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ABSENT

E. Acevedo, G. Fried-Amilivia, J. Hatfield, A. Hernandez, AD. Williams

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair Warter-Perez convened the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

1. 1.1 Chair's Announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's graduation 2025 kickoff where faculty, students, staff, and administrators came together to start to brainstorm on how we can work together to achieve our 2025 goals. As defined by the CSU System 2025 Graduation Initiative, our 4 year graduation rate target for first time freshman (FTF) is 30% (currently 8.8%), our 6 year target for FTF is 55% (currently 45.5%), our 2 year target for transfer students is 36% (33.4% now), and our 4 year target for transfer students is 81% (69.2% now). We also have a goal to close the achievement gap to 0% for both underrepresented minorities and Pell recipients (currently at 9.7% and 6.3% for FTF 6 year rate, respectively).

1.1.2 You should have all received a call for nominations for the Wang Family Excellence Award. Nominations are due to the senate office by this Thursday, October 13 before 5 p.m. As a reminder, "The purpose of the Wang Family Excellence award is to recognize and celebrate those CSU Faculty who, through extraordinary commitment and dedication, have distinguished themselves by exemplary contributions and achievement in their academic disciplines, while having a discernable effect on students." The External Awards Nominating Committee will review nominations and recommend to the President one faculty member in each of the following academic disciplines:

- visual and performing arts and letters;
- natural sciences, mathematical and computer science and engineering
- social and behavioral sciences and public service; and
- education, and professional and applied sciences.

1.1.3 You also should have received a call for the WSCUC (formerly WASC) Steering Committee. Please consider who would be a good representative from your college/Library. The WSCUC Steering Committee faculty representatives should have experience in assessment, the drafting of self-studies, program review, and, preferably, some experience with accreditation. The Steering Committee will meet very regularly beginning later this fall and meet throughout the Spring semester and summer. In Fall 2017, the Steering Committee will review the draft with the university community and make needed recommendations for submission. Anyone who would like to be considered for the WSCUC Steering Committee, should submit an email detailing their interest and relevant experience and attach a current CV and send to the Senate office AcademicSenate@calstatela.edu by Monday, October 17.

1.1.4 At its meeting on October 6, the Executive Committee approved by Executive Action editorial changes for two policies: Evaluation of Permanent Counselor Faculty and Evaluation of Temporary Counselor Faculty. The changes are as follows: Both policies are changing Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs to DEAN OF STUDENTS, inserting THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER DIRECTOR as an example of who will take over if there is no CAPS director, and addressing the levels of review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
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- 1.1.5 Since the last Senate meeting, President Covino has approved the following Senate recommendations
- Proposed Policy Deletion: 5000-Level Units in Graduate Certificate Programs , Faculty Handbook, Chapter IV, effective fall 2016
  - Proposed New Policy: Policy for Establishing Graduate Program Admissions Procedures, Faculty Handbook, Chapter IV, effective fall 2016.
- The Faculty Handbook is being updated to include these approved policies.

1.2 Provost Mahoney announced: Please join me on October 18, 3-5PM, in FA143 for a workshop based on the University of Washington’s “Interrupting Bias in the Faculty Search Process” program. This highly regarded workshop provides opportunities for us all to create better search processes and become better equipped to identify subtle biases and engage our colleagues on assumptions of competence and fit. While all department chairs are encouraged to attend, departments with active searches must send at least one representative, including a member of the search committee.

1.3 CFA Observer, M. Talcott announced: Both the CSU board of trustees and CFA have endorsed proposition 55. Although prop 55 funds K through 14, if it does not pass, there will be another big hole in the general fund. I’m inviting you to help us phone bank for prop 55. It’s not a controversial proposition, but there are 17 props on the November ballot, which is cause for concern. Please get in touch with me if you would like to help us phone bank for prop 55. Thanks.

CONCERNS FROM THE FLOOR

2. Senator Aniol raised the following concern: ITS is planning to remove all websites from Cal State LA’s server if they are not migrated to Drupal by December 1. This is in the last week of the semester. I have students accessing my websites until the end of the semester. I am asking that ITS delay the Drupal migration at least until the end of the Fall semester. I also ask that all faculty and research pages be accessible during the break before Spring semester starts so that faculty can make an orderly transition to Drupal.

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 4, 2016 (ASM 16-7).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

5. It was m/s/p (Prabhu) to approve the agenda.

SENATE CHAIR’S REPORT

6. Chair Warter-Perez presented her report.

REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

7. President Covino presented campus updates. A Q&A period followed.

PROPOSED NEW POLICY: GRADUATE STUDIES SUBCOMMITTEE, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER II (16-5)  
*First-Reading Item*

8. 8.1 It was m/s/ (Bodinger-deUriarte) to approve the recommendation 16-5).
- 8.2 A five minute question and discussion period took place.
- 8.3 It was m/s/p (Bodinger-deUriarte) to extend the question and discussion period an additional five minutes.

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER II (16-6) *First-Reading Item*

9. 9.1 It was m/s/ (Bakeer Abdul-Jabbaar) to approve the recommendation (16-6).
- 9.2 A five minute question and discussion period took place.

10. It was m/s/ (Bodinger-deUriarte) to approve the recommendation (16-7).

11. It was m/s/p (Riggio) to adjourn at 2:38 p.m.

PROPOSED POLICY DELETION:  
THE GENERAL EDUCATION  
HONORS PROGRAM, FACULTY  
HANDBOOK, CHAPTER IV (16-7)  
*First-Reading Item*

ADJOURNMENT