



General Faculty Senate Meeting

Time: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Minutes

10/20/2022

In attendance:

Elizabeth McNie, Colin Dewey, Matthew Fairbanks, Tamara Burbach, Margaret Ward, Ariel Setniker, Ali Moradmand, Christine Isakson, Wil Tsai, Ryan Wade, Nipoli Kamdar, Frank Yip, Kitty Luce, Mike Holden, Keir Moorhead, David Satterwhite, Sarah Senk, Nick Lewis, and guests.

1. Call to Order

- Chair McNie called the meeting to order.
- *Senator Tsai motioned to approve the agenda, Senator Holden seconded, agenda approved by unanimous consent.*

2. Minutes Approval

- *9/15/2022 minutes reviewed. Senator Tsai motioned to approve as edited, Vice Chair Senk seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.*

3. Senate Chair McNie's Report

- Chair McNie started with an update of the future School structure. We're looking at peer institutions ("peer" is meant quite generally – includes private and public, STEM-focused and non-STEM-focused). Looking at demographic info, Academic Affairs structures, etc.
- CommUNITY Day planning. We're looking for 3 faculty volunteers for the planning committees. Tuesday/Thursday (February 21 or 23) are the current proposed dates. They're looking to make it a standing part of the Academic Calendar, something like "third Tuesday of February", but that's still in the planning stage.
- McNie opened up the floor for comments and for anyone to volunteer for these positions.
- Sianna Brito spoke up and said that there is a division of labor, so these positions are not necessarily a heavy load. Please talk to her for specifics.
- *No one present volunteered for the CommUNITY Day planning committee positions.*
- There's a Faculty Compensation Study from the CSU Chancellor's Office. Surveys and focus groups. Look for the invites in your email and participate if you can.

- There is a Commencement Speaker Working Group to select the graduation commencement speaker. We need one more faculty volunteer for that group. *No one present volunteered for this position.*

4. Vice Chair Senk's Report

- Welcome to Faculty Senate, Nick Lewis!
- There's a second lecturer at large position. There were nominations, but those individuals declined the nomination. This means that a tenure-track person can run for the open position. Senk will solicit nominees and run an election in the near future for this open position.
- Standing Committee by-laws are hopefully in progress.
- The new Sabbatical Policy will be distributed. We're looking for a second reading in November so we can move that policy further toward approval and implementation.

5. Provost Schroeder's Report

- Provost Schroeder solicited questions from faculty.
- Senator Holden asked about the faculty computer refresh process. Other attendees had related inquiries. Provost Schroeder will inquire about how this is going with IT.
- Aparna Sinha said that she spoke to them [IT] yesterday, and they said that they had just gotten the inventory...though Senator Wade stated that IT said this same thing to him three weeks ago. Quite mysterious.
- Cynthia Trevisan said she was interested in reviewing the Art&Sci report. She wasn't able to attend the participation. Provost Schroeder said that the consultants shared the data and a three page executive summary. These will be shared very soon. She also said there is a recording, though there are audio issues due to a soft-spoken consultant.
- Provost Schroeder also noted that there will be follow up discussions of the Art&Sci report across campus in the coming weeks, after the Strategic Enrollment Plan presentations coming up.

6. Feedback to ASCSU on Cal-GETC

- Vice Chair Senk presenting. She gave a brief summary of the resolution's content and the relevant facts: there's going to be a cut of 6 credits from the transfer GE pathway. Senk clarified the 'miscommunication' from the CO's office about who this would apply to (a CO representative previously stated the cuts would also apply to the CSU GE pathway, which is incorrect).
- Vice Chair Senk noted that if we can't come to a consensus, administration at the CSU level will take over the decision-making process on the GE pathway for transfer students.
- *Senator Tsai motioned to waive the first reading of this resolution. Senator Dewey seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous among those present.*
- Vice Chair Senk reviewed the specific language of the resolution and the various changes proposed by Senators in the review of the resolution prior to the Senate meeting.
- *An amendment adopting Senator Tsai's replacement language for "ultimatum" passed by unanimous consent.*

- Continuing through the document, reviewing specific content and the suggested revisions. Some discussion, but no modifications requiring a vote.
- Added language quoting the Chancellor's Office on how this plan does *not* apply to CSU GE.
- *Secretary Fairbanks motioned to approve the resolution, Senator Luce seconded. Resolution approved unanimously.*

7. The Gender Equity Committee and Next Steps

- Resolution to Dissolve the Gender Equity Committee.
- Chair McNie presenting. We're not discontinuing the work of this committee but moving forward we're pursuing this work through the newly modified DEI Committee, which will have a faculty co-chair and further faculty representation.
- Chair McNie read out a resolution commending Julie Simons (Gender Equity Committee Chair) and the Committee's work and also dissolving the ad hoc Gender Equity Committee.
- An amendment adding Julie Simon's proper title to the resolution was proposed and adopted unanimously.
- *Senator Burback motioned to waive the first reading of the resolution, Senator Isakson seconded. Unanimous vote to waive the first reading.*
- *Senator Yip motioned to approve the resolution as amended by unanimous consent, Senator Isakson seconded. No objections. Resolution approved.*

8. Upcoming USCG Audit

- Mike Kazek outlined the audit process. The auditors are essentially looking at whether we're doing what we say we're doing in our license programs. They verify STCW assessments and their validity. There are some 500 assessments in Deck, 200 some odd in Engine. They also inspect the TSGB, Sim, classrooms, physical plant, etc. They talk to students, staff, and faculty. We were supposed to be audited by the Coast Guard in 2020, but they're just getting back into the cycle after the pandemic.
- He's looking forward to the Coast Guard coming and telling us how we can improve.
- Senator Tsai commended Kazek for his work in preparing for the audit.
- Senator Yip asked whether issues like the summer cruise delay or no Day on the Bay would be part of the assessment during this audit. Kazek wasn't certain, but it certainly would affect our operations moving forward in terms of getting students the appropriate amounts of sea-time. He noted that Engine can recover from those circumstances more readily than Deck.

9. TSGB Berthing Shortage Update

- Dean Dinesh Pinisetty is presenting.
- They're prioritizing on-track cadets in Classes of 2023 and 2024. Second priority is on-track cadets, Class of 2026.
- Filters: 2023/2024 cadets who failed pre-req for summer cruise, Class of 2026 cadets who failed pre-req for summer cruise, and Class of 2026 cadets who are behind in required Math classes. It's better for them to make up the academic ground.
- There is also the option for some cadets going with the Kennedy.

- Dean Steve Browne added that this is not a new issue. Every year that the TSGB goes into dry-dock (every 5 years) this comes up. He noted that the last dry-dock year had a few *more* students needing billets compared to this year. He also said that students often self-select a bit – preferring to catch up academically or do family-related events. It's likely that these filters and circumstances will do the same thing this time around.
- There are some complications this time – COVID has caused a back-up (some students deferred despite having the option for cruise in the last summers).
- Lastly, we're ahead of the process compared to the last dry-dock year.

10. AL\$ and The Library

- Laurie Borchard wasn't here, so Kitty Luce is presenting. AL\$ course stipends will be available. The initial application is simple, and applications will be solicited very soon.

11. Update from the Research and Innovation Office (RIO)

- Chris Brown (Director of RIO) is here. He introduced himself - he's been with the Golden Bear Research Center for years and is now heading RIO. RIO will offer a lot of similar support as the GBRC and sponsored programs did, but they're going to be more proactive in supporting faculty.
- There's going to be a faculty consultation process in the form of a committee. He's looking for reps from FET/ET.
- There are some opportunities for funded research internships for students (LEAP program). If faculty want one, reach out, but there will be following communications on the subject.

12. Update from Student Academic Support

- Erika Sanchez Nelson is here. She observed that popular tutors are really getting overbooked and good, new tutors are not getting their hours. She's instituted a 10-hour cap on tutors' hours to alleviate this. This also helps in budgeting.
- It also has come to her attention that tutors were sacrificing their own academics to offer more tutoring to other students, which is not desirable.
- There's another cap now in place – students can make 2 appointments per subject per week. They can do more if they have dispensation from advisors or faculty. The reasoning behind this is that students would sometimes book a lot of slots and then not show up. Also, some students would use the tutor essentially as a replacement instructor – 8 sessions per week in some cases – and that's not best practice.
- Nelson summed up, noting that caps on hours and appointments like this are pretty common. She is also open to feedback and plans to continue to make adjustments as needed.

13. Meeting Adjourned [~12:15 pm]