



General Faculty Senate Meeting

Time: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Minutes

8/31/2023

In attendance:

Amy Skoll, Aparna Sinha, Ariel Setniker, David Satterwhite, Elizabeth McNie, Julie Simons, Kitty Luce, Margaret Ward, Mike Holden, Mike Strange, Nick Lewis, Nipoli Kamdar, Ryan Storz, Sarah Senk, Taiyo Inoue, Tamara Burback, Tom Nordenholz, Wil Tsai, and guests.

Absent: Christine Isakson.

1. Call to Order

- Chair McNie called the meeting to order at 11:03am after quorum was achieved.
- *Motion to approve the agenda by Senator Tsai, seconded by multiple senators. Agenda approved by unanimous consent.*

2. Minutes Approval

- *04/20/23 minutes were reviewed. Minor edits were proposed by Senator Senk, seconded by Senator Skoll. Senator Tsai moved to approve, seconded by Senator Senk. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.*
- *04/27/23 minutes were reviewed. Senator Senk moved to approve, seconded by Senator Tsai. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.*

3. Senate Chair McNie's Report

Future School Structure Task Force Update:

- The future school structure taskforce concluded this last week. Focus groups and survey were conducted last spring and found no consensus for any school model proposed. The only strong consensus was opposition to a single dean for the entire campus.
- Decision for structure was postponed: there is concern about misalignment with proposals and anticipated new leadership from President Dumont over next several months, inconclusive survey results, and wanting to make a decision in a spirit of promise.
- Chair McNie acknowledges everyone's time both on task force and survey contributions.
- One recommendation made by the task force was to extend appointment of interim deans through end of AY 2025. This will give time to develop a plan, new job descriptions, and seek quality candidates. Interim deans will continue to fall under administrative review policy.

- Senator Simons inquires what next steps are. Chair McNie responds that next steps are to explore as a larger community: task force will contribute and supply data, but otherwise on pause.
- Watchstanding Resolution Update:
- We as a senate body acknowledge that curriculum and LOs are the purview of the faculty – each department now has control over the requirements for watchstanding. We called on administration to support, and will form a working group which Vice Chair Senk will discuss shortly.
 - We discovered that Marine Programs was working to revise security booth watch as well, converging with our resolution. Now we are pausing security booth watch for MPM...we are not carrying this out yet because we need to plan.

4. Vice Chair Senk's Report

- Vice Chair Senk announces calls for service:
 - o completion of Senator Tsai's ASCSU term in Spring 24
 - o Faculty Development Committee needs a new chair – thank you Mike Holden for your service. This committee needs revised bylaws – may need to decide in next meeting if we are in fact going to cut the size of committee. We are considering including a permanent spot on this committee for Faculty Development Director.
 - o Need 3 senators for Honorary Diploma Committee: Ryan Storz, Kitty Luce, Chris Chiego volunteered.
- Watchstanding Resolution: A point of clarification: 'we' paused MPM watch is not us as senate. It was surprising that Marine Programs was working on changes, but it is exciting! Our role as senate is to create a timeline, gathering feedback from all constituents about what goals should be for professional development. Will send out call for service for working group.
 - o At the Faculty Retreat, we already began work about what professional development means and how we can better align with what other offices on campus are doing.
- Curriculum Committee (CC): left off last semester with policy not including GVAR and other university-wide requirements (such as professional development training). CC will have a big part to play – will proposed professional development requirements have to go through CC? We want to get departments thinking on this.

5. Resolution on Cal Maritime's Existential Crisis (Second Reading)

- Senator Tsai points out that due to new senators joining us, it is best practice to begin again with a first reading despite carrying this out in Spring 2023.
- *Senator Senk motions to waive first reading, seconded by Senator Setniker. Waiving approved by unanimous consent.*
- *Chair McNie motions to adjust the dates to be more reasonably achievable, Senator Kamdar seconds. Edits approved by unanimous consent.*
- *Senator Luce suggests a second set of dates, again for reasonable achievement. Senator Senk motions to edit, Senator Setniker seconds. Edits approved by unanimous consent.*
- Senator Skoll discusses differences in two Resolved items about recruitment for license departments and non-license departments. Discussion of student recruitment versus faculty recruitment ensues; Senator Fairbanks suggests final wording.

- Senator Senk motions to edit according to Senator Fairbanks' suggestions, seconded by Senator Luce. Edits approved by unanimous consent.
- Senator Tsai motions to include administrators in distribution list, seconded by Senator Kamdar. Edits approved by unanimous consent.
- Senator Simons motions to add 'retain' language to two Resolved items along with 'recruit', seconded by Senator Tsai. Edits approved by unanimous consent.
- Senator Setniker motioned to approve the Existential Crisis Resolution as amended, Senator Tsai seconded. 14 for, 0 against, 3 abstaining. Motion carries, and the new Existential Crisis resolution is approved.

6. Faculty Development Update

- Faculty Development Director Ariel Setniker presenting: Launch Week was a resounding success. 29 faculty participated in Monday offerings (10 new faculty!), and 47 faculty participated in Tuesday's events for the Faculty Retreat.
- Faculty Development Committee is a senate standing committee to oversee distribution of funds for scholarly activities (conference travel, etc.) while Faculty Development Office is for all things teaching support.
- Reminders about CSUM ATI Syllabus template – updated sample language this year for ChatGPT/AI, tutoring, and student pantry.
- Reminders about Classroom Technology weekly workshops hosted by Academic Technology.

7. DEI Update

- Meagan Nance presenting: Pride in Maritime summit is coming up – asking faculty to provide support and/or credited assignment to students who participate. Please advertise and register.
- CommunityDay – proposing Thursday October 5 for Fall, smaller than the one we will host in spring, but will still need a lot of faculty involvement.

8. CAPS Update

- Director of Counseling and CAPS Ian Wallace shares background and team members.
 - o Miriam Anthony is an alum and was also our cruise counselor in Summer 23.
- All team members are licensed mental health counselors.
- CAPS offers individual counseling, group counseling, and workshops.
- Located in the Student Health Center, as well as online counseling, hours M-F 8-5, video visits 6 and 7 pm.
- Talking points for faculty to use: students already pay a fee, no new cost for counseling, confidential, does NOT prevent licensure, typically after 3-5 sessions you start to see benefits.
- To refer, call or walk student over.
- As a whole, counselors met with 27.1% of student body AY22-23.
- Serve a higher percentage of underrepresented racial and gender minority students.
- Telehealth appointments continue to be of interest to students at 25% of total visits.
- In Spring 2023, CAPS administered the Healthy Minds Study for the first time with incentives and promotional efforts, received 25% response rate.

- Overall, 45% of Cal Maritime students screened positive for depression or an anxiety disorder. While high, this is still lower than nationwide averages.
- Cal Maritime students participate in alcohol use and binge drinking more than the national average.
- Over 27% of Cal Maritime students reported counseling/mental health support from faculty.
- Close to 70% of Cal Maritime students report being very satisfied with on-campus providers.
- Senator Senk lauds CAPS team.
- Senator Sinha asks about who ‘peer campus’ is in survey measurements – Dr. Wallace says a group of 23 small peer campuses.

9. Open Floor

- Senator Senk proposes call for feedback on resolution process, particularly debate and motions to edit/change. Senator Kamdar seconds this idea, citing that the process often feels rushed.
 - o Senator Tsai queries whether senate would be amenable to electronic approval.
- Senator Sinha asks about timeline of student evaluations – Chair McNie will obtain information and email to senators.
- Deana Vides (DRA/ADSO) introduces herself as new Disability Services Advisor. Deana appreciates our patience as she navigates new portals and systems. Thank you for referring students.
- Senator Simons reminds faculty to attend to CFA emails due to possible strike.
- Senator McNie motions to adjourn, Tsai seconds.

10. Meeting Adjourned [~12:16 pm]