**Academic Senate Minutes**

Grand Salon

Tuesday, April 16, 2019; 2:30-4:30pm

Attendance: Adams, Virgil; Adler, Mary; Alamillo, Jose; Anderson, Sean; Anderson, Stacey; Avila, Theresa; Awad, Ahmed; Baker, Dana; Baker, Raquel; Balén, Julia; Ballesteros-Sola, Maria; Banuelos, Selenne; Barton, Jared; Buhl, Geoffrey; Burriss, Catherine; Campbell, Matthew; Castillo, Heather; Clark, Stephen; Hua, Dai; de Oca, Beatrice; Delaney, Colleen; Delgado Helleseter, Miguel; Elder, Katherine; Elliott, Jesse; Ernest, J. Brooke; Flores, Cynthia; Gillespie, Blake; Gonzalez, Javier; Grier, Jeanne; Harris, Colleen; Hoffmann, Debra; Ibrahim, Amira; Isaacs, Jason; Kee-Rose, Kimmy; Kelly, Sean; Kenny Feister, Megan; Kryshchenko, Alona; Lee, HyeSun; Lee, Sohui; Lu, Z. John; Matjas, Luke; Meriwether, James; Miller, Jason; Nevins, Colleen; Parmar, Nitika; Patsch, Kiersten; Pereira, Monica; Pinkley, Janet; Profant, Lorna; Sanchez, Luis; Sherman, Cynthia; Smith, Weldon; Soenke, Melissa; Soper, Rachel; Tollefson, Kaia; Trimble O’Connor, Lindsey; Veldman, Brittnee; Vose, Kim; Wagner, William; Weis, Chuck; Wood, Gregory; Yudelson, John.

Guests: Aloisio, Simone; Bowden, Nathan; Buller, Blake; Dobson, Kristen; Evans-Taylor, Genevieve; Forest, Colleen; Guerrero, Stephanie; Hasendonckx, Michelle; Perry, Jenn; Reyes, Ginger; Rivas, Monica; Rizzoli, Janet; Salazar, Christina; Sattler, Kassidie; Stratton, Steve; Wyels, Cindy

1. Approval of the Agenda

Approved.

1. Approval of the Minutes from March 12, 2019

Approved.

1. 3:00pm: Time Certain – Continuing Business
2. Policy on Curriculum: Committee Structures, Charges, and Elections (Curriculum Committee)

Policy was introduced by Jeanne Grier.

Colleen Harris and Sohui Lee raised questions regarding representation.

James Meriwether, Gregory Wood, Sean Kelly, Sean Anderson, and Julia Balén discussed whether this was a policy or bylaws change.

Meghan Kenny Feister raised a question about timing of group composition for different programs.

The policy passed following debate. Vote: 41 yes, 10 no, 1 abstain.

1. Policy on Reinstatement (Student Academic Policies and Procedures Committee)

Policy was introduced by Luis Sanchez. The policy passed. Vote: 51 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain.

1. Academic Leave Policy (Student Academic Policies and Procedures Committee)

Policy was introduced by Luis Sanchez. The policy passed. Vote: 55 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain.

1. New Business
	1. Bylaws Taskforce

Work of the Bylaws task force was introduced by Julia Balén and moved for discussion on the floor.

Beatrice de Oca raised a question over whether policy or bylaws govern if they are in conflict.

Brittnee Veldman and Monica Pereira raised questions over voting item-by-item and potential cascade effects.

Mary Adler raised a question regarding the prioritizing of bylaws changes.

Colleen Harris, Ernesto Guerrero and Monica Rivas discussed the proposal for staff representation in Senate.

Cynthia Flores raised questions regarding advisory committee bylaws.

Nancy Mozingo raised a question regarding lecture representation.

James Meriwether raised a question regarding the scope of the Bylaws task force work.

Jesse Elliott raised a question regarding friendly amendments to the proposed changes.

* 1. Policy on Lecturer Evaluation (Faculty Affairs Committee)

Work on this policy was introduced by Stephen Clark and moved for discussion on the floor.

Brittnee Veldman raised a question regarding the use of previous evaluations.

Nancy Mozingo raised a question regarding the use of additional qualifiers beyond satisfactory/unsatisfactory.

Nancy Mozingo raised a question regarding the requirement that lecturers put portfolios together.

Brittnee Veldman raised a question regarding funding for training faculty to do observations.

* 1. Policy Minimum Characteristics of Majors (Curriculum Committee)

Work on this policy was introduced by Jeanne Greer and moved for discussion on the floor.

Geoffrey Buhl raised a concern regarding the number of units in the BA and BS characteristics.

James Meriwether raised a question regarding the role of these minimum standards.

* 1. Policy on Academic Planning Process (Curriculum Committee)

Work on this policy was introduced by Jeanne Greer and moved for discussion on the floor.

1. Report from the Provost

Provost Say indicated that she finished the RTP review. Thanked all faculty for the work they do. She encouraged all faculty to attend commencement. She discussed budget planning for Academic Affairs, as well as a safety review presented to the cabinet by Chief Morris.

1. Report from Statewide Senators

John Yudelson – There were several presentations at the Statewide Senate, including academic preparation, financial aid, Pell grants, an $8 billion bond for infrastructure. There were a number of first reading items, and there was pushback on executive orders 1100 and 1110. The biggest item discussed was the GE task force report.

Jim Meriwether – The co-Chair of the task force presented and indicated that the report is a starting point, and that they did the best they could. That certain items (such as elimination of double-counting) were not the intention. There are now two dueling resolutions: to reject the report and have new work on this, or to accept the report and continue working with the report as the starting point.

Virgil Adams – Indicated that originally the intention would be for the next elected person to the Statewide Senate to attend the May meeting, but instead Jim Meriwether will attend and the newly-elected Statewide Senator will start duties in the next academic year.

1. Report from CFA President

John Griffin – Reminded that CFA elections were ongoing. Indicated that John Yudelson is the only candidate for president. On May 1st there is an All Union lunch. On May 2nd, retirement nuts and bolts. Indicated that he is proud of the work with the administration, that the union has been successful in getting additional funding for CSU and that the Governor is fully onboard.

1. Report from Senate Chair
* Introduced Dr. Sheila Grant, the new AVP for Faculty Affairs.
* Requested that Senators come prepared to the next Senate meeting as there are many items to vote on, so asked that discussion be kept relevant. Indicated that for the next Senate meeting we have the room up until 6 am the next day, and that we have requested the room for a special session the following week in case it is necessary to meet one more time.
* Bylaws changes require 32 votes for approval.
* CSUN is the latest campus to outright reject the GE task force report. Indicated that we need to figure out our position as a campus.
* Indicated being honored and humbled to have served as Senate Chair and thanked everyone for the opportunity to do so.
1. Report from Strategic Initiatives Implementation Team

Genevieve Evans-Taylor – Will start reviewing non-funded initiatives work that has been submitted.

1. Report from Advancing Faculty Diversity Taskforce

No report.

1. Reports from Senate Committees (*As Needed*)

Committee on Centers and Institutes: No report.

Committee on Committees: Nominations are open. It was brought to the committee’s attention that the link works only once, which would impede people from for example nominating some people to positions and self-nominating.

Curriculum Committee: No report.

Faculty Affairs Committee: No report.

Fiscal Policies Committee: No report.

General Education: Reminded people to provide feedback on the GE task force report.

Minigrant Review Committee: No report.

Professional Leave Committee: No report.

Student Academic Policies and Procedures: No report.

Advisory, Ad Hoc, Special Committees and Other Elected positions: No report.

1. Intent to Raise Questions (ItRQ)
2. Announcements (*no more than 2 minutes each*)

Adjourned at 4:20 pm.