

ACADEMIC SENATE YEAR-END REPORT 2020-21

A. Academic Senate

I. **University Policies**

The Academic Senate moved, seconded, debated, and approved the following University Policies:

- **Educational Leave Policy (AS-1120/CEPC)**
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 05-20-21
 - Concurrence from President on 05-24-21
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **21-12**
- **Policy to designate American Studies as an independent program (AS-1150-21)**
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 5-14-21
 - Concurrence from President on 5-17-21
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **21-11**
- **Proposed revision of Policy on General Education**
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 5-06-21
 - Concurrence from President on 5-11-21
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **21-09**
- **Proposed revision on Policy on Faculty Awards (AS-1124-20/AS)-**
 - Approval by AS on 3-11-21
 - Concurrence from President 3-24-21
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **21-05**
- **Proposed revision of PS 17-18 Employment of Graduate Assistants and Teaching Associates (AS-1100-19/FPPC)**
 - Approval by AS on 12-10-20
 - Concurrence from President on 1-27-21
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **21-03**
- **Proposed creation of General Education Area-Specific Student Learning Outcomes (GESLO's) (AS-1126-20)**
 - Approval by AS on 12-10-20
 - Concurrence from President on 1-27-21
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **21-02**
- **Proposed Revision of (08-02) Cheating and Plagiarism Policy (AS-1094-19/CEPC/FPPC)**
 - Approval by AS on 12-10-21
 - Concurrence from President on 1-27-21
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **21-01**

II. **Degrees, Programs, Options, Certificates, and Credentials**

The Academic Senate moved, seconded, debated, and approved the following degrees, programs, and certificates:

- Implementation: **NEW Option Proposal LING BA- Linguistics BA Option in Translation Studies (AS-1130-20/CEPC/URC)**

- Approval by Academic Senate on 4-23-20
- Concurrence from President on 4-28-21
- Issued as Policy Statement **20-06 on 7-23-20**
- Implementation: **Proposal to elevate BS Mathematics, Option in Statistics to a stand-alone degree program** (AS-1104-19/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 3-12-20
 - Concurrence from President on 3-16-20
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **20-07 on 8-26-20**
- Implementation: **Proposal to elevate BA in FCS Option in Consumer Affairs degree to a BA on Consumer Affairs degree** (AS-1105-19/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate 3-12-20
 - Concurrence from President on 3-16-20
 - issued as Policy Statement **20-08 on 8-26-20**
- Implementation: **B.A. in Linguistics with Option in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)** (AS-1119-20/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate 9-10-20
 - Concurrence from President 9-23-20
 - Issued as Policy Statement **20-09**
- Implementation: **New Minor in Equity and Educational Studies** (AS-1127-20/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by AS 11-5-20
 - Concurrence from President on 11-10-20
 - Issued as Policy Statement **20-10**
- Implementation: **Proposed elevation of the MA in Education, Option in Educational Technology to the MS in Educational Technology and Media Leadership.** (AS-1123-20/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by AS 10-22-20
 - Concurrence from President on 11-10-20
 - Issued as Policy Statement **21-06**
- Implementation: **Proposed MS in Physics, Option in Computational Physics** (AS-1131-20/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by AS 3-18-21
 - Concurrence from President on 4-5-21
 - Issued as Policy Statement **21-08**
- Implementation: **Proposed elevation of the BA in Family and Consumer Sciences with options in Fashion Merchandising and Fashion Design to the BA in Fashion Merchandising & Design with options in Fashion Merchandising and Fashion Design** (AS-1135-20/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by AS 3-18-21
 - Concurrence from President on 4-5-21
 - Issued as Policy Statement **21-13**

III. Discontinuances, Name Changes, and Rescissions of Academic Programs

The Senate approved the following discontinuances, name changes, or suspensions of academic programs this year.

- **Proposed discontinuance of Applied Sociology MA-** (AS-1122-20/AS)
 - Senate approved on Consent Calendar 9-10-20
 - Memo sent to President 9-14-20
 - Concurrence from President 9-23-20
- Implementation: **Proposed name change from: B.S. in Biology, option in Organismal Biology To: B.S. in Biology, Option in Zoology, Botany, and Ecology** (AS-1130-20/CEPC)
 - Approval by AS 3-11-21
 - Concurrence from President on 4-5-21
 - Issued as Policy Statement **21-07**

IV. Resolutions

- **Academic Senate Executive Committee Statement on Anti-Blackness and Racial Justice at CSULB** was created on 7-22-20 and posted on AS website
- **Resolution Condemning Racism and Anti-Asian Violence in Society** (AS-1148-21/AS)
 - Approved by AS on 3-26-21, memo sent 3-26-21
 - Concurrence from President 3-26-21
- **Proposed resolution on Ethnic Studies** (AS-1134-20/AS)
 - Approved by AS on 12-3-20

V. Charges, Task Forces, and Misc.

The Academic Senate moved, seconded, debated, and approved the following charges:

- **Proposed creation of COVID Equity Task Force** (AS-1143-21/AS)
 - Approval by AS on 3-25-19
- **Proposed revision of ACSEM charge** (AS-1080-19/EC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 5-13-21
 - Concurrence from President on 5-17-21
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **21-10**

VI. Reports

In the course of the year, the Academic Senate received reports from the following groups and individuals:

- President Jane Conoley (regularly)

- California Faculty Association (CFA) CSULB chapter co-president Deborah Hamm (regularly)
- Academic Senate of the CSU (ASCSU) Senators Kelly Janousek, Eileen Klink, and Praveen Soni (after each ASCSU meeting)
- ASI president Omar Prudencio Gonzalez (regularly)

VII. Events

- The **Academic Senate retreat with the topic of ‘From Awareness to Action: Empowering our Campus Community through Inclusive Excellence’** was attended by about 135 faculty, staff, students, and administrators via ZOOM. Led by nationally recognized diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) scholar and expert, Dr. Damon A. Williams, this 2-hour interactive session will feature a presentation on: current DEI topics, terminology, and concepts; unpacking the history and complexities of diverse identities; the impact of microaggressions; and strategies for becoming better allies to diverse and marginalized communities. Participants will engage in facilitated discussions around how to apply learnings from this session to our campus. This session aims to empower, educate, and inspire hope in all of those that attend.

VIII. Awards

The University Awards Committee selected the following faculty members for the 2020/21 University awards:

- Distinguished Scholarly and Creative Achievement Award
 - Darren Johnson, Biological Sciences, CNSM
 - Aili Malm, CCJEM, CHHS
 - Shahab Derakshan, Chemistry & Biochemistry, CNSM
 - Shadnaz Asgari, CECS, COE
- Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award
 - Deborah Fraser, Biological Sciences, CNSM
 - Maria Claver, FCS, CHHS
 - Ragan Fox, Communication Studies, CLA
 - Andrea Johnson, Lecturer Winner, Mathematics & Statistics, CNSM
- Early Career Excellence Award
 - Amber Johnson, Health Science, CHHS
 - Joe Kalman, MAE, COE
 - Justin Gomer, American Studies, CLA
- Distinguished Faculty Advising and Mentoring Award
 - Christine Whitcraft, Biological Sciences, CNSM
 - Deepali Bhandari, Chemistry & Biochemistry, CMSN
 - Toni Espinoza-Ferrel, Health Science, CHHS
 - Praveen Shankar, MAE, COE

- Ezra LeBank, Theatre Arts, COTA
- Nicholas Perkins Hardeman Academic Leadership Award
 - Deborah Hamm, Teacher Education, CED
- Outstanding Professor Award
 - Anna Ortiz, Educational Leadership, CED
 - Kelly Young, Biological Sciences, CNSM
 - Paul Weers, Chemistry & Biochemistry, CNSM
- Legacy Lecture
 - None

IX. Miscellaneous

- The Academic Senate began “Campus Conversations” in the 20-21 Academic year which were presented in conjunction with the Office of the Provost, topics and dates included:
 - 3-22-21 CSULB Latinx Representation and HSI Status
 - 3-04-21 Campus Conversation on the Impact of the Pandemic on Carers
 - 2-18-21 Campus Conversation on Repopulation
 - 1-21-21 Campus Conversation on Repopulation
 - 12-3-20 Campus Conversation on RTP
 - 11-16-20 Spring 2021 Repopulation Questions
 - 10-8-20 Campus Conversation on RTP
 - 9-21-20 Campus Conversation on Repopulation
 - 9-10-20 Campus Conversation on AB 1640 Ethnic Studies
 - 8-18-20 Campus Conversation on Repopulation
 - 7-20-20 Campus Conversation on Repopulation
- The Nicholas Perkins Hardeman Award Presentation was at the 5-4-20 Academic Senate Meeting via Zoom, a PowerPoint was presented and President Conoley and Chair Pandya offered Congratulation to recipient Deborah Hamm.

X. *Pending Policies and Proposals Carried Forward to the 2021-22 Academic Senate*

- Proposed revision of 96-09 Permanent Reassignment of a tenured of Probationary Faculty member (AS-1108-19/FPPC)
- Proposed Policy on Establishment and Dissolution of Departments and Programs (AS-1081-19/CEPC)
- Proposed revision of PS 14-08- Honors for Undergraduate Students (AS-1083-19/CEPC)
- Proposed revision of 12-03 Final Grading Policy (AS-1084-19/CEPC)
- Proposed revision of 11-09 Grade Appeals procedure (AS-1085-19/CEPC/FPPC)
- Proposed revision of 07-01 Student Grievance Policy (AS-1086-19/CEPC/FPPC)
- Proposed revision of 08-11 Accessibility and Faculty Responsibility for the selection of Instructional materials (AS-1101-19/CEPC)
- Proposed revision of 16-16 University Honors Program (AS-1103-19/CEPC/AS)

- Proposed revision of 95-07 Definitions and Regulations for Graduate Thesis and Projects (AS-1106-19/CEPC)
- Proposed revision of 81-08 Thesis Signature Page (AS-1107-19/CEPC)
- Proposed revision of 17-08 Policies and Procedures for the Selection...Academic Administrators (AS-1114-20/FPPC)
- Proposal of CPIE BA in Psychology- (AS-1121-20/CEPC/URC)
- Proposed GEEC charge (AS-1109-19/CEPC/PARC)
- Proposal for a Graduate certificate in Translation Studies (AS-1151-21/CEPC/URC)
- Proposal for Culminating Activity policy (AS-1152-21/CEPC)
- Proposed creation of BS in Environmental Engineering (AS-1144-21/CEPC/URC)
- Proposed Minor in Emergency Management (AS-1145-21/CEPC/URC)
- Proposed revision of PS 17-19 Policy on the Rights & Privileges of Emeritus Faculty (AS-1132-20/FPPC)
- Proposed revision of Certificate Policy (PS 16-17) (AS-1138-20/CEPC)
- Proposed revision of Policy on Program Review PS 10-12 (AS-1140-20/CEPC)
- Proposed revision of PARC charge (AS-1141-20/CEPC)
- Proposed revision of GEGC charge (AS-1142-20/CEPC)
- Proposed revision of PS-75-15 Thesis Individual Student (AS-1125-20/GSAC)

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B. Executive Committee

I. **Membership**

The elected members of the 2019-20 Executive Committee of the Academic Senate were:

- Chair Jessica Zacher Pandya, Liberal Studies, CED
- Vice Chair Neil Hultgren, English (fall 20), CLA/Praveen Shankar (spring 21),
- Secretary Pei Fang Hung, Speech Language Pathology, CHHS
- Immediate Past Chair Norbert Schürer, English, CLA
- Member-at-Large Nancy Meyer-Adams, Social Work, CHHS
- Member-at-Large Mehrdad Aliasgari, CECS, COE
- Member-at-Large Praveen Shankar, MAE, COE/Kris Zentgraf, Sociology, CLA
- Member-at-Large Christine Kang, Marketing, COB

II. **Nominations, Appointments, and Proposals**

The Executive Committee approved the following nominations, appointments, and proposals:

- Nancy Meyer-Adams appointed to CACC
- Fleming, Joshee and Solt review committees staffed
- University Honors Program Director Provost Search committee staffed
- Academic Centers and Institutes (ACI) Review committee staffed
- Honorary Degree Committee staffed
- Outstanding Staff Award committee staffed by Kris Zentgraf

III. **Visits, Presentations, Reports, and Guidance**

The following individuals and groups visited the Executive Committee to give presentations, offer reports, or request guidance:

- The Executive Committee had four additional meeting this year during the summer to discuss the many issues related to COVID 19 as well as AB 1460
- Faculty survey results were discussed in EC with regards to repopulation
- Members of the 2020-21 Executive Committee participated in **Intergroup Dialogue (IGD)** sessions led by Dr. Angela Locks and Dr. Ratnesh Nagda. The ten hours of IGD sessions work focused on (a) Engaging in self-work and self-exploration as a foundation to disrupt systems of racial exclusion and systemic oppression; (b) capacity building for engaging in dialogue on matters of reimagining power and equity-minded leadership in the Academic Senate; (c) completion of anti-Black racism module(s); and (d) establish principles of practice from which to examine and enact Academic Senate Policies with greater equity-mindedness and racial inclusion.
- The chairs of the four Academic Senate councils gave their year-end reports to the Executive Committee.
- Brian Jersky (Provost) gave weekly reports to the Executive Committee.
- Scott Apel reported on building cleanup and protocol for PPE as well as campus mask policy

- Provost Jersky reported on new model for eligibility index, fall 2021 admission will not be requiring SAT or ACT
- Interim Dean and AD for College of Engineering announced by Provost Jersky
- Larisa Hamada reported on Title IX changes
- Data Fellows Deb Satterfield and Hiromi Masunaga reported on their topic of faculty service
- VP Cesca reports on the naming of the Alumni Center for donor Anna W Ngai
- Angela Locks reports on the Campus Climate Survey data overview
- New Chancellor is named, Joseph Castro
- Nancy Meyer-Adams reported on the Master Plan update which is presented every 8 years
- AVC Alison Wrynn & AVC Leo Van Cleve present on Ethnic Studies GE conversation
- JZP reports on how CARES 3 funding will be distributed on campus
- Jody Cormack reports that all campus events are cancelled through May 15
- Kirsty Fleming reported on online SPOT
- Min Yao reported on MFA- Multi Factor Authentication due to recent hacking incidents at other CSU's
- Lori Brown and Kerry Johnson reported on WI Capstone courses and the GVAR policy
- Candice Chick reported on You@CSULB a new chicklet on SSO
- Brian Jersky announces his upcoming retirement at the end of spring 21
- Neal Schnoor reports on the Provost Position Description and asks for feedback
- Sharlene Sayegh and Lorin Johnson present a slide show on the results of the faculty COVID 19 survey
- COVID Equity Task Force proposal put forth by Sabrina Alimahomed & Emily Berquist
- Kirsty Fleming reported on the Faculty Equity Advocate program
- Brian Jersky reported on Administrative searches for fall 21 including
 - Director of Integrated Planning and Shared Accountability- Jen Ostergren will be Interim Director, so will need an Interim AD for CHHS
 - 2nd Associate Dean for COTA
 - Dean, College of Continuing Education
 - Associate Dean of Graduate Studies
 - Assistant VP of Student Success
 - Dean of CLA
- 2 new Centers approved by EC
 - Center for Equitable Higher Education, CHHS
 - Long Beach Center for Urban Politics and Policy, CLA
- Simon Kim presented members for IRB to be approved by EC

IV. Memoranda, Decisions, Concurrences, and Recommendations

Discussion Topics

The Executive Committee discussed the following topics (among many others):

- EC discussed Campus Repopulation on a regular basis

- EC discussed the Action Plan from Beach 2030 and what strategic Priorities we will request funding for
- COVID Equity issues