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ABSENT

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EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair Warter-Perez convened the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

1. 1.1 Chair's Announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 I am pleased to announce that the following faculty have agreed to serve on the Faculty Perceptions of Performance of Administrators Committee: Anthony Hernandez, John Cleman, Veena Prabhu and Cari Flint (who will serve as the Executive Committee Liaison). Thank you for your willingness to serve.

1.1.2 I also wanted to give you an update regarding the Executive Committee. John Ramirez was unable to serve on Executive Committee for fall semester and has recently advised that he will not be returning to Senate in the spring semester. Emily Acevedo served as the next ranked at-large alternate for fall, however, she will be on Sabbatical in the spring. Therefore, we have asked Beth Hoffman as the next ranked at-large alternate to serve on the Executive Committee in the spring and she has accepted. John was elected to serve as the Secretary and Cari Flint served as the alternate for fall. According to the constitution, since there is now a vacancy in the Secretary position, we actually need to have senate elect a member from Exec to serve as Secretary. We will be holding nominations and an election at our next senate meeting.

1.1.3 At its meeting on October 6, the Executive Committee approved by Executive Action an editorial change to the policy: Evaluation of Temporary Instructional Faculty per a request from the Faculty Policy Committee. FPC's recommended changes modified lines 17 and 18 to align temporary faculty evaluation frequency with the semester calendar for those temporary faculty members whose evaluation calendar straddles both quarters and semesters. The Executive Committee further modified the policy in lines 16-19 by deleting language for the transitional period between quarters and semesters as that is an implementation issue that can be conveyed by Faculty Affairs.

The change in lines 16-19 is as follows: All other temporary faculty, at a minimum, shall be evaluated at the completion of TWO SEMESTERS OF TEACHING, or at the end of two years from the time of initial appointment or last review, whichever comes first.

This action will stand approved at the close of business today unless there is a request to agendaize it.

1.1.4 The Executive Committee will be holding two Town Hall meetings with lecturers to discuss representation on the Academic Senate. The first meeting will be held today, 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. and the second meeting will be held tomorrow, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., both of them in the KH B3012. If anyone wants to join us, you're more than welcome to.

1.1.5 In regards to Senator Acevedo's Concern from the Floor raised at the meeting of October 4, here is the response from Brian Griffin, Assistant General Manager/ Textbook Manager in the Bookstore:
First, is there a definite date as to when the University bookstore actually orders its books, given that faculty have a clear deadline as to when they must submit their book orders. There is no definite date that books are ordered but there is the definite deadline when the book orders are to be submitted by the departments.

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We guarantee that books for book orders that are received by us at the bookstore by the deadline will be on the shelves prior to the first day of classes. Books are ordered continually day-to-day as we source for USED books first and then lastly to the publisher for NEW copies to cover for the course enrollment. The deadline for the Fall book orders was 4/29/16.

Second, is there a policy as to how many books the University bookstore will actually order per class? This past semester, only one book was ordered for my POLS 3740 class (out of 40 students) and several students had to wait 3 weeks before they were able to get a book putting them behind in their readings. The amount of books ordered per course are made with many different factors including the edition, price, if technology is included and whether the book is required or recommended. I looked up the POLS 3740 class and 30 copies of the book were ordered for both sections in which we still have copies on the shelves. For the first section, we were never out of the book as we just carried it over from the previous term; as for the second section, the book was ordered late (8/9/16) which does directly affect the timing of the books arrival to the bookstore. We do strive to get all book ordered by the timeline that is communicated out by the Presidents' message and once we have received those book orders we source them accordingly. Last year we did have a Faculty Focus day where faculty and/or department coordinators can come check or submit their book adoptions prior to the deadline where we only had 20 attendees. Please let us know if there is any other information that would be helpful and we also are planning to have a Faculty Focus Day on October 25th, from 1pm-5pm where faculty or department coordinators can come by and check on their book adoptions and or submit them.

- 1.2 Senator Ackerman announced: As the largest public university system in the country, the CSU can send a strong signal to educators nationally and to our communities that Cal State LA's faculty, staff, administrators, and students stand with the vulnerable in these uncertain times. We would like to bring to the floor the discussion of an unequivocal, public declaration of our university's support for and protection of undocumented people and their families on our campus. We all know the statistics. There are close to 1,100 AB540 non-resident students at Cal State LA which totals about 8% of the total campus population. But this percentage fails to reflect the larger impact in the community we serve.

At least 36 campuses nationwide are calling for sanctuary campuses. Please, consider declaring our campus a sanctuary. It will send both a real and symbolic message to all those affected. No one on campus remains untouched by the strong emotions and potential consequences. A resolution will be proposed next Academic Senate meeting.

CONCERNS FROM THE FLOOR

2. None.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

3. None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. It was m/s/p (Bodinger-deUriarte) to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2016 (ASM 16-9).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

5. 5.1 It was m/s/ (Prabhu) to approve the agenda.
5.2 It was m/s/p (Prabhu) to add "Senate Reaffirmation of Campus Values" as a First-Reading Item and new item 8.
5.3 It was m/s/p (Riggio) to add "Declaration of our Campus as Sanctuary for Undocumented Students" as a First-Reading Item and new item 9.
5.4 The agenda was approved as amended.

6. Chair Warter-Perez presented her report.
7. Provost Mahoney presented her report and yielded to Nancy Wada-McKee, Vice President for Student Life.
8. 8.1 It was m/s/ (Acevedo) to approve the recommendation.
8.2 It was m/s/p (Baaske) to waive the rules and move this item to a Second-Reading Item.
8.3 Senator Riggio suggested a friendly amendment to insert , STAFF after “faculty” in line 21. No objections were raised.
8.4 It was m/s/f (Allen) to add THAT OF after “and” in line 4.
8.5 Senator Acevedo suggested an editorial amendment to change “community” to “communitIES” in line 4. No objections were raised.
8.6 It was m/s/p (Allen) to insert AND DIALOG WITH after “towards” in line 6.
8.7 It was m/s/ (Heubach) to delete will seek to after “and”, change “promote” to “promoteS”, and delete also after “while” in line 6.
8.8 Senator Bezdecny suggested a friendly amendment replace “others” with ONE ANOTHER after “WITH” in line 6. No objections were raised.
8.9 It was m/s/p (Ackerman) to delete towards and WITH ONE ANOTHER while in line 6.
8.10 It was m/s/ (Riggio) to insert DIGNITY after “their” in line 4.
8.11 Senator Harris suggested a friendly amendment to insert a comma after DIGNITY and delete “their” in lines 4-5. Objections were raised.
8.12 The Riggio motion failed.
8.13 It was m/s/p (Baaske) to amend the sentence to read: The outcome of the election has failed to alley this fear and tension and has left many members of our Cal State LA community concerned about their dignity, personal safety and communities.
8.14 Senator Harris suggested an editorial amendment to delete would like to after “Senate” and change “reaffirm” to “reaffirmS” in line 8. No objections were raised.
8.15 Senator Roy suggested an editorial amendment to delete have and will after “we” and to strive after “continue” in line 9. No objections were raised.
8.16 Senator Mendez suggested a friendly amendment to insert SUPPORTIVE before “DIALOGUE” in line 4.
8.17 Senator Dizadji-Bahmani suggested to replace SUPPORTIVE with CONSTRUCTIVE. No objections were raised.
8.18 Senator Acevedo suggested that the document be reviewed for consistency with the tenses.
8.19 The recommendation was APPROVED with the proviso that Senator’s Harris and Roy would review for consistency with the tenses.
9. It was m/s/p (Prabhu) to adjourn at 2:58 p.m.

SENATE CHAIR’S REPORT

PROVOST’S REPORT

SENATE REAFFIRMATION OF
CAMPUS VALUES

ADJOURNMENT