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ABSENT

Chair Bettcher convened the (Zoom) meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Chair Bettcher began with a Tongva land acknowledgement and reviewed the protocols for participating in Senate meetings and iCloud clicker use.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 I would like to share the following election results and congratulate our colleagues:

Senator-at-Large – two seats, term ending Spring 2024:

Molly Talcott, Sociology

Kirsten Fisher, Biological Sciences

Nominations Committee - term ending Spring 2024:

Charter College of Education: Ya-Chih (Jilly) Change, Special Education and Counseling

College of Ethnic Studies: Valerie Talavera-Bustillos, Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

Natural and Social Sciences: Steven Frenda (Psychology)

1.1.2 We will need to schedule an additional Senate meeting and that meeting will be next Tuesday, May 4, 1:45-3:45 p.m. in order to finish the Senate business.

2. 2.1 It was m/s/p (Esparza) to rescind the IRQ I raised February 2, 2021. (V: 37/10/5).

CONCERNS FROM THE FLOOR

2.2 Senator Krug raised the following concern: I would like to follow up to a concern I raised last week regarding faculty not being able to follow the procedure for bringing undergraduate and first-year graduate students back to campus because we had not been given an assessment of the capacity of our research and creative spaces. The Senate was advised that the information was provided; it's been clarified to a degree that this had not been done. EHS was to provide this information yesterday but was wondering if this information has gone out?  
Jeffrey Underwood, Associate Vice President for Research, responded from the floor.

3. Chair Bettcher provided the following response from Karin Brown, Associate Vice President and Dean of Graduate Studies to Senator Krug's intent to raise question from the meeting of April 13, 2021 (ASM 20-18):

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

The University will waive fees for graduate students completing theses or projects over the summer due to delays caused by COVID and prolonged campus closure (\$350 for UNIV 9000 + \$25 to change their graduation term), if approved by their faculty thesis/project instructors. The Office of Graduate Studies handles requests for students to complete their thesis/project over the summer on a case-by-case basis because we cannot compel faculty to work with their graduate students during their off-term. Before requests are approved, the Dean of Graduate Studies asks faculty research mentors to confirm in writing that they are willing and available to work with graduate students during the summer term. The Dean confirms that the graduate student has previously enrolled in 5990: Thesis Research or 5995: Project with their thesis instructor and has a RP on their record. Then the Dean of Graduate Studies approves enrollment in UNIV 9000 (0 units) for the summer term. This procedure has been followed prior to the pandemic and last summer when extensions were provided based on individual faculty approval. Again, the University will waive fees for graduate students enrolling in UNIV 9000 after approval by their faculty research mentor.

APPROVAL OF THE  
MINUTES

4. It was m/s/p (Riggio) to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2021 (ASM 20-18).

APPROVAL OF THE  
AGENDA

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

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

6. Chair Bettcher ceded her time to President Covino. President Covino provided campus updates followed by a Q&A.

PROPOSED NEW POLICY:  
GRADING AND STUDENT  
FEEDBACK, FACULTY  
HANDBOOK, CHAPTER VI  
(20-14)

*Second-Reading Item*

7. 7.1 Chair Bettcher advised the body that they would resume with the speaker's list from the last meeting. The first speaker (Senator Porter) yielded her time to Senator Warter-Perez.

7.2 It was m/s/ (Warter-Perez) in lines 3 to delete IDEALLY and INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR COURSE PROGRESS; insert FEEDBACK ON THEIR COURSE PERFORMANCE THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER AND after "RECEIVE"; and delete (I.E., WHAT GRADE THEY ARE RECEIVING) .

7.3 Debate ensued and the Warter-Perez motion passed. (V: 30/18/6)

7.4 It was m/s/ (Warter-Perez) to recommit this policy back to committee.

7.5 Debate ensued and the Warter-Perez motion passed. (V: 28/22)

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
RESOLUTION (20-16)

*Second-Reading Item*

8. 8.1 It was m/s/ (Avramchuck) to call the question. No objections were raised.

8.2 The recommendation was APPROVED. (V: 32/3/2)

ASI RESOLUTION ON  
TRANSPARENCY AND  
REFORMING UNIVERSITY  
POLICE AT CAL STATE LA  
(20-25)

*Second-Reading Item*

9. 9.1 Debate ensued.

9.2 It was m/s/ (Cristian Flores) to call the question. No objections were raised.

9.3 The recommendation was APPROVED. (V: 39/8/4)

ADJOURNMENT

10. It was m/s/p (Baaske) to adjourn at 3:42 p.m.