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ABSENT

T. Bettcher, C. Blaszczynski, B. Hoffman, R. Schoepflin, H. Yu

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair Prabhu convened the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

1. 1.1 Chair's Announcements:

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1.1.1 Welcome back to Spring 2017. I hope you had a great break.

1.1.2 Thank you to the immediate past chair, Nancy Warter-Perez, for her service to the Academic Senate and shared governance. Chair Prabhu yielded the floor to past chair, Nancy Hunt, who also thanked Nancy Warter-Perez.

1.1.3 President Covino sent the following message to the campus:

Dear University Community:

I am writing to reaffirm the statement issued earlier today by Chancellor White and the CSU Presidents regarding the executive order issued this weekend by President Trump.

For many in our community, this executive order has caused fear and uncertainty. I want to assure you that we value our international students, faculty and staff; they are a vital part of the Cal State LA community. Their safety and well-being, and that of their families, is of utmost importance.

We are assessing the impact of the executive order on our community. For now, we recommend that students, faculty and staff from the countries included in the executive order, and anyone who feels uncertain about international travel, remain in the United States and seek the advice of an immigration attorney. We will provide updates as information becomes available.

Cal State LA does not support measures that undermine the values of our community. We pride ourselves on our unity and our diversity.

1.1.4 Chancellor White issued the following message jointly with CSSA President Lopez, Christine Miller and all 23 campus presidents:

The California State University is committed to being an inclusive and welcoming institution of higher education that is enhanced by the students, faculty, staff and alumni from our global community.

We are deeply troubled by President Trump's recent executive order that stands in stark contrast to the fundamental tenets of the California State University. We believe in the free exchange of ideas globally, central to which is our ability to welcome and interact with those from around the world.

When something threatens our ability to think beyond our borders and learn from the world as a whole, we will oppose it. When something impacts anyone in our CSU community – especially the most vulnerable – it impacts us all.

Therefore, we oppose the divisiveness of the recent executive order, and we stand with state and national officials in requesting that the President reconsider this policy.

1.1.5 I found this quote of the day in the Chronicle of Higher Education: "The damage already done to the lawful freedoms and opportunities of our students and colleagues, here and around the world, is undeniable and indefensible."

- Amy Gutman, president of the University of Pennsylvania, on President Trump's executive order on immigration. The university had previously shied away from publicly criticizing Mr. Trump, an alumnus of the institution.

1.1.6 During fall semester we had three successful administrative searches. I'd like to welcome and congratulate Dr. Cheryl Ney, Dean of the Charter College of Education; Dr. Octavio Villalpando, Vice Provost for Diversity and Engaged

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Learning and Chief Diversity Officer for Academic and Student Life; and Dr. Michael Caldwell, Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs.

- 1.1.7 I would like to take the time to welcome our new Senators. Please stand and introduce yourself.
- 1.1.8 We also have new Senate officers. I will be serving as the Chair, Cari Flint as Vice-Chair and we will be nominating and electing a new Secretary from our current at-large members later in this meeting.
- 1.1.9 Additionally, Beth Hoffman has advised that she will have to step down from the Executive Committee. Therefore, we will also be holding nominations and elections for two at-large positions on the Executive Committee.
- 1.1.10 Victor Viesca will be replacing Beth Hoffman on the Ad Hoc Advisory Selection Committee for the AVP and Dean of Undergraduate Studies position.
- 1.1.11 On November 30, 2016, President Covino returned unsigned the Proposed New Policy: Graduate Studies Subcommittee advising he would approve the policy with the following changes:
Line 7: after the word “studies” add “and PaGE”
Line 13: add the following sentence “Policies concerning PaGE include but are not limited to applicability of extension credit to graduate degree programs and offering regular courses and graduate programs through PaGE.”
Line 18: after the phrase “graduate studies” add “and PaGE.”
- At its meeting on December 1, 2016, the Executive Committee approved by Executive Action the recommended changes with the following amendment to lines 7 and 18: GRADUATE COURSES AND/OR PROGRAMS OFFERED BY PAGE. This action will stand approved at the close of business today unless there is a request to agendaize it.
- 1.1.12 You should have received by email the following Senate meeting schedule for Spring 2017:
January 31: Regular meeting
February 7: Regular meeting including presentation by ASI President Kayla Stamps
February 14: No meeting (Please note, the Spring Convocation is scheduled from 2:30pm-4:30pm)
February 21: Regular meeting including Emeriti visit and presentation by VP for Student Life, Nancy Wada-Mckee and Dean of Students, Jen Miller
February 28: Regular meeting (Quasi Meeting of the Whole – Representation on Senate)
March 7: No meeting
March 14: Regular meeting including State of the University Library Address by Dean of Library, Carlos Rodriguez
March 21: Regular meeting
March 28: No meeting (Spring break)
April 4: Regular meeting
April 11: Regular meeting
April 18: Regular meeting
April 25: Dedicated meeting: Distinguished Lecture on Engagement, Service and the Public Good
May 2: Regular meeting
May 9: Regular meeting including Organizational Meeting 2017-18 Senators & Election of Officers
- 1.1.13 We are seeking faculty to serve on three strategic planning consultative groups for Spring 2017: Graduation 2025, An Inclusive Campus, and A Great Place to Work. More details to follow.

- 1.2 Dean Brown announced: Graduate Thesis Workshops, Spring 2017
Getting Started on the Thesis: This workshop is intended for graduate students who have just advanced to candidacy and/or have recently begun thesis research units.
 Thursday, March 2, 2017, 3:15–4:45 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 3:15–4:45 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 5–6:30 p.m.
Thesis Formatting and Submission: ONLY students who expect to complete and submit the thesis in Spring 2017 may register for this workshop.
 Thursday, March 9, 2017, 3:15–4:45 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 5–6:30 p.m.
 Monday, March 20, 2017, 3:15–4:45 p.m.
 Friday, April 7, 2017, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon
 Thursday, April 13, 2017, 5–6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 3:15–4:45 p.m.
Graduate Thesis & Dissertation: Deadlines, Spring 2017
 April 28 - 12 noon - Priority deadline for preliminary review
 May 5 - 12 noon - Deadline to upload complete draft of thesis/dissertation for official review
 May 19 - 12 noon - Deadline to submit GS-13 form, complete defense, and upload final draft
 Candidate will receive notification of acceptance by May 26.

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2. Senator Bakeer Abdul-Jabbaar raised the following concern: Colleagues: I want to commend CSULA's Academic Senate for being pro-active in addressing the concerns of Muslim Students and other affected populations by passing the Post-Election Academic Senate Resolution in Fall 2016. This resolution anticipated the new president and his cabinet's impending actions. President Trump's recent Executive Order 13769, which directly negatively impacts our Muslim Students and their families, including refugees and legal permanent residents from the seven majority Muslim's countries (Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Libya, and Somalia) makes the Academic Senate's resolution both timely and comforting to our students. As a campus that is committed to the safety and protection of its students, let us continue to be mindful of the unique challenges that our Muslim students, and other vulnerable students under this administration, will face in the coming years.
3. None.
4. It was m/s/p (Hunt) to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 29, 2016 (ASM 16-12).
5. 5.1 It was m/s/ (Hunt) to approve the agenda.
 5.2 It was m/s/p (Baaske) to move item 16 to item 12 and renumber the remaining items.
 5.3 The agenda was approved as amended.
6. Chair Prabhu passed on presenting her report.
7. Provost Mahoney presented her report.
8. 8.1 It was m/s/ (Flint) to nominate Senator Baaske.
 8.2 By acclamation, K. Baaske was elected to serve as Academic Senate Secretary.

CONCERNS FROM THE FLOOR

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

PROVOST'S REPORT

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION:
 ACADEMIC SENATE SECRETARY

NOMINATIONS AND
ELECTION: EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE AT- LARGE
MEMBERS

NOMINATIONS: AD HOC
ADVISORY SELECTION
COMMITTEE: DEAN OF
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
AND ECONOMICS

PROPOSED POLICY
MODIFICATION: STUDY
LOAD FOR GRADUATE
STUDENTS - RETURNED
UNSIGNED, FACULTY
HANDBOOK, CHAPTER IV
(15-23.1)

First-Reading Item

INCENTIVIZING RESEARCH-
ACTIVE FACULTY AT CALI-
STATE UNIVERSITY,
LOS ANGELES RESOLUTION
(16-13) - *Second-Reading Item*

ADJOURNMENT

9. 9.1 It was m/s/ (Baaske) to nominate Senator Hatfield.
- 9.2 It was m/s/ (Flint) to nominate Senator Washington.
- 9.3 By acclamation, J. Hatfield and G. Washington were elected to serve as at-large members of the Executive Committee.
10. 10.1 Chair Prabhu reported to the body that the following faculty have already been nominated: Gustavo Menezes, Civil Engineering; Mark Tufenkjian, Civil Engineering; Mark Wild, History; and Stephanie Nelson, Technology and opened the floor for additional nominations.
- 10.2 There were no additional nominations from the floor.
11. 11.1 It was m/s/ (Flint) to approve the recommendation (15-23.1).
- 11.2 A five minute question and discussion period took place.
12. 12.1 It was m/s/ (Baaske) to delete the following lines:
Resolved: That Cal State LA establish a Center for Faculty and Student FORNIA Research to complement the existing Center for Effective Teaching and Learning and Center for Engagement, Service and the Public Good on our campus. The new Center would coordinate research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students and pair them with research active faculty; and be it further
- 12.2 Debate ensued.
- 12.3 The Baaske motion was APPROVED. (V: 22/7)
13. It was m/s/p (Flint) to continue document 16-13 as a second-reading item and adjourn at 2:53 p.m.