

ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes

MEETING #1

Thursday, August 27, 2020, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

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

1. CALL TO ORDER- 2:02 pm
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- MSA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- MSA as amended
4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS
 - 4.1 Executive Committee: Announcements
 - Land Acknowledgment by JZP. Introduced Executive Committee (EC) and welcomed new members. Norbert Schürer is parliamentarian on EC. Zoom etiquette discussed.
 - About 9 to 11 policies to be reviewed by AS this year. New amendment process explained to AS members. Senate exclusivity also discussed.
 - AB 1460 passes, more information forthcoming on this. Campus conversations upcoming dates shown.
5. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - 5.1 Proposed discontinuance of Applied Sociology MA (AS-1122-20/AS)—FIRST READING
6. SPECIAL ORDERS
 - 6.1 Report from CSULB President Jane Conoley: TIME CERTAIN 2:10 PM-
 - Introduced new VP for Student Affairs, Beth Lesen.
 - Racial inequality: JC highlighted *President's Commission on Equity and Change* and reported that 67 faculty members responded to the call. The selection process is in progress.
 - CLA Internship program mentioned, 626 students were on Internships last Spring. Over 300 different organizations represented. 3-4% of courses are FTF, 328 residential students compared with usual 2500.
 - Spring 2021: This is currently being discussed and will be discussed system-wide before 09/15/20.
 - COVID-19 Cases: Positivity rate has gone down, but still needs to be lower. Healthy behaviors encouraged by all students and faculty. K. Chun asks about cases might being under-reported. JC agrees and asks that people be encouraged to come forward. PFH asks if faculty members are obligated to pass COVID positive information to the University. JC says if they are coming to campus yes, otherwise no. JC will contact University Counsel to be sure.

- Technology: Zoom outage on 8/24 was a global problem, not local. Have provided equipment (over 500 computers; 700 hotspots) to faculty and students. NS asks about the challenge faculty face by putting energy into something temporary. Can she assure faculty that this crisis is not being used as an excuse to put courses online? JC says definitely not and states this is not a permanent change. She suggests that some of the outcomes such as electronic paperwork for financial transactions are positive.

6.2 Report from CFA Co-President Deborah Hamm

- DH reports that CFA have met with FA at least once weekly as opposed to other CSU campuses which do not meet as frequently. CFA also put forth an anti-racism statement. CFA continues to work diligently on this as well as unconscious bias trainings. CFA to promote voter registration, suggestion to not schedule classes on voting day.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Proposed name change, Minor in Middle East studies to Minor in Global Middle East Studies (AS-1115-20/CEPC)—FIRST READING.

First reading moved by NS and seconded by NH. NS explains first and second readings to AS. 1st reading is informational, no amendments accepted until 2nd reading. Yousef Baker from International Studies presents this name change. Name change for intellectual and logistical reasons.

- *Passes first reading; moves to second reading at next AS meeting.*

7.2 Proposed B.A. in Linguistics with Option in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (AS-1119-20/CEPC)—FIRST READING.

First reading moved by SO and seconded by NH. Nancy Holl from Linguistics presents this name change. This is a good option for students who want to teach abroad. This degree is supported by the English Department per Eileen Klink.

- *Passes first reading; moves to second reading at next AS meeting.*

7.3 Proposed Revision of PS 17-18, Employment of Graduate Students as Student Assistants, Instructional Student Assistants, Graduate Assistants, and Teaching Associates (AS-1100-19/FPPC)—FIRST READING

First reading moved by NS, seconded by EG. Al Colburn (Chair of FPPC) presents that the FPPC worked on revising this policy last fall. It was edited because of concerns on students' workload and to prevent issues of students working in 2 departments. The changes are to make this policy more congruent with other University documents. Section 7 (simultaneous employment) and Section 8 (total hours students can work) were edited to protect students. MA and PS asks questions about why using different terms for Student Assistants, total employment hours, and any difference in summer. Also discussed on the expectation for doctoral students working on campus.

- *Passes first reading; moves to second reading at next AS meeting.*

7.4 Proposed Revision of PS 08-02, Cheating and Plagiarism Policy (AS-1094-19/CEPC/FPPC)—FIRST READING

First reading moved by NS, seconded by CB. Danny Paskin (Chair of CEPC) presents that the CEPC has edited and approved this draft. Three main reasons for opening this policy: (i) WASC compliance reasons, (ii) defined terms and specified the process, (iii) and added flow chart with steps in the process. Also made the language more straight-forward and clear as possible. Change of the policy name (e.g., Academic Integrity Policy) was suggested by Daniel O'Connor. NS asks regarding flow chart that there is no closing of the loop; faculty are "out" of the loop (never get final result) and who/entity collects the related information, e.g., student has done this previously for 3 times or student has a spotless record. JC says this combines a SA process with an AA process. Self-plagiarism is also mentioned in the policy.

- *Passes first reading; moves to second reading at next AS meeting.*

8. ADJOURNMENT- moved by BJ, seconded by MA- 3:25 pm

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