Academic Senate Agenda

1908 Smith, MVS Decision Making Center

Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 2:30-4:30

**Attendees:** Leafstedt, Jill; Veldman, Brittnee; Miller, Jason; Flores, Cynthia; Thoms, Brian; Jenkins, Jacob; Sanchez, Luis; Carswell, Sean; Dean, Michelle; Berman, Michael; Soltys, Michael; Samatar, Sofia; Jensen, Karen A; Monsma, Brad; Mack, Carol; Nevins, Colleen M; Klompien, Kathleen; Jimenez Jimenez, Antonio; Hartung, Beth; Jim Meriwether; John Griffin; McThomas, Mary; Frisch, Scott; Correia, Manuel; Grzegorczyk, Ivona; Francois, Marie E; Jennifer E. Perry; Colleen Harris-Keith; Genevieve Evans Taylor; Schmidhauser, Tom; Yudelson, John; Salazar, Christina; Campbell, Matthew; Grier, Jeanne; Wallace, Amy; Stephen Clark; Matt Furmanski; Michael Bourgeois; Margarita Lopez-Lopez; Travis Hunt; Greg Wood; Lindsey O’Connor; Tracylee Clarke; Geoff Buhl; Georgina Guzman; Nancy Gill; Virgil Adams; Erin Pehlivan; Brad Monsma; Liz King; Catherine Burriss; Jennie Luna; Karen Carey; Merilyn Buchanan; Selenne Banuelos; Jose Alamillo; Steve Stratton; Andrew Morris; Debi Hoffmann; Irina Costache; Monica Pereira; Jaime Hannans; Phil Hampton; Dan Wakelee; Kaia Tollefson; Ruben Alarcon; Alison Perchuk; Dennis Downey; Mary Adler; Dax Jacobson; Catherine Doll; Bob Bleicher; Betsy Quintero; Nichole Ipach; Andrea Grove; Janet Pinkley; Sue Andrzejewski; Elizabeth Sowers; Paul Murphy; Geoff Dilly; Julia Ornelas-Higdon; Gary Berg; Sue Saunders; Christina Smith; Sohui Lee; Annie White; Chuck Weis; Heather Castillo; Melissa Soenke; Bryn Aquino; Luda Popenhagen; John Lu; Billy Wagner; Ahmed Awad; Matt Campbell; Sofia Samatar; Kim Vose.

1. Approval of the Agenda
   1. Meeting called to order at 2:30pm; motion by M. Cook to approve agenda, second by G. Wood; agenda approved with no objections.
2. Approval of the Minutes of May 5, 2015
   1. Minutes were approved with no objections.
3. Report from the Provost (Hutchinson)
   1. Provost was called to CO in Long Beach, not in attendance for today.
4. Report from Statewide Senators (Aloisio and Yudelson)
   1. J. Yudelson: 4 presidential searches are currently in progress, report from Executive Vice Chancellor Blanchard noted graduation rates as important focus, will be working with various CSU Provosts to come up with policies to make sure CI makes efforts to increase these rates; also working on a resolution on academic freedom policy; referenced Draft Report Financial Model (see website for further details); consensus opinion was that it came across as a very dry business report, summarized that we don’t have a lot of new money so let’s be efficient with existing resources; also a draft ethnic studies task force, attempting to see if there’s a way to have an ethnic studies class as a G.E. requirement; ASCSU asked to satisfy a math requirement without a strong Algebra II requirement, using statistics-based option instead, and a background check was part of this discussion; finally, there was support in ASCSU that we need to find more justification for a 2% increase;
   2. Question asked by C. Weis: was there no discussion of taxation? J. Yudelson answered that there certainly was, citing examples of oil taxes and others; M. Adler asked if there was uniform policy for presidential searches; J. Grier noted that she would be covering this in her report.
5. Report from CFA President (Griffin)
   1. J. Griffin: recalled that as you may know we are in process for renegotiating the contract, but are currently at an impasse – we are bringing in mediator, who will work with both sides to see if we can agree on solution; fact finding is next, then other options (e.g. walking away from table); we are looking for a 5% salary increase, but they have been unwilling to move above 2%; announcement of Oct 6th 11:30-1pm all faculty meeting, where Kevin Weir is chair of contract bargaining team and will be speaking; CFA will host a social event after the next senate meeting, up at the library courtyard for refreshments and a speaker; also “Cal-Fac-accino” event, free cup of coffee event, and we’re going to move our location between Del Norte and Madera hall this year; union office is changing locale this year as well; “unconscious bias” training is this Friday; M. Pereria commented about this training and how it works with your background, rather than just what comes out of a textbook, and is valuable if you stay for the whole event.
6. Presentation from Counseling Services (K. Olsen)
   1. K. Olsen, Director of Counseling and Health Services (also known as “CAPS”): announced that they have made changes and increases in service, all services covered by student health fees (i.e. no co-pays); we primarily serve students, but similar services are available for faculty and staff; noted national trend reflecting increase in need for counseling services; announced BTE 1856 location, that they take walk-ins, but any advance info is helpful; can help with crisis intervention, offers group therapy program, helps with academic problems, stress management and others; able to provide info on how to help students with their concerns – you can send them over by themselves, but you can also call ahead to discuss a case; names of students can be released to CAPS, or could be anonymous; 24-hour phone line also available; noted that this office is confidential, so they can receive info but may not be able to deliver info (unless waiver is signed); Question from Z. Lu asking if they had the ability to prescribe medication – K. Olsen answered yes via a part-time contracted psychiatrist; Question from J. Yudelson asking why not any evening hours – K. Olsen answered that the concern is the availability of clinical backup; I. Grzegorczyk asked if substance abuse is covered – K. Olsen answered yes, that all of our staff is trained in this topic, although some can specialize in different areas.
7. Presentation from Student Research Steering Council (Leonard)
   1. M. Cook: co-chairs this committee with K. Leonard, in essence the group award money to students so that they can conduct research; last year awarded $50K+ to 150 students; right now there is a true living/learning community with 20 students; recalled that S. Kelley and L. Sanchez taught an interdisciplinary course on undergraduate research, highlighting importance of research and its application to grad school and professional environments; M. Cook encouraged that the committee would love to hear your voice on where we go from here, different disciplines have different foci, but it is a big tent; J. Elliot asked what about students in UNIV 498 courses – M. Cook answered that SRSC can work with you to help students go to one of the major conferences; I. Grzegorczyk asked if there have been any changes to the application format – K. Leonard answered that only planned changes might entail that we may move away from multiple deadline structure; Further discussion of potential changes to application process ensued; A. Jimenez asked if one can apply to take students internationally – M. Cook answered that the per-student limit is $500, and that the money is only for students and not faculty.
8. Report from the Senate Chair (Grier)
   1. J. Grier welcomed everyone, recognized new senators, including new student senator Travis Hunt; addressed Senate operations. New items should be sent to the Chair two weeks prior to senate for review by senate executive; J. Grier further clarified how the continuing business items work and how critical it is to understand this cycle to help with university governance; announced that if have an announcement for Senate, it can be added to the Senate newsletter, which will stay live throughout the semester; also, our by-laws state that we use Robert’s Rules, but they’re kind of like “Bob’s rules,” meaning that a little more flexibility is allowed to make sure everyone has a voice; we have Blackboard via CI Learn– referenced Academic Senate Community, where each committee has a folder that can house categorized information, where committees can create repositories of minutes or documents for their meetings; this can be found by clicking the “committee” button in the Academic Senate Community.
   2. Senate Elections and University Committee Notifications—this week; still have 3 positions open for Fiscal Policies Committee; J. Elliot asked if people would be appointed – J. Grier answered still taking volunteers, but we’ve already had two elections;
   3. Senate Structure Task Force II (STF-II), announced a call for participation;
   4. Presidential search update: getting back to M. Adler’s question, there is a CSU policy that governs this process, in that the Board of Trustees is the search committee – from here every campus creates an advisory committee for the search committee to make recommendations, i.e. Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (ACTCSP); Senate Chair is automatically on it, but other constituents as well; there will be a call out this week – looking for at least 5 years of employment at CI, and those with a broad university prospective (e.g. what other things have you done on campus); we will be asking for nomination statements; call for nominations = September 11th, nominations due = September 21st; voting conducted September 22nd through Sept. 28th at noon; announcement of faculty representatives at next Senate meeting on Sept. 29th; we have to have the names to the CO by Oct. 1st ; all faculty will be eligible to vote for the faculty representatives to the ACTCSP; Nov. 12th the search committee will be coming to us, where you’ll have the opportunity to meet them – there will be an open campus forum with time to be announced; D. Downey asked if anyone has checked with Faculty Affairs on the dates of their visit – J. Grier answered no, we were simply given the dates and did not have a choice—however this is the hotel day for candidates and the conflict should be minimal if not absent. Feb. 4th the search committee reviews candidate files, as well as Feb. 21-22 (time and location TBD) to interview the finalists; summarized to Senate to be on the lookout for the call for the presidential search, call for the STF-II, and to please take a look at the senate election results.
9. Intent to Raise Questions

I. Grzegorcyzk asked about the possibility of designating faculty parking in the far lot.

J. Elliot asked about University Committees, thinking that they used to be President appointed and now they’re appointed by Senate Exec Officers – J. Grier replied that they’ve always been by Senate Exec Officers, but that some follow up could occur;

J. Elliot asked if something can be done about the "lack of rotating faculty profiles on website listings," citing discussions between him and the prospective developer he was working with, saying that nothing had been implemented yet;

J. Elliot inquired into the presence of the Kia cars in back of U-Glen, commenting on the lack of security in the car lots; J. Barton echoed this lack of security;

K. Leonard noted that on three occasions the train is leaving as the bus is pulling up – suggested that it would be great to request that an overlap time be in place for these;

K. Leonard's second question shed light on her hearing a disturbing story about racial profiling. B Monsma added he had heard of an additional related incident in U. Glen involving a student.

T. Hunt relayed that students are asking / wondering if more afternoon classes or evening classes could be offered;

1. Reports from Standing Committees (*As Needed*)
   1. Faculty Affairs Committee
      1. P. Hampton: this committee has yet to meet. The new Student Ratings of Teaching Policy mandates that faculty be polled every five years regarding whether the SRT should be revised/ updated. A Qualtrics survey will be launched shortly to collect input from all tenure-track/ tenured and lecturer faculty. If a majority vote in favor of a revision to the SRT, then the Faculty Affairs Committee will collect information regarding what changes are desired in the current instrument;
   2. Fiscal Policies
      1. No report;
   3. Student Academic Policies and Procedures
      1. C. Smith: will meet next week;
   4. Curriculum Committee
      1. J. Barton: meeting next week;
   5. General Education
      1. G. Buhl: we have met, M. Adler will share chair responsibility, we are discussing Golden Four requirements; Oct. 15th deadline for GE course modifications and/or new courses;
   6. Committee on Committees
      1. C. Delaney recalled the recent committee membership announcements; further noted the bulk of the committee assignments will be filled in Spring;
   7. Committee on Centers and Institutes
      1. P. Hampton is the Chair of this committee. The new policy on Centers and Institutes mandates that annual reviews be submitted to the Committee on Centers and Institutes by September 15. The committee has decided to extend the deadline to September 30. Two institutes, the California Institute for Social Business and the Institute for Global Economic Research, are up for their five year continuance reviews. Templates for these reports will be sent to the directors of these centers/ institutes by Thursday of this week;
   8. Professional Leave Committee
      1. S. Stratton: we are meeting tomorrow to discuss assigned time for exceptional service to students;
   9. Mini-Grant Review Committee
      1. J. Miller: we haven’t met yet;
2. Reports from Other Committees/Centers on Campus
   1. K. Leonard: Center for Integrative Studies will be sponsoring cookies in the “Chive Courtyard” (behind Ojai Hall);
   2. S. Samatar: Center for Multicultural Engagement (CME) has SAFE training on Sept. 15th, on Sept 23rd CME awards presentations, these are for proposals accepted last year, sponsors will also be talking about their projects;
3. Announcements
   1. J. Grier reminded that if you have announcements, please let me know and I can place them in the Senate newsletter;
   2. J. Leafstedt announced that teaching and learning institute opening up to 1-year faculty;
   3. M. McThomas: in celebration of Constitution Day the Division of Student of Affairs, Center for Community Engagement, Associated Students Inc., and Performing Arts invite you to a reading of Howard Zinn's, Voices of a People's History of the United States, on Friday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Student Union Treehouse Courtyard;
   4. A. Perchuk announced Art gallery opening today at 6pm;
   5. M. Francois announced project ISLAS will be hosting the first transfer student success forum, we’ll have three speakers, Sept. 25th and 26th are notable dates;
   6. L. O’Connor announced that faculty Zumba is still going on, please attend
4. Adjourn
   1. D. Hoffman moves to adjourn, second by C. Delaney, meeting adjourned at 3:43pm.