



**Academic Affairs (AA) Committee  
MINUTES**

**Friday, February 15, 2019; 10:00am-2:00pm**

[http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/Academic\\_Affairs/index.shtml](http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/Academic_Affairs/index.shtml)

**1. Welcome; Call to Order; Roll Call**

Chair Yee-Melichar welcomed everyone. The meeting was called to order at 10:00am. In attendance were Senators Yee-Melichar (Chair), Schlievert (Vice Chair), Butler-Byrd, Creadon, LoCasio, Millar, Reeder, Rodan, Urey; AVC Minor, AVC Wrynn., and Senator Ullman. Senator Trevisan was excused; she was at a conference in Japan.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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The Agenda was approved as amended noting two time-certain presentations.

**3. Approval of Minutes January 16, 2019 meeting**

[http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/academic\\_affairs/agendas.shtml](http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/academic_affairs/agendas.shtml)

The Minutes were approved unanimously.

**4. Campus and Member Announcements**

San Francisco State is conducting a search for a new President. Trustee Eisen chairs the search committee; the open forum was held last week.

Cal Poly completed a G.E. report.

**5. Chair's Report**

**5.1. Extended Executive Committee meetings**

CSU East Bay will have a replacement for Senator Fleming who has resigned from ASCSU.

The Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS) will have a legislative advocacy meeting on February 20. Agenda items include transfer, time to degree, diversity, budgets, and student financial aid.

FGA will send information on AB 392, 498, 514, and SB 524.

The Executive Committee wants feedback on the G.E. Task Force Report. G.E. has not been reviewed for about 50 years at the system level. There are already concerns about timing, double counting, history, units, and limit counts. Chair Nelson discussed with the Executive Committee a memo from EVC Blanchard that evidently was sent to campus presidents, but she was not included in the mailing.

**6. Liaison Reports**

## **6.1. Chancellor's Office (CO) Liaisons**

### **a) AVC Alison Wrynn**

Dr. Wrynn encouraged everyone to have open discussions about the G. E. Task Force Report.

She has prepared a report for the March Trustee meeting about new degrees approved by the Chancellor's Office. They need Board approval.

She discussed a financial aid report and community engagement that would also be presented to the BOT in March. Darlene and Gwen asked about an Occupational Therapy request, and Nola asked about the Jt. Doctoral Committee and stand-alone doctoral degrees. Alison responded that the Jt. Doctoral Committee only meets when there is a new proposal. She referenced the Master Plan about no Ph.Ds. offered at the CSUs (we are not authorized to offer independent Ph.Ds.).

Darlene asked who will write the resolution about the GETF report. The Executive Committee will be responsible to write resolution and receive the report. The CO would like engagement, as well. Academic Affairs Committee has been designated to receive and process feedback, with discussions at the March and May Plenaries. Alison added that the GETF report is "a continuing conversation."

### **b) AVC James Minor**

Dr. Minor will share Fall 2018 course outcomes with the March 2019 Academic Affairs Committee. They are positive, and will include interpretations by campuses.

A number of campuses are still struggling with Early Start for Summer 2019. He will look at data for efficacy.

The next G.I. 2025 Symposium will be on October 17-18 2019 in Sacramento. They are working to expand the number of attendees.

He thanked Senators Norman, Van Selst, Yee-Melichar and Yudelson, Yee for working on the Faculty Innovation and Leadership Awards (FILA). Announcements about FILA program will go out next week.

Mary Ann asked about a tuition fee waiver for Early Start, and James replied that they would look at a minimalist approach versus a robust approach. Some campuses did Introduction to the Campus. We need to help our most vulnerable students, "the tail end of the distribution of readiness". CSULA had worked on G.E. A2 and B4. There could be a summer stretch course with part 2 in the Fall, offering a different kind of experience. Darlene asked about the feasibility of posters on innovative practices for the G.I. 2025 Symposium in October 2019, and Simon asked about a collaborative data repository. James replied that they needed to work through the structural components.

## **6.2. Executive Committee Liaison - Senator Jodie Ullman**

At a meeting with the Executive Committee, Chancellor White, EVC Blanchard, and AVC Van Cleeve, there were concerns from campuses about the GE Task Force Report and possible upcoming EOs. The Chancellor emphatically denied this and stated that the GE Taskforce Report was sent out by a faculty committee---not the CO. The CO is waiting until the ASCSU facilitates feedback, probably through January 2020. Campus G.E. directors should get involved, too. The CO would need to act if the legislature passed a bill.

ASCSU will elect a new Secretary and Faculty Trustee at the March 2019 meeting.

The Chancellor stated that he adopted the Tenets of Shared Governance. He is interested in the Border Separation resolution that addresses actual and fear of separation.

Discussion with Jodie included: GEAC changes would require changes to Title V, Trustee Kimball's visit to the March plenary, Denise Bevly/Basic Needs for the March meeting, process of feedback collection, "keeping the legislature out of curriculum," and "one giant peer review."

Chair Yee-Melichar summarized AA's work to date and asked Jodie to share with Exec.

### 6.3. **Michael Berman, Chief Technology Innovation Officer, CSU Artificial Intelligence and Higher Education**

Dr. Berman commended AA for starting early on the Artificial Intelligence (AI) topic. He provides information about the potential of AI in the CSU. We have chat box conversational interface now. Northridge is examining first year retention through text-to-text interface. Fullerton is using Amazon Alexa. It takes "a lot of work" for scripts and training.

At Georgia Tech, they are using a conversational robotic T.A.

What are the information protections and privacy?

Nola asked about user demographics. Northridge is collecting this data.

Dr. Berman mentioned that a student can ask a computer a question with no embarrassment.

About AA's resolution: Consider alumni and career services, lifelong learning, alternative models, more/different refresher courses. "A Renaissance for humanity." Simon may refine the resolution pending additional information and discussion.

## 7. **Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports**

<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/SystemwideCommList.shtml>

Reports for some of the following systemwide groups may be found in our AA Committee Dropbox:

- 7.1. Committee on Academic Technology and Online Education  
Simon Rodan
- 7.2. Course Identification Numbering Project (C-ID)  
James LoCascio
- 7.3. Disabilities Advisory Committee  
Gwen Urey
- 7.4. English Council Liaison  
Mary Ann Creadon
- 7.5. Commission on Extended University  
Jeffrey Reeder
- 7.6. General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC)  
Mary Ann Creadon, Susan Schlievert, Cynthia Trevisan, Darlene Yee-Melichar
- 7.7. General Education (GE) Taskforce  
Mary Ann Creadon, Darlene Yee-Melichar
- 7.8. Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) Advisory Board  
Nola Butler-Byrd, Jeffrey Reeder, Darlene Yee-Melichar
- 7.9. Joint Graduate Board  
Susan Schlievert

- 7.10. Math Council Liaison  
Cynthia Trevisan
- 7.11. SB 1440 Implementation Oversight Committee (IOC)  
James LoCascio
- 7.12. Student Health Services Advisory Committee  
James LoCascio, Darlene Yee-Melichar
- 7.13. Student Information Systems and Services Committee (SISS)  
Janet Millar
- 7.14. Student Mental Health Services Advisory Committee  
Nola Butler-Byrd, Janet Millar
- 7.15. Summer Arts Advisory Council  
Susan Schlievert
- 7.16. Campus as Living Lab (CALL) – Sustainability Committee  
Gwen Urey
- 7.17. CSU on the Working Group on Piloting Anti-Bias Training at UC and CSU  
Nola Butler-Byrd
- 7.18. CSU Faculty Trustee Recommending Committee  
Nola Butler-Byrd

## **8. Resolutions**

<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/>

- 8.1. “Border Issues and Separation of Families: Impact on Students, Faculty and Staff in the CSU”  
Nola Butler-Byrd, Darlene Yee-Melichar  
Nola and Darlene responded to feedback, integrated sections, added to the references and rationale, and looked at the title. FA is willing to co-sponsor.
- 8.2. “The Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Higher Education”  
Simon Rodan  
(See 6.3 above)
- 8.3. Proposed resolution on “Support for the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)”  
Gwen Urey  
Gwen indicated accreditations body is discussing; there are some delays. Dominguez Hills and San Jose currently have M.A. programs in Occupational Therapy.
- 8.4. Proposed resolution on “ASCSU White Paper on Student Success 2.0”  
Susan Schlievert  
Susan collected and coded 132 free responses from students who answered “What is Student Success?” Simon has collected other responses. We will propose a resolution affirming this process, request input from CSAA and ASI, and continue in Fall 2019.
- 8.5. Proposed resolution on “Request for Action on Infringement of Faculty Intellectual Property”  
Darlene Yee-Melichar, Heidi Reggio  
AA and FA will continue to work together on this. Darlene said that students don’t really understand plagiarism, and we should turn this into a “teachable moment.” At the January meeting, AVC Hanley discussed operationalizing the process, but added that some students don’t pay for the services of Course Hero; they exchange documents for free access.

Darlene will work with Heidi to re-write the resolution with four elements: educate, inform, communicate, and desist.

**9. Discussion Items (see Dropbox for materials)**

- 9.1. Impact of AI on curriculum and on structure/delivery of education  
Please review the white paper on AI, and send all comments and suggestions for modification to Senator Rodan. Michael Berman (Chief Technology Innovation Officer, CSU Office of the Chancellor) joined us for this discussion.
- 9.2. General Education (GE) Task Force Report  
Please review the report from the GE Taskforce and be prepared to discuss next meeting.
- 9.3. 9.3 As a follow-up to the CO response to our ASCSU White Paper on Student Success, AA will add to the White Paper with student perspectives on what student success means to them.

**10. Review of Chancellor's Office Response to ASCSU Resolutions**

[http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/co\\_response/index.shtml](http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/co_response/index.shtml)

AA appreciates the Chancellor's Office responses.

**11. Review of CSU Board of Trustees Agenda (Committee on Educational Policies)**

<https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/Pages/agenda.aspx>

**12. New Business**

Continue to read and review the GE Task Force Report for the March 2019 meeting. Darlene said that the GE Taskforce looked at G.E. from a student perspective. With the report completed, the GE Taskforce has been disbanded.

**13. Adjournment was at 2:00 p.m.**

Chair Yee-Melichar adjourned the meeting and thanked Vice Chair Schlievert for her outstanding notes and the committee for its productive teamwork.