provost Karyn Scissum Gunn
 - KSG reports on Holistic Student Support Conference on 4-19-24, and shares a printed summary. Used the event as an opportunity to help plan the development of “Student Success Teams” for undeclared first and second-year Black students. Dominguez Hills, San Jose, and Fullerton also participated. KSG looks forward to feedback from EC and thoughts about how to make this succeed.
 - KSG provides a recap of the University Achievement Awards for faculty and students from last week, as well as the Beach 2030 reimagining faculty town hall (last Thursday). Also mentions the Metaverse/AI event and the EAB convening event (notes the event served the purpose of having faculty, staff who don’t typically think about these issues ask questions and think about what is on the horizon for our university).
 - PFH announces that N. Hultgren and C. Warren received President’s Awards for outstanding faculty.
 - NS notes the lack of ‘faculty’ and ‘classroom’ in the “comprehensive ecosystem that influences student experience” handout. KSG appreciates the feedback and will follow up. DH and RF also comment about the importance of faculty.
 - NS and DH comment on information recently received about the upcoming rally/protest to take place on campus on Thursday May 2nd.
 - 4.2. Report: AVP, Student Affairs Jeff Klaus

- JK mentions the rally upcoming Thursday at 11 am with an end time of 7 pm. No plan for overnight activities. The event is not officially registered, nor is it organized by an officially recognized student group. The groups La FUERZA, Students for Palestine, and SQE (students for quality education) have been mentioned as potential participants. DH notes that she will be there, and she has taken it upon herself to be there.
- JK also mentions that the Campus Couture Fashion Show will take place this week.

4.3. Report: VP Administration and Finance Scott Apel

- SA states that RPP will be this Thursday. There are still no clear updates about the direction of the budget, but we are planning for cuts. Possible outcomes will be discussed. Changes after the May revise will be announced.
- NCAA tournament this week on campus for volleyball.
- Last night at the Miller House had national champion academic teams visit and gave speeches regarding their wins, including forensics and debate.
- NS asks about “small budget cuts,” and asks what that would mean for our campus. KSG says it wouldn’t lead to layoffs, as we want to ensure instructional efficiency and making sure that our students have the courses they need, but it would impact the immediate opportunity to fill ‘unfilled’ positions. NS asks if RSCA funding will be affected. KSG does not have an answer yet.

5. New Business

5.1. Debriefing the 4/25 AS meeting and planning for 5/02 meeting

- PFH discusses with EC. The organizational meeting will be first from 2-2:45pm, and the regular meeting will follow. The regular meeting will include discussing the PK3 credential from CED. There was a request for letters of support for this program. Two letters have been received, one in support, one not in support. The letter from Math Education provides concern about courses required for the credential. R. Piker is requesting time at the meeting to respond to these concerns. NS suggests that Math faculty present the concerns and then have R. Piker present a response. EC decides to have RP make a brief presentation at Senate.
- The GE policy is next on the agenda. We may have provisional approval of the policy at Senate with first year requirement to be addressed later. Another option is to not finish the policy this year and to take it up in Fall ‘24. JC suggest taking a straw poll to see if people are interested in pursuing a first-year experience. Also, the idea of creating a task force to work on this over the summer. Who would be on the task force? CEPC, GEGC, two faculty representatives from each college (senator & college curriculum experience), administrator? Focus of task force would be: 1) identify common learning objectives across the university; 2) consideration

of different models for how this could be implemented in different colleges, departments, etc.; and 3) consideration of alternatives for transfer students. PFH says we will have a small amount of funding for Area E, new course creation. JC says we have some funding for a task force to work over the summer. RF provides suggestion for how to proceed on Thursday: 1) discussion about possibility of first-year experience; 2) straw poll about interest; and 3) discussion about membership of task force.

5.2. [Time Certain 3:00] Discussing [PS 11-06 Department Chair Policy](#). Guest: Jinny Rhee, Dean of COE

- PFH shares that the two points of focus are: 1) language about External Search (Section 9.0); and 2) language about Term Limits (Section 10.0).
- Dean Rhee asks EC what we think about the policy. She notes that she is “not forcing an external search on anybody.”
- Discussion about term limits – JC mentions prior discussions about the potential of implementing “chair evaluations.” NS notes that faculty voting serves as a form of “chair evaluation.” KSG notes that the language of “normally” allows for flexibility for a reasonable dean to step in during extraordinary circumstances to keep the change of command moving. DH argues for “normally” being useful for allowing for chairs to stay in the position longer than two terms, when necessary. Dean Rhee provides reasons for why deans should rotate on a regular basis. NH raises the importance of seeking out “cooperative efforts.” NS notes that around year 5 or 6 is when chairs “hit their stride,” and also doesn’t advocate for rotating chairs. BK suggests Dean Rhee make it known that allowing someone to serve a third time is “not normal.” EK stresses the importance of chairs “training future leaders.”
- RF asks if Dean Rhee is requesting for senate to open the policy? She says ‘no.’ Also says that she is not seeking an impasse, as that would be overly antagonistic.

5.3. Questions about a subcommittee of [International Education Committee \(IEC\)](#): East Asia Subcommittee

- PFH asks EC if the Senate shall provide service recognition letters to IEC subcommittees, including East Asia and African subcommittees. AK has been asked to provide service recognition letters to sub-committee chairs who are not official senate committees. There are no records of these sub-committees’ meetings or agendas.
- EC agrees to ‘not’ write letters for these unofficial subcommittees, since these sub-committees do not provide agendas, minutes, or rosters to Senate. Instead, the chairs can write letters for the sub-committee members.

5.4. Updates from Faculty Personnel Policies Council (FPPC) re: SPOT

- Tabled until next week.

6. Old Business
 - 6.1. None
7. Announcements and Information
 - 7.1. None
8. Reminders
 - 8.1. Academic Senate Meeting: 5/02/2024, 2-4 pm
 - 8.2. COB Finalist C – Tuesday, April 30 @ 10:00-10:45am in BH-316 or Zoom
 - 8.3. COB Finalist D – Thursday, May 02 @ 10:00-10:45am in BH-316 or Zoom
 - 8.4. COB Finalist E – Tuesday, May 07 @ 10:00-10:45am in BH-316 or Zoom
 - 8.5. AS Executive Committee End of Year Celebration: Tuesday, May 14 @ 4:00-5:00 pm, Anatol Center
9. Adjournment – 4:02pm