



Academic Senate Meeting – Fall 2024

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Minutes

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Dezimmer Leadership and Development Center, Room 409-411

Zoom Link: <https://csub.zoom.us/j/84996177015?pwd=NTRyNlJDNk4xUVY3VmhCNkpieTRiUT09>

Senate Members: Chair M. Danforth, Vice-Chair D. Solano, Senator A. Hegde, Senator C. Lam, Senator N. Michieka, Senator T. Tsantsoulas, Senator M. Naser (absent; no alt.), Senator D. Wu, Senator S. Sarma, Senator L. Kirstein, Senator A. Stokes, Senator Z. Zenko, Senator S. Roberts, Senator K. Holloway (virtual), Senator H. He (virtual), Senator A. Grombly (Sabb. F2024; alt. Jing Wang), Senator E. Correa (absent; no alt.), Senator J. Deal, Senator R. Dugan, Senator T. Salisbury (virtual), Senator J. Cornelison, Senator E. Pruitt (virtual), Interim Provost J. Rodriguez, Senator J. Dong and Senate Analyst K. Van Grinsven.

Guests: President V. Harper, Dr. Isabel Sumaya, and C. Diniz.

Virtual Guests: E. Barnes, S. Bozarth, D. Cantrell, D. Cours, D. Fowler, K. Gallant, S. Gamboa, E. Garibay, L. Hernandez, T. Hickey, A. Hook, J. Kim, H. Li, C. Livingston, K. Lopez, M. Malhotra, V. Mayorga, B. Mendiola, H. Niemeyer, J. Nmah, Y. Morones, L. Paris, J. Paschal, E. Poole Callahan, M. Quarles, A. Rodriguez, M. Ruiz, E. Sanchez, T. Snyder, D. Stowe, L. Vega, E. Walker, and K. Watson.

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Chair Danforth called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 10, 2024 (handout)
 - i. Senator Tsantsoulas motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Senator Kirstein. Minutes approved.
 - b. October 24, 2024 (tabled)

- III. Announcements and Information

a. President's Report – V. Harper (**Time Certain: 10:10 AM**)

i. Report:

1. Joan Dezember, long time donor of CSUB passed away on October 13, 2024, at age 89.
2. Events recap:
 - a. Went to visit his son, who is attending California Polytechnic State University.
 - b. Visited the CSUB wrestlers yesterday, one of the most prominent athletic programs at CSUB. There is a game today at 11 AM.
 - c. Attended the GI 2025 conference as GI 2025 ends for the institution and system. Special thanks to the Academic Advisors for their dedication to the students and doubling the graduation rates.
3. 100 Days Update:
 - a. Campus Climate: Meeting for the task force to develop a survey has been scheduled. Survey will hopefully go out in spring.
 - b. Significant announcement to go out in the next day or so that will shape the future of the university.
 - c. Searches:
 - i. Arts and Humanities Dean Search: The committee has been formed after consultation with the Executive Committee and will meet next week.
 - ii. Search Committee for the Vice-President for Advancement: An additional faculty member has been added to the committee composition.
 - iii. Search Committee for the Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs: Met and consulted with the Executive Committee regarding the cabinet appointments and committee composition.
 - iv. Search Firms: Will operate within the spirit of the resolution from 2023-2024 regarding the search firms. The search committee chair will work with the search consultant to come to an agreement about the role of the search consultant.
 - d. "Kern County's University": presentation made to CSUB Foundation for a new performing arts center. An exploratory

committee has been established that will allow for the city, county and state to work together on this initiative.

- e. Met with the Academic Senate Executive Committee to discuss the appointments and composition for the searches and organizational changes.
 - f. Strategic Plan: AVP Malhotra presented to Cabinet regarding the evaluation of the strategic plan. She will present this report to Foundation, DCLC, and the Senate in the spring.
 - g. Special University Budget Open Forum: Is in discussion with the CFO for this event and requested scenario documents to be available. The forum will take place in early December.
 - h. Open Forum/ Discussion:
 - i. Senator Hegde: With GI 2025 “ending,” will the metrics change? President Harper: There will be some metrics that will be altered, however, the task force will make that decision. Funding previous tied to GI 2025 was reoccurring funding. The CSU will be going to the legislature to ask for additional funding to support the next iteration.
 - ii. Senator Holloway: Asked to what extent CSUB is sustained by Federal funding? President Harper: On a reoccurring basis very little.
 - iii. Senator Hegde: Said this at the Academic Affairs Town Hall. The Academic Affairs budget has been cut quite a bit and he would like to see how the other divisions have or will be affected and consider the importance of Academic Affairs regarding future budget allocations. Some faculty positions have been approved to move forward after consultation with the Provost. As he works with the vice-presidents, the areas of high action and protection are Student Affairs and Student Support Services.
 - iv. Senator Zenko: Hoping that the university plans or considers scenarios to protect against the potential loss of Federal student loans because of the recent U.S. President election. President Harper: Acknowledges that an election occurred and is not concerned as there is a distinction between political rhetoric and actual action.
- b. GRaSP – I. Sumaya (**Time Certain: 10:20 AM**) (handouts)

- i. Report: See attached handout for the slide deck and Active and Operational List as of August 20, 2024.
- ii. Open Forum/ Discussion:
 - 1. Senator Sarma: Clarification requested; when in doubt on whether to submit a proposal for the Full Board or the Exempt Board, who should they reach out to?
 - a. I. Sumaya: 95% of proposals are exempt. When in doubt you can contact her or Marianne Wilson with any questions. Be sure to include in the email some of the highlights for the project and which populations would be involved.
 - 2. President Harper: Thanked I. Sumaya for her hard work and significant efforts and improvements in her two-year tenure.
 - 3. Senator Lam: Question: Does GRaSP keep a record of the distribution of F and A to individual faculty PIs and the departments?
 - a. I. Sumaya: They send out to the deans a master list of who is being granted what and the deans send out the list to the department chairs. If data is needed from further back than 5 years, it may be difficult. I. Sumaya will look into it further.
 - 4. Senator Hedge: Expressed appreciation for the changes and improvements she has made. Question: What percentage of the indirect are distributed?
 - a. I. Sumaya: Distribution depends on what the board decides. Last year it was 100K. They will be working hard this year to get as much of the distributions as they can because of the budgetary issues and challenges.
 - 5. Interim Provost Rodriguez: Thanked I. Sumaya for her leadership and commitment to a critical area of the university community.
 - 6. I. Sumaya: Thanked Interim Provost Rodriguez for his support and believes a strong faculty background for the AVP for GRaSP has made the difference in the work of the division and the success they have achieved.
- c. Elections and Appointments – D. Solano (handout) (deferred)
 - i. Report: See attachment.

IV. Approval of Agenda **(Time Certain: 10:05 AM)**

- a. Senator Deal motioned to approve the agenda; Senator Zenko seconded. Agenda approved.

V. Reports

- a. Interim Provost's Report – J. Rodriguez (deferred)
- b. ASCSU Report – Senators Lam and Michieka (tabled)
- c. ASI Report – Senator Pruitt (deferred)
- d. Staff Report – Senator Cornelison (deferred)
- e. Committee Reports: (deferred)
 - i. Executive Committee – Vice-Chair Solano (handout)
 - ii. Standing Committees:
 1. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)– Senator Deal (handout)
 2. Academic Support and Student Services Committee (AS&SS)– Senator Tsantsoulas (handout)
 - a. Memo: ITS Surveys on Generative AI – Faculty Survey, 2024-2025 Referral #16 (handout)
 3. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) – Senator Wu (handout)
 4. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Senator Zenko (handout)

VI. Resolutions (**Time Certain: 10:35 AM**)

- a. Consent Agenda
 - i. No items.
- b. New Business
 - i. RES 242508 ITS Generative AI Governance Structure – AS&SS (handout)
 1. AS&SS Chair, Senator Tsantsoulas presented the resolution for first reading.
 2. Q&A/ Discussion:
 - a. Vice-Chair Solano requested that the committee consider clarifying in the language regarding if the faculty representative is an elected or appointed position.
- c. Old Business
 - i. RES 242501 Evaluation of Academic Administrators – FAC (handout)
 1. FAC Chair, Senator Zenko presented the resolution for second reading.
 2. Q&A/ Discussion:
 - a. Friendly Amendment 1: Senator Hegde proposed the amendment: "The administrator under review may request that the supervisor of the review recuse any member who is ineligible due to an active grievance (or other legal proceeding) against

them, and the Senate will initiate a new election to replace that individual” under 311.3 Review Committee Membership.

- i. Senator Dong and Senator Tsantsoulas voiced concerns regarding confidentiality and suggested consulting AVP for Faculty Affairs, Dr. Debbie Boschini. Dr. Boschini was not in attendance at Senate.
 - ii. Senator Lam: Proposed an amendment to the amendment proposed by Senator Hegde allowing for more clarification regarding the individuals involved in the grievance process. Senator Hegde confirmed acceptance of this friendly amendment. Senator Salisbury supported Senator Lam’s friendly amendment. Senator Zenko seconded Senator Hegde’s motion to amend. Senator Wu, Senator Michieka Senator Roberts, Senator Salisbury and Senator He spoke regarding this friendly amendment to the resolution and concerns regarding the level of details and specifics appropriate for the change and confidentiality concerns.
 - iii. Two abstentions; motion carried.
- b. Friendly Amendment 2:
- i. Senator Hegde proposed a friendly amendment, to add, “ as determined by the review committee” under 311.4 Review Procedures and Constituencies.
 - ii. Amendment to the amendment accepted by Senator Hedge. Motion to amend seconded by Senator Zenko. One abstention; motion carried.
 - iii. Senator Sarma asked some clarification questions answered by Senator Hegde and President Harper.
 - iv. Vice-Chair Solano: Some issues with the language for the Antelope Valley Dean review process; Handbook 311.3 Review Committee Membership regarding the election of “three representatives from the faculty, staff, and librarians, who are at the Antelope Valley Campus.” Senator Holloway and Senator Hedge clarified that the reason staff are included is because of the very limited personnel that work on the Antelope Valley Campus. Vice-Chair Solano withdrew the proposed amendment.

- c. Friendly Amendment 3: Senator Lam brought up that the Associate Deans are referenced in this portion of the handbook and should be listed under the list in section 311.2 of the handbook. Senator Hedge formalized the proposed amendment. Senator Deal seconded. Motion carried, no abstentions.
 - 3. Chair Danforth called for a motion; motion carried. Resolution passed.
- ii. RES 242507 Ethnic Studies, Feminist Ethnic Studies, and Queer Ethnic Studies Minors – AAC and BPC (handout)
 - 1. Senator Deal and Senator Wu presented the resolution for second reading. No changes were made.
 - 2. Chair Danforth called for a motion; motion carried. Resolution passed.

VII. Open Forum (**Time Certain: 11:15 AM**)

- a. Senator Sarma: How often does the university revisit the Strategic Plan? President Harper: believes for the next strategic plan there will be an assessment at 3 years, if it is 6-year plan.
- b. Senator Hegde: Carrot Festival will take place on November 16 at Alumni Park from 1- 4 PM
- c. Senator Tsantsoulas: Philosophy and Religious Studies will be holding a talk, “Human and the Human Centered AI” on November 15 in the Humanities Complex at 3 PM.
- d. Senator Dong: NESPI Student Chapter has been established. They are looking for funding for students to attend the conference in San Diego. NSME also had a very successful open house. Regarding Cal-GETC and block B: The department has decided to have three plus three one module. Does not have an impact on any existing class offerings; a one unit freestanding class will be developed to provide the students to fulfil the 7-unit requirement in Block B. Senator Danforth added that it will be important for the advisors to help students choose a lab that goes along with the appropriate science class.
- e. Senator He: Next week, November 10 – 16 is National Nurse Practitioner Week.

VIII. Recognition (**Time Certain: 11:25 AM**) (handout)

- a. See handout. Thanks, and congratulations given to the lecturers from the Department of Kinesiology.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Chair Danforth motioned to approve the meeting by ten minutes. Majority approved.
- b. Chair Danforth adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.