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Academic Senate Newsletter

If you have any announcements or other items for the newsletter please email: Jeanne.Grier@csuci.edu. Items are needed by noon on the Thursday preceding Senate. Messages can include text, links to websites, videos, and more!

Senate Materials for April 29th

In an effort to reduce email clutter and give you a spot for one shot downloads, the agenda, minutes, and other materials for our next senate meeting can be found [here](#) or copy and paste the following link into your browser: <http://senate.csuci.edu/meeting-materials/042914/index.htm>.

We have six second reading items on our agenda ready for a vote at our final meeting on April 29th. Faculty Affairs Committee submits two policies for consideration. The first is SP 13-11 "Student Opinion of Teaching Survey" that would supercede SR 08-01 and SP07-19 and replace the current Student Ratings of Teaching (SRT). The Committee has made revisions to the document presented at first reading and also prepared a comparison of the current SRT and the proposed changes in the new instrument. The second policy from FAC is SP 13-12 "Policy on Mode of Instruction" that aims to clarify the process for changing the mode of instruction of individual courses.

The three other policies we see are from Research and Sponsored Programs and are needed for compliance at various levels. These are new policies that have been approved by the President's Policy and Planning Council, and are now before senate as second reading items. These policies are "testing" our new routing system for policies that have both faculty "academic" and university "administrative" implications. Changes made in either body will need to be reconciled with the other so we result in a single policy. These policies are: 13-13 Policy on PI Financial Conflict of Interest, 13-14 Policy on RSP Records Retention , and 13-15 Policy on Subrecipient Monitoring.

The final item for second reading is SP 13-16 2017-2018 Academic Calendar. Several suggestions were made at our last meeting about revisions and I will report on what I heard as responses about these items.

Announcements

Announcements from the Committee on Committees:

Keep an eye out for the call for voting for Senate Standing and Advisory Committees.

Elections for Senate Standing/Advisory committees will be held April 25-May 2nd at 5pm using Qualtrics.

Any questions and comments should be directed to Committee on Committee co-chairs Colleen Delaney (colleen.delaney@csuci.edu) and Ruben Alarcon (ruben.alarcon@csuci.edu).

Announcement about University Committees

In addition to the above elections, there will soon be a call to participate on University Committees. Many of these committees have variable meeting schedules but I'll do my best to have meeting times available. Senate Executive Officers make recommendations to the President after reviewing all volunteers. Tenure track faculty and lecturers, who are teaching 6WTU or more in the fall are eligible to volunteer.

Outstanding Faculty of the CSU

The Outstanding Faculty of the CSU website has been updated. Please take a look and congratulate your colleagues!

<http://blogs.calstate.edu/outstanding-faculty/?source=homepagefeatures>

Action Items for May 15-16 ASCSU Plenary

The following items from our statewide senate are available for your review and feedback to our representative Senators. Here

is the [link](#) to view details:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9kg7f3vwwsa164n/0k52Tz6QA?n=86739691>

Designation and Compilation of Online Course Modalities (AS-3169-AA)

Recommends four instructional modality designations for use throughout the CSU ranging from face-to-face traditional to remote online.

Recommendations Regarding Changes to Title 5, Section 40510, The Master's Degree (AS-3171-14/AA)

Supports proposed language and unit percentage changes.

In Support of AB 2324 (Williams) Pertaining to CSU Faculty Trustee (AS-3172-14/EX)

Thanks Board for including AB 2324 providing for faculty trustee holdover appointment on CSU Legislative Program; expresses appreciation to Assembly Member Williams; requests members of CSU community to register support for AB 2324.

Commencement News

Commencement is scheduled for May 17th, and again this year, there will be two ceremonies.

ALL PARTICIPATING FACULTY are invited to the receptions in the Islands Cafe beginning one and a half hours before the respective ceremonies. (7:30am and 1:30pm respectively). There will be food and drinks and general camaraderie!

The **morning ceremony will begin at 9 a.m.** and *will only include* the following academic programs for bachelor's or master's degrees:

Applied Physics
Biology
Business
Biotechnology & Bioinformatics
Biotechnology/MBA (dual degree)
Chemistry
Communication
Computer Science
Economics
Environmental Science & Resource Management
Information Technology
Mathematics
Nursing
Spanish

The **afternoon ceremony will begin at 3 p.m.** and *will only include* the following academic programs for bachelor's, master's or teaching credentials:

Anthropology
Art
Chicana/o Studies
Early Childhood Studies
Education
English
History
Liberal Studies
Performing Arts
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology

Eligibility Status for Research, Scholarship, and Creative

Activity Awards (AS-3173-14/FA)

Commends Chancellor and Board for reinstatement of this award program; recognizes value of such activities for student learning; encourages campuses to allow eligibility of faculty of all ranks for such awards.

ASCSU Calendar of 2014-15 Meetings (AS-3174-14/EX)

Recommends calendar for ASCSU meetings in 2014-15.