



## General Faculty Senate Meeting

**Time: 11:00 am 12:15 pm**

### Minutes

**4/22/2021**

In attendance:

Dinesh Pinisetty (Chair), Wil Tsai, Margot Hanson, Julie Simons, Cynthia Trevisan, Elizabeth McNie (Vice Chair), Ali Moradmand, Colin Dewey, Christine Isakson, Frank Yip, Mike Holden, Tony Lewis, Tamara Burback, Matt Fairbanks, Steve Browne, and some guests from faculty and administration.

#### **1. Call to Order and Minutes Approval**

- Chair called the meeting to order.
- Minutes approval for 3/25 minutes. There were some minor edits requested of the Secretary, who adjusted the minutes accordingly.
- *Senator Dewey moved to approve with proposed amendments. Hanson seconded. No objections.*

#### **2. Senate Chair Updates**

- Update on course classification system: Dean Neto is presenting to various groups on this subject. Chairs/Deans have been informed. Senate Executive Committee is next. Curriculum Committee will follow. Dean Neto agreed to present to the General Senate at a later date.
- All Senators have been categorized into two year staggered cycles. Chair Pinisetty thanked Senator Trevisan for her long record of service. Congratulations to Senator Setniker for her at-large election win. Congratulations to Senator Tsai for being elected the new ASCSU Senator. Senate Executive Committee elections are upcoming.
- Senator Dewey question on the course classification issue. Where will the reforms, corrections, etc. be initiated? Senate? Administration? Chairs and Departments?
- Chair Pinisetty once the presentations happen, the University will need clear definitions on Curriculum Committee (CC) will be the lead in making these definitions.
- Senator Dewey

#### **3. Incorporation of Service Learning**

- JoEllen Myslik (Cal Maritime Coordinator of Community Engagement) and Anurag Pande presenting.
- Professor Anurag is a faculty at Cal Poly - SLO.

- Professor Anurag thanked the Chair for inviting him. We have a community of colleagues from a lot of CSU campuses that work on service learning. Wants to present on the benefits of service learning to students and community.
- Professor Anurag is a professor of civil engineering and faculty Cal Poly. The following notes summarize his presentation.
- Service learning was defined. Beneficial as an active learning strategy and strengthens the ties between the University at its surrounding community. Service learning integrates building these relationships into coursework - a \_\_\_\_\_ experience.
- Allows evaluation by students of their impact on local and global communities.
- Observing that impact helps with improved retention (Gallini and Moely, 2003).
- Benefits for faculty: connections with local organizations for professional development, sometimes stipends via CSU funding, and publication opportunities in service learning conference proceedings, etc.
- How to do service learning, and where do we start as faculty? It starts with courses and causes

relationships in the community, either personal ones or through JoEllen Myslik. Work with those community \_\_\_\_\_ Be sure to have meaningful reflection exercises. Without this, learning objectives for students are more difficult to assess and achieve.

program to identify courses that have a service component, and courses can have a little or be fully integrated. Growing the relationship with the community partner usually makes incorporating more service learning into your course easier, they can be involved in designing the projects, assessing the projects, etc. You don't \_\_\_\_\_ -fleshed out, perfect service learning course from the get go. Can start small and stay, or start small and grow. Either is fine

- Reviewed the timeline.

- Chair Pinisetty that was cited as a reason.
- Chair Pinisetty noted the IRA deadline is tomorrow.
- Senator Hanson for PMAG, Dean van Hoeck has (office) to get the process clearer and more efficient.
- Chang-Siu right now, the VPAT process is really long, 3-6 months. Talk to Tom Nordenholz about the VPAT process. It is crazy how inefficient it is for anything with a screen or software. Notes the importance of the goal of VPAT, but views IT personnel as less an enabler and more of a block to projects like his.
- Chair Pinisetty thanked Tolson (CIO) on the VPAT issue and that we will continue to work to make the process better.
- General Education (GE) Committee next. Senator Dewey presenting.
- Shared the draft policy. Many revisions to improve it. GE committee met, approved it for submission to the General Senate for approval and feedback.
- Membership was a point of significant discussion. The idea now is that there will one member per GE area. As far as non-voting representatives or people attending - anyone can attend and speak their mind. Formally, the non-voting reps are: representatives from departments not represented by any subject area experts, and a student representative.
- Senator Hanson noted importance of having subject matter experts but also not wanting a committee that is too large and unwieldy for scheduling. Thanked the GE committee members for their work.
- Senator Hanson about assessment and whether some of that language made it into the document.
- Senator Hanson Yes, in Section 1e in a way.
- Senator Dewey noted that the GE report that Sarah put together has a lot of good stuff in it, but most are issues that will need to be addressed in future efforts.
- Chair Pinisetty asked about the routing of paperwork for CCRs and GE committee business and whether Senate would be asked to weigh in. Senator Dewey wondered about the point of having a committee if the whole Senate needed to vote on all these things.
- Chang-Siu noted that moving to DocuSign or something might make the process digital, easy, and traceable so things move efficiently.
- Senator Isakson noted that the Registrar may be getting software for curriculum that might help with that process.
- Chair Pinisetty asked Senator Dewey to send the policy to him so that it can go out to all Senators for feedback prior to the second reading.

## 6. Retreat Resolution

- Chair Pinisetty introduced it, noted that Senator Yip wrote it up almost entirely on his own in a short timeframe.
- Senator Yip Tuesday (4/19 - 4/20). Shared his screen with the resolution text.
- Gave some background on the budgeting process in the Monday meeting. Noted that the items being discussed a sort of wish-list, budgets not yet certain, but that there is a lack of contextual

information about the budget requests. Previous requests look like some current requests. We funded, fully, partially, or not at all. What impact did it have? Etc.

- His view was that budgeting process should have all possible context so that informed decisions can be made about the current proposals.
- Senator Yip of.
- Noted the ranking process was odd, given that some things all seemed to be far away from the priority of others and yet had to be ranked sequentially 1 - 10.
- Senator Yip