



Academic Affairs (AA) Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 15, 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

Chair Yee-Melichar welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 11:00am. In attendance were Senators Yee-Melichar (Chair), Schlievert (Vice Chair), Butler-Boyd, Creadon, LoCascio, Millar, Reeder, Rodan, Trevisan, Urey, AVP Minor and AVC Wrynn.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

The Agenda was approved with two additions from FAC.

3. Approval of Minutes for November 7, 2018

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

The Minutes were approved unanimously. Senator Yee-Melichar expressed much appreciation to Senator Schlievert for her excellent meeting notes.

4. Campus and Member Announcements

We're almost done for this academic year! Lots of student success stories celebrated at campus commencements and honor ceremonies.

5. Chair's Report

5.1. Extended Executive Committee meeting

- Chair Nelson will serve as the liaison to AA from Exec. today.
- Senator Ullman not with us this Plenary; please sign get well card for her.
- Addendum to Chair Nelson's report- a theme that came up with AB 1460 (Weber) was similar to administrative arguments about EO 1100 revised. Assemblyperson Weber says AB 1460 is not about curriculum. Weber had consulted with faculty; CFA is faculty. As long as we are not telling you what to do in the classroom, we are not infringing on academic freedom. I need to listen to all faculty, we are not telling you what to do.
- Update on AB 1460 (Weber) scheduled to be heard in Appropriations tomorrow; June 5- July 3 heard in Senate last chance for amendments; FGA how to amend the bill-timeline, courses that satisfy
- CSSA asked ASCSU to write a letter supporting second Student Trustee to vote; singles out that one student as the only BOT member who cannot vote

- GE Task Force Report Resolutions: Two competing resolutions, at plenary do something about substitution. Perfect first one and second, then vote. Then vote on second one, if needed. Concern about faculty thinking they had opportunity to provide feedback all summer. Chair was careful to avoid this contradiction. Will portal be taken down? We still could have AA/APEP talk about ideas like changes and other areas of the report. A key is the rejection of the process versus content. We know this is part of the conversation.
- Committee charge- A member of the Executive Committee voiced concern about the standing committees not following their charge and infringing on other committees. Are committees straying from their charge? If so, dissolve committees and have interest groups. Example of FA resolution on Ethnic Studies.

6. Liaison Reports

6.1. Chancellor's Office (CO) Liaisons

a) AVC Alison Wrynn

- Dr. Wrynn said that the Occupational Therapy proposal is moving forward in the legislature.
- The California Community Colleges are concerned about AB 1460. The state will have to pay for it.
- CSU-CCC-ICAS review of G.E. is in progress.
- San Bernardino was given an extension for EO 1110. Cal Poly has asked.

b) AVC James Minor

- Dr. Minor thanked members of the Academic Affairs Committee for their collaboration.
- He discussed the Quantitative Reasoning proposal to increase the high school requirement to four years. Should it be required in the senior year? It could be in categories C, D, or G. If it is not offered at the student's high school, the student could request an exemption.
- He announced that the Faculty Innovation and Leadership Awards were fully funded for two years.
- A Podcast series, Innovation in Higher Ed., is in production. Oliver Wang from CSU Long Beach hosts, and AVC Minor is the Executive Producer. The first podcast features Rajee Amarasinghe from Fresno State.
- He met with APEP about WestEd's examination of Early Start. Conversations included conceptual agreements versus administrative complications.
- There will be increased communications with campuses about GI 2025. The goal is to have 40% of students graduate in four years; currently the percent is nineteen.
- On behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee, Chair Yee-Melichar thanked AVC Minor and AVC Wrynn for the thoughtful notes and books that they gave to members of the AA committee.

6.2. Executive Committee (Exec) Liaison

- Chair Catherine Nelson served as Exec liaison to AA today.

- The Executive Committee supports Ethnic Studies, but not AB 1460 (Weber). Exec endorsed the anti-Racism training. They are expecting a budget update from AVC Van Cleeve in June 2019.
- She talked about the two GETF Resolutions proposed for the Plenary, as well as the calendar for next year.
- She asked about a list of suggestions for next year's Executive Committee. We asked if there will be an Academic Conference?
- Chair Yee-Melichar sent AA's committee report back to Exec: 1) Impact of AI on Higher Ed rationale and sections of the White Paper were revised; 2) Endorsement of Process- Student Success Data have been collected; 3) Engineering Model Curricula (will need waiver); 4) Fostering a Welcoming and Safe Environment for African-American students (co-sponsor)

6.3. **Campus Climate Data with attention on Racism and Hate Crimes**

(see Dropbox for data)

Suzanne Phillips (Interim AVC, Student Academic Services) and Ray Murillo (Director, Student Programs, Academic and Student Affairs) presented the NCHA 2017 report (a representative sample of 23,000 students), the Clery report, and the CSU Student Health, Wellness, and Safety Report. Issues in these reports are impediments to academic achievement. Transgender students are more at risk.

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

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

Reports for meetings are found in our AA Committee Dropbox for some of these:

- 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. “The Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Higher Education”
Simon Rodan
The proposed Resolution was edited after multiple recommendations from the body.
- 8.2. Proposed resolution on “Endorsement of the Student Success White Paper Process”
Susan Schlievert.
Additional Perspectives were discussed, while “student voices” remained the focus.
Proposed resolution on “Endorsement of Engineering Model Curriculum to Receive the Same Special Admissions Guarantees Upon Transfer to CSU as the Model Transfer Curriculum (TMC)”
Jim LoCascio
More explanations were added, there was collaboration and support from CCC, and APEP will co-sponsor.

9. Discussion Items (see Dropbox for materials)

- 9.1. Impact of AI on curriculum and on structure/delivery of education
(See 8.1)
- 9.2. As a follow-up to the CO response to our ASCSU White Paper on Student Success,
(See 8.2)
- 9.3. “Proposed resolution on “Endorsement of Engineering Model Curriculum to Receive the Same Special Admissions Guarantees Upon Transfer to CSU as the Model Transfer Curriculum (TMC)” (See 8.3)
- 9.4. General Education (GE) Task Force Final Report
There are two Resolutions about the GETF Report that will be presented at the Plenary.
- 9.5. Campus Climate Data with attention on Racism and Hate Crimes.
Nola discussed “Fostering a Welcoming and Safe Campus Climate for African-American Students” and Ethnic Studies curricula.
- 9.6. Referral from Faculty Affairs Committee: “In Support of Ethnic Studies Curricula in the CSU.”

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

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

AA appreciates the Chancellor's Office responses to our resolutions.

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

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

AA acknowledged 3 information items: 1) Graduate Education in the CSU, 2) Recognition of the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation's Investment in Educator Preparation, and 3) California State University Institute for Palliative Care.

12. New Business

Chair Yee-Melichar thanked the AA Committee for a very productive year. She wished everyone a rewarding summer recess.

13. Adjournment was at 5:00 p.m.

Please join us at L'Opera for a 6pm dinner in recognition of Senators Jim LoCascio and Jeffrey Reeder as they rotate off the ASCSU.