



Academic Affairs (AA) Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019; 11:00am-5:00pm

Coronado Room, CSU Chancellor's Office, Long Beach, CA

http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/Academic_Affairs/index.shtml

1. Welcome; Call to Order; Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Agenda

http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/academic_affairs/agendas.shtml

The Agenda was approved unanimously. Chair Yee-Melichar welcomed Senator Reeder back from sabbatical.

3. Approval of Minutes December 7, 2018 meeting

http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/academic_affairs/agendas.shtml

The Minutes were approved as amended indicating that Senator Creadon is not vice-chair of the committee.

4. Campus and Member Announcements

There were reports from Bakersfield and CalPoly about MPPs leaving. This continuing concern has been discussed at previous meetings.

5. Chair's Report

5.1. Extended Executive Committee meetings

One of the AA resolutions was not "in sync" with resolutions from FA and FGA. The Executive Committee asked AA to modify ours for consistency. Extended Exec met with EVC

Blanchard and AVC Van Cleeve. EVC Blanchard provided the following information: Preliminary budget was better, but it is still not up to past budgets.

There is a provision for 5% enrollment growth.

WestEd indicated that more students are doing better.

The faculty tenure density report will be forthcoming.

CSAA's Basic Needs budget proposal was fully funded by the Governor.

EVC Blanchard was asked about a possible Best Practices website and in-person symposium.

He suggested a Webinar or Zoom meeting and using Shared Point.

here has been a public records request for the GE Task Force materials. The CSU General

Counsel is handling this.

5.2. Other

Chair Yee-Melichar provided two cards for us to sign if we wished: a sympathy card for Margie Merryfield, and a get-well card for Tracy Butler. Everyone was encouraged to contribute to a fruit basket for Tracy too. She welcomed Senator Reeder back from sabbatical. Reem requested that all resolutions be submitted to her by 4:30pm today; she is handling all of this by herself because of Tracy's absence.

6. Liaison Reports

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

6.1. Chancellor's Office (CO) Liaisons

AVC Alison Wrynn: This is the time of year for campus Master Plan submissions. Initially, it is a 1.5-page form. All submissions are reviewed and presented at the Trustees March Board meeting. One proposal is for an Occupational Therapy doctoral degree, initially at San Jose State, and Dominguez Hills. There would be more opportunities for bachelor's and master's degrees to meet a need (SB 1071 and workforce needs).

Shirley Weber may re-introduce an ethnic studies 3-unit course requirement. The CSUs already do this, and a legislative prescription is not necessary. In addition, there are many course overlaps for ethnic diversity. Legislative efforts continue in Sacramento.

AVC James Minor: He has been attending meetings in Sacramento that he deemed "extraordinarily successful". A round-table included finance committee, education committee (chair), and College Futures Foundation representatives. They talked about leverages and challenges. Other comments included those about gratitude and persistence. A Graduate Initiative panel included CSSA members. A questions and answers portion was included.

Dr. Minor would like a fully funded GI 2025 (\$75 million).

One-half of CA senators are CSU graduates.

Dr. Minor presented a very preliminary overview of comparisons: 2017 student in developmental education, versus 2018 students in credit bearing classes. The pass rate was 70% compared to 69%. These results are "pretty positive".

APEP questioning WestEd about cohorts and categories. Senator Creadon asked if the data would be disaggregated; Dr. Minor said that it would. Some campuses held "common finals" and blind grading; the results were "overwhelmingly positive".

6.2. Executive Committee (ExComm) Liaison Jodie Ullman:

Senator Ullman reported that discussion was ongoing about the distribution of FTEs.

Next year, Exec. would like to produce a directory, perhaps in Dropbox, that would include senators' information and photographs.

They will be looking at committee preferences.

They are drafting a resolution thanking the Chancellor for the second-floor office space.

Chair Yee-Melichar asked Jodie to take back the following:

Thank Dean Kulju and Suzanne Philips for the helpful conversation regarding Cal Grant reform in relation to our Cal Grant B resolution.

Thank Gerry Hanley for his consultation on Course Hero and infringement of faculty intellectual property. (AA will not co-sponsor the Course Hero resolution at this time).

AA will have four resolutions for the Plenary: Cal Grant B, Closing the Achievement and Opportunity Gap, Border Issues and Separation of Families, and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Senator Ullman asked for feedback on the GE Task Force Conceptual Framework, a two-year task. Senator LoCasio said that student voice was needed. Structure, purpose, focus, and form were discussed.

6.3. Financial Aid and Cal Grant Program for Student Success:

Interim AVC Dr. Suzanne Phillips and Director of Student Financial Aid Services Dean Kulju

In 1970, it was presumed that low-income freshmen would attend a community college. Therefore, the CSU did not get funding for tuition from Cal Grant B.

The CSU funds it through State University Grants (SUGs).

If the Cal Grant B funded the freshmen, the SUG money could be repurposed to assist students in other ways. This is \$130 million!

6.4. Request for action on infringement of faculty intellectual property misused by commercial websites (Course Hero)

AVC Gerry Hanley

“Student behavior is the issue.” Dr. Handley provided screen shots of Course Hero. Their website included section on copyright (tutorial),” copyright dispute, terms of use, method to ask that they take down an item, costs, and ways to defray some costs.

Education Code section 66450 addressed copyright and plagiarism in 2004, and Title 5 section 41301 has Standards for Student Conduct.

Bakersfield has an Academic Integrity Policy on their website. Do all campuses have published policies? Add copyright infringement” to plagiarism notification; leverage existing procedures.

A suggestion was to use AAs new Resolution 5 and develop a new resolution with ASCSU, Open Education, and the CO.

7. Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports

In the interest of time, reports will be uploaded to AA Dropbox for information and review.

8. Resolutions (see [Dropbox for materials](#))

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

8.1. Resolution on “A Call for the Inclusion of Tuition in the Cal Grant B Program for Freshman”

James LoCasio and Cynthia Trevisan

FGA will co-sponsor.

AA endorsed the Chancellor’s memo.

8.2. Resolution on “Closing the Achievement Gap and Increasing College Completer Outcomes and Success for Undergraduate CSU Students”

Nola Butler-Byrd and Darlene Yee-Melichar

The focus was changed to undergraduates. Resolved 3 will be modified.

8.3. Proposed resolution on “Border Issues and Separation of Families: Impact on Students, Faculty and Staff in the CSU”

Nola Butler-Byrd and Ann Strahm

FA may co-sponsor.

- 8.4. Proposed resolution on “The Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Higher Education”
Simon Rodan
AA committee members will read and comment on the white paper prior to the February interim meeting.
- 8.5. Resolution on “Misappropriation of CSU Faculty Instructional Materials by Course Hero”
(co-sponsor with FA)
AA will not co-sponsor at this time, and the resolution will be withdrawn.
- 8.6. Resolution on “Increased Funding for the Electronic Core Collection (ECC)”
(co-sponsor with FGA)
Reviewed and approved.
- 8.7. Resolution on “Creation of California State University Discipline Councils”
(co-sponsor with APEP)
Reviewed and approved.

9. Discussion Items (see [Dropbox for materials](#))

- 9.1. Impact of AI on curriculum and on structure/delivery of education
Simon Rodan, Nola Butler-Byrd, Susan Schlievert, and Darlene Yee-Melichar
(See 8.4)
- 9.2. General Education (GE) Task Force Progress Report, Discussion and Feedback
(See 6.2)
- 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 and alumni perspectives on what student success means to them. Darlene will confer with CSSA to facilitate the process with a resulting resolution in March.
- 9.4. Referral from ASCSU Executive Committee: Professors of Practice; Clinical Faculty
This will be discussed at the next meeting, if information from FA is forthcoming.

10. Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to ASCSU Resolutions

http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/co_response/index.shtml

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

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. Chair Yee-Melichar thanked the committee for a productive meeting. She reminded everyone about 7pm dinner at Open Sesame; all welcome.