



## ACADEMIC SENATE

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### Meeting Minutes Academic Senate

Del Norte 1500

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

2:30-4:30pm

This meeting offers a virtual option through Zoom:

<https://csuci.zoom.us/j/86923923435>

Present: Aaron McColpin, Aaron Sandoval (proxy for Alison Perchuk), Amy Denton, Annie White, Greg Wood (also proxy for Antonio Jiménez), Bahareh Abbassi, Billy Munroe, Brian Rasnow, Cameron Harris, Andrea Grove (also proxy for Chris Scholl), Chuck Weis, Cindy Sherman, Cindy Wyels, Colleen Delaney, Colleen Forest, Cynthia County, E. Nicole Vines, Gareth Harris, Georgina Guzman, Heather Castillo, Janet Pinkley, Jared Barton, Jim Meriwether, Jose Alamillo, Jose Luis Callazo, Kimmy Kee-Rose, Kristen Dobson, Lydia Dixon, Manuel Correia, Mari Estrada, Maria Bollesteros Sola, Marianne McGrath, Matt Campbell, Megan Kenny Feister, Monica Pereira, Monica Rivas, Nancy Chen, Nancy Deans, Nicholas Centino, Peter Krause, Ron Berkowsky, Sean Anderson, Susan Lefevre, Tabitha Swan-Wood, Taryn Hakala, Tiina Itkonen, Tom Clobes, Weldon Smith, Christina Smith, Michelle Hassendonckx, Phil Hampton, Susan Andrejewsky, Jill Leafstedt, Jessica Lavariega Monforti

1. Opening the Meeting
  - a. Meeting called to order at 2:47pm, after determining quorum.
2. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Motion to amend the agenda to include Resolution for Exception to SP 16-12 as a first reading (Resolution sent out by Senate Exec. Committee in email and posted on Canvas)
    - i. Motion – Greg
    - ii. Second – Chuck
    - iii. No objections and motion accepted by unanimous consent. Agenda amended and added as item 6b.
  - b. Motion to accept amended agenda
    - i. Motion – Greg
    - ii. Second – Tom
    - iii. No objections and motion accepted by unanimous consent. Agenda approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from November 5, 2024 (attached)
  - a. Motion – Cindy Sherman
  - b. Second – Greg

- c. No objections and motion accepted by unanimous consent. Minutes approved.
- 4. Report from the Chair
  - a. ITRQ: Stressing the importance of having this back on the agenda. On Canvas it is a public forum and allows for record keeping and see workflow.
  - b. Upcoming Bylaws Revisions (AEBC) - Aaron Sandoval sharing on behalf of Alison Perchuk: We are in the info gathering phase. Send observations, concerns to senate elections email. Goal is to have rough draft by Thanksgiving, make edits and share with Senate Exec. for review over Winter Break. There will be ample space for feedback from the senate and faculty.
- 5. No Returning Business
- 6. New Business
  - a. Policy on GE Program and Learning Outcomes (GE Committee) - Reha Kadakal presenting
    - i. Motion to accept
      - 1. Motion – Greg
      - 2. Second – Annie
    - ii. Discussion
      - 1. Reha – GE Committee held 4 brown bags (one of which was in the evening) to gather input. Only a few suggestions for this document and the committee incorporated almost all of the suggestions. This document updates already existing policy. Will be taking notes, email Reha questions after.
      - 2. Sean – is there a default set of GE outcomes or does every individual course come up with their own outcomes? Who is creating this language, are we choosing or is it given by CSU?
        - a. Reha – courses can have a number of SLOs, that is not a GE matter. For a purpose of GE, we will look for SLOs from this document (specifically 2 based on other policy not on senate floor/not yet approved). Existing policy says 2-3 GE SLOs. This other policy not on senate floor will be just 2. But you can have more. We used existing CSU policy and modified from existing requirements. Multiple experts, faculty etc. involved.
    - 3. Greg – when would this coming back for second reading?
      - a. Reha – our aim is next senate meeting – Dec. 3rd. We need this policy to update courses.
    - 4. Lina – there is impact to reviewing the courses that currently don't have GE SLOs, faculty has opportunities to resubmit. They have to do it before we go on break, committee will be full time to review re-submissions. If we don't have this, those courses may not receive GE re-designation.

- a. Jim – so between now and end of semester, faculty need to take existing GE courses and put in curricular changes?
- b. Lina – correct, not all courses. I talked with chairs, they can meet again with me, it was shared which courses are not meeting GE requirements.
- c. Jim – is that widely understood on campus?
- d. Lina – I expect chairs to discuss this with their program. This was also part of brown bags.
- e. Annie – are these courses currently working on revisions?
- f. Lina – no. The chairs are being notified, each course has been looked at. Updating not changing course.
- g. Nancy – so chairs have been informed about every GE course that does not meet these standards and that needs to be revised? Does that need to go through the committee?
- h. Reha – task force and GE committee looked at courses. Courses in different categories – some have no GE SLOs, or GE SLOs not updated, just need few changes etc. As we work on them, we forward to AP office for conversation with programs. With catalog deadline, we want these courses ready for the catalog.
- i. Nancy – Will these courses not be offered if this doesn't go through? Why don't we have a list? Still unclear on what I should tell my faculty.
- j. Reha – GE committee is a senate committee. We have been communicating with programs. These courses will come back to GE committee for review to make it to the catalog.
- k. Cindy W. – can we get a list of courses? Will there be courses that aren't able to be offered?
- l. Reha – yes, we are stressed about deadline. I thought this would be a second reading not first. GE committee is working hard and doing its best.
- m. Weldon – echoing request for a list.
- n. Provost Lavariega Monforti – no lists because we don't have a new policy. New policy sets the standard. Conversation are happening in advance so chairs are aware. No action can happen without the policy. The policy on the floor will dictate what next steps are.
- o. Lina – courses analyzed by different groups against current SLOs. Some courses being recommended don't even meet the current SLOs. With consistent review,

the courses will meet SLOs. If the faculty want a complete list, the GE committee can do that. Simplify what needs to be resubmitted.

- p. Reha – the task force was formed by a call from this senate and we reviewed courses. This was supposed to be done back in 2019. We have GE courses that don't meet existing GE policies for several reasons. The reason we don't send our list to senate is because every program is different. We are not eliminating courses, sending a list is not going to help our cause.
- 5. Peter – referring back to the document on the floor. Does the content of this document need to change? Please send amendments to propose on the floor, and if it does pass in 2 weeks then we will deal with the outcomes.
- 6. Annie – GE committee has provided a pathway to get feedback. I'm asking senate that we don't become the sand in the gears for this policy that absolutely needs to move forward. Collective responsibility to not use time to nitpick policy. GE committee needs our support as a faculty. If we demand information, it slows their work down.
- 7. Reha – if this policy passes, GE committee can do its work.
- iii. No objections, motion accepted by unanimous consent and policy will move to second reading the next time it comes to senate.

**b. Resolution for Exception to SP 16-12 (from Senate Exec. Committee)**

- i. Motion to accept
  - 1. Motion – Greg
  - 2. Second - Tabitha
- ii. Discussion
  - 1. Context: a percentage cap exists for the number of GE courses. This resolution is asking for exception to this policy for Ethnic Studies courses to continue in review cycle. It is difficult to develop the Ethnic Studies Program without this resolution. This conversation came up on senate floor last year and there was a verbal agreement, but nothing official. Last year we hired Ethnic Studies faculty and there is frustration about trying to put courses through. Send questions to Senate Chair, they will be circulated to Senate Exec. and Ethnic Studies faculty.
  - 2. Sean – suggestion to put a timeline in the policy, something like: this exception exists for 12 months.
  - 3. Jessica – new GE policies (not yet approved) fix this issue. Ethnic studies wouldn't have to wait. With the new GE policy being proposed, percent cap goes away.

- a. Annie – then this would be no longer necessary at next senate meeting?
  - b. Greg – yes, but that means both policies brought up at next senate meeting would have to be approved, one of which is controversial. Option to have a motion to move this resolution to a second reading now.
  - c. Chuck – this would be improper, this wasn't on agenda before and faculty have not had time to review.
  - d. Annie – yes but our faculty chose us to represent them in situations like these and use our best judgement.
4. Jose A. – we brought in new faculty and now we need to support them. We cannot wait.
- iii. Motion to move to second reading
- 1. Motion – Sean
  - 2. Second – Tom
  - 3. Discussion
    - a. Cindy W. – unsure what signal this sends. We want to support Ethnic Studies colleagues; do we know if those 2 weeks make a difference?
    - b. Jessica – or is this righting a wrong from last year? There has been miscommunication of where this went.
    - c. Greg – if this were passed today, would there be time to look at some of these in next 2 weeks? If it wouldn't make a difference, then we could vote this down. We could avoid friction in moving this to a second reading item.
      - i. Reha – our agenda is so full, it wouldn't be realistic to say we can do this. This can be part of course review that we will do after SLO document. I would have to discuss with colleagues.
    - d. Annie – sometimes it's about a message that sends healing. We do it to document righting our wrong.
    - e. Weldon – two weeks would be the minimum this could have an impact.
    - f. Jim – echoing Cindy W., potentially voting and approving a resolution that constituents have never seen versus sending message of supporting new faculty Ethnic Studies faculty. I don't know if extended discussion will get us to a defined answer.
    - g. Christina – there is full intention to bring this back next senate meeting regardless.
    - h. Greg – what is the process should this be approved?

- i. Provost Lavariega Monforti – it is forwarded to OTP, no signature required.
    - i. Greg – so it is possible that work could be done on this immediately.
      - i. Lina – under which SLOs for Fall 25?
      - ii. Cindy S. – so these courses need to follow GE SLOs we vote on next time. Voting on this now won't allow people to work on it anyway since they don't have correct SLOs to work with. As much as we want to support, nothing functionable will happen if resolution get passed today.
    - j. Greg - AB 14-60 has a rigid set of Ethnic Studies SLOs.
      - i. Lina – with language added from each campus.
      - ii. Greg – I thought there was no wiggle room?
    - k. Tabitha – when was this originally discussed and approved?
      - i. Annie – in a meeting where there were no minutes because of staffing issues.
  - 4. Sean – Call the question
  - 5. No objections, motion accepted by unanimous consent and resolution moved to a second reading item
- c. Resolution for Exception to SP 16-12 (from Senate Exec. Committee) as a second reading item**
- i. Motion to accept
    - 1. Motion – Greg
    - 2. Second – Tabitha
    - 3. Motion to modify resolution to add “12-month long exception”
      - a. Motion – Sean
      - b. Second – Greg
        - i. Discussion
          - 1. Reha – we would like to have contact person about this resolution, GE committee hasn't read it yet. Programs can still offer courses, GE is not the only way. Last year Jason Miller (previous senate chair) passed on concern from Senate Exec. that GE committee was blocking programs moving forward. We were just following policy. We haven't been consulted on this topic.

- c. No objections, motion accepted by unanimous consent and resolution will be modified.
  - 4. No objections, motion accepted by unanimous consent and resolution is approved.
- 7. Reports (full reports available via Canvas)
  - a. Report from President Yao – Kaia Tollefson reporting
    - i. Campus Forums in Jan. 2025 about enrollment concerns. Consulting group with best practice solutions will be there to go over summary of recommendations, where we are in recruitment cycle, marketing efforts, etc.
    - ii. Nominate yourself for Provost search committee by Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - b. Report from Interim Provost Lavariega Monforti – Provost reporting
    - i. Continuing a listening tour and by end of semester or in January I will summarize convos to share out with division.
    - ii. Office hours every week, in person or online.
    - iii. Honors Convocation: request in for May 9<sup>th</sup>. If that is the case, late Feb. nominations will be due.
    - iv. Strategic Planning Committee has been appointed. First mtg: Nov 12<sup>th</sup>. Sub-committee for each goal/lens. First assignment: definitions and rubrics for goal/lens, where are we on each of goals as well. Developing a website to see who is on what sub-committee. Hoping to have one in-person and one virtual meeting to give feedback before end of semester. Whitepaper work done on vision and goals, mission not in question at this time.
    - v. AMP prioritization – holding Brown Bag on criteria/how things are being prioritized. We can also meet via email or in person.
    - vi. Low enrolled course items: there is an opportunity to request exception (courses needed to graduate, grad level course, etc.). We want to be reasonable but also keep an eye on the budget. Focusing on multiple sections of low enrolled courses in particular.
    - vii. Two interim dean searches are underway. Advisory comm. coming.
  - c. Report from Statewide Senators – Monica Pereira reporting
    - i. CFA bargaining survey closes this Friday. Please fill out.
    - ii. Institutional grants for entire CSU, but campuses can have own grants. Think about the audience when considering language of grant. Awards can be de-obligated/undone.
    - iii. Greg – two surveys from Chancellor's office. First done by Deloitte regarding follow up on GI 25, including post grad outcomes, very Student Affairs focused. Could be an additional survey in parallel that is Academic Affairs focused (Chancellor's office seemed receptive of this idea). Second survey about strategic plan for CSU, consulting firm SOVA, feedback platform.
  - d. Report from CFA President – Greg Wood reporting

- i. Meet and confer on low enrolled course guidelines. Pages of concerns that will be shared with admin. Other concerns – email Greg.
    - ii. Board of Trustees: 60 seconds not long enough to speak on issues in public forum. We will run our own at Chancellor’s office in front with media invited. Look out for emails. Greg offered carpooling.
  - e. Report from Staff Council – Rebecca Slocum reporting
    - i. Thank you to who has finished corporate games survey
  - f. Report from NTTF Council – Nancy Deans reporting
    - i. NTTF colleagues please participate in photoshoot Thurs. at 3pm.
    - ii. Our next meeting: Thurs Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 12pm, Sierra 2111.
    - iii. Weekly Office Hours: Thurs. 12-1pm BTW 1102 (Senate office)
  - g. Report from ASI
  - h. Reports from Senate Committees
    - i. Appointments, Elections, and Bylaws (AEBC)
    - ii. Academic Policy and Planning (APPC)
    - iii. Senate Budget (SBC)
    - iv. Equity and Anti-Racism (CEAR)
    - v. Faculty Affairs (FAC) - Lydia Dixon reporting
      - 1. Email Lydia directly about feedback on Syllabus Policy.
    - vi. Student Academic Policies and Procedures (SAPP)
    - vii. Others
- 8. Adjourn
  - a. Motion – Tom
  - b. Second – Cindy
  - c. Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.