

**ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES
MEETING #7**

Thursday, February 1, 2018, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Towner Auditorium (PSY 150)

1. CALLED TO ORDER 2:05 p.m.
2. APPROVED AGENDA (unanimous consent)
3. APPROVED MINUTES AND ATTENDANCE SHEET (unanimous consent)
 - 3.1 Academic Senate Meeting of November 30, 2017
4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS
 - 4.1 Executive Committee [EC]: Announcements (Chair):
 - 4.1.1 Thanks to those who stepped up when Norbert was absent: J. Pandya, Stewart, Fischer, and Frear.
 - 4.1.2 **Revising CSULB GE Policy—the plan.** GEGC, CEPC, EC, and administrators got together for a workshop on the future of GE @ CSULB. OUTCOMES: (1) Will survey campus and (2) have open forums about GE over the next 2 months. Then (3) the above groups will retreat again and hammer out elements of a possible policy based on the input from the survey and faculty conversations. (4) CEPC will draft the policy. (5) Hope to present a revised GE policy to the Academic Senate in fall 2018, (6) and then pass off on a Senate-amended version and send it to the President for signature within one year—by May 2019.
 - 4.1.3 Dave Hood (former Senate chair, parliamentarian, and ASCSU representative) and Arlene Lazarowitz, both former stalwart senators, passed during winter break. On 2/6/18 a remembrance was held in the Anatol Center.
 - 4.2 Nominating Committee—Nomination for a vacancy from CAPS needed—Kirstyn Chun nominated self. Elected by acclamation.
 - 4.3 Academic Senate Consent Calendar—no business.
5. SPECIAL ORDERS:
 - 5.1 Report from CSULB President Jane Conoley: TIME CERTAIN 2:30 pm—
 - 5.1.1 **Budget cuts to campus:** We are running scenarios. Need to find \$1.5-3 million [=MM]? Planning to search for \$2MM of continuing money. Will slow down one new expenditures instead of cutting. “Can we hire?” would be a question asked. The **Japanese garden** is starting to charge admission. This is evidence that we’ll have to work to cover expenses for even well-loved things. The state’s budgetary process is dysfunctional and this dysfunction affects us. Government budgeting process is unsustainable for long term planning for the University.

- 5.1.2 Question on **Graduation Ceremony**: Can you give us reasons for the venue change for the graduation ceremony? Some of the criticisms that have surfaced have to do with no live music, non-consultation with affected users, lack of natural shade, and impacts on planning departmental and college graduation events and receptions.
- 5.1.2.1 Pres.: (1) The new graduation ceremony plan would save us about \$100K. (2) there is less liability exposure from falls, etc., lower shuttle costs, and the like. If it becomes a disaster we will go back to the upper campus. We do not want to raise the graduation fee the students pay (might have to if don't take steps to reduce costs). The president apologizes for lack of consultation—she was given a plan and was not aware that some might not have been consulted. [The Provost has since proposed to the EC to add faculty and student members to the Commencement Committee]. Live music will be the first thing that will come back. [Private donor funds have since been found to fund live music].
- 5.1.3 Question: **Long Beach State Univ. tag** [instead of “California State University, Long Beach”] is appearing on BeachBoard. Reasons?
- 5.1.4 Question: **Plans for future faculty housing?** Pres.: pushing for mortgage origination service like at UCs. This way you buy in market but own it. Bellflower YMCA is expanding or moving. We've asked about building housing on top.
- 5.2 Report from CFA President Doug Domingo-Forasté—
- 5.2.1 **Dues Increase**: 1.05% of gross to 1.35%. Approximately, a 30% increase.
- 5.2.2 Our USEIU got their contract approved—congratulations.
- 5.2.3 **Janus v. ASCME** case at Supreme Court. Janus feels fair share dues are an impingement on free speech. **What the Union does with dues**: Union uses a portion of dues to (1) lobby legislators on behalf of the University and is more effective than some (2) it represents people in labor issues on the campus—e.g., faculty disciplined or accused of something, faculty with tenure and promotion appeals, or grievances—for arbitrations on all these they represent us. (3) Also it negotiates raises and benefits. Usually individuals have little power in negotiating such. **Who are CFA members?** 64% of faculty are members; 36% pay fair share (a similar amount for those who have not elected membership); a couple have religious objections to union dues and they give an equivalent to a charity off of the Chancellor's Office list. **Janus outcomes**: Expect Janus to win. [Wages tend to fall after RTW rulings or legislation become law]. If the Supreme Court surprises us, DDF will propose a dues reduction to the union assembly.
- 5.3 Report from ASCSU (Academic Senate CSU, aka Statewide Senate)—Praveen Soni. PowerPoint Report. Some headlines:

- 5.3.1 ASCSU is the voice of the faculty systemwide. Tries to preserve campus autonomy. Meets 5x/yr. See <http://Calstate.edu/acadsen> for more information.
- 5.3.2 **Governor's budget proposal for next year** gives \$92 million [=MM] in new money to the CSU = a 2.7% increase. Not sufficient to meet mandatory costs including salary raises of \$153MM. Total need was \$283MM less \$92MM leaves a gap = \$171MM. Student tuition increase may be considered [but is off the table for consideration until May and, in any case, would not cover the residual shortfall].
- 5.3.3 "Tenure Density Task Force Report" to Chancellor: CSU Admin. participated in developing *but was not a signatory*—perhaps because there were no goals in the report?
- 5.3.4 CO wants evidence on budgeted \$\$ utilization by CSUs.
- 5.3.5 "Resolution for Project Rebound" [CSU in prison] got approved. Waiting for a line item budget from the governor.
- 5.3.6 After 1st reading, ASCSU Opposed "State mandated online learning lab"—keep governor out of curriculum design.
- 5.3.7 More counseling support services, could have impact on student success. Asked for line item funding.
- 5.3.8 See report at website above for additional recommendations.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 6.1 Revision: **Policy on Graduate Studies 700** (GS 700) (AS-1041-17/CEPC)—SECOND READING—some progress was made on revising. Ended with discussion of who could approve GS 700s at various levels of administration and at what points in time. Senators were asked to submit amendments to this policy in advance for the next Senate meeting. [GS 700 allows graduate students who have finished all course work to register for the cost of one unit as they complete a thesis, dissertation, or project, or prepare for comprehensive exams. The policy developed out of concern for possible excessive use of this option and students languishing without guidance].

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 **BA in Biochemistry** (AS-1045-17/CEPC/URC)—FIRST READING: TIME CERTAIN 3:00 pm—Chris Brazier, chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry presented: The BA (in addition to the existing BS) will give flexibility to students in the Biochemistry baccalaureate program. Question: Confused as to advantages for BS v. BA? CB: PhD-interested students are advised into the BS. Have BA in Chemistry now in the catalog which provides proof of concept (for an analogous BA in Biochemistry). Pre-meds now choose the BA in Chemistry; graduate school prospects take the BS.
 - 7.1.1 CB asked to waive the first reading (so that we might proceed to the 2nd reading and possible immediate approval). An objection was raised because the full proposal had not been posted on the AS website in

anticipation of this meeting. This proposal will return to the AS agenda for 2nd reading.

- 7.2 **Policy on Reassigned Time for Exceptional Levels of Service to Students (AS-1044-17/FPPC)**—FIRST READING—Senator Colburn and Chair of FPPC: We need a more formal policy. This proposal follows the CBA contract language closely.
8. ADJOURNED at 4:00 PM.