

General Faculty Senate Meeting

Time: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Minutes

02/15/2024

In attendance:

Chair Elizabeth McNie, Vice Chair Sarah Senk, Secretary Ariel Setniker, Amy Skoll, Aparna Sinha, Christine Isakson, Cynthia Trevisan, David Satterwhite, Julie Simons, Kitty Luce, Margaret Ward, Mike Holden, Mike Strange, Nick Lewis, Nipoli Kamdar, Taiyo Inoue, Tamara Burback, Tom Nordenholz, Val Holl-McGowan, and guests.

Absent:

Call to Order

- *Chair McNie called the meeting to order at 11:04am after quorum was achieved.*
- *Agenda approved by unanimous consent.*
- *Minutes from 12/14 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Senator Simons, seconded by Senator Kamdar. Approved by unanimous consent.*

Chair's Report

- Still getting routine squared away with use of Canvas – please send feedback to Chair

Vice Chair's Report

- Cadet Handbook: commandant's office requested Senate give feedback <https://www.csum.edu/corps-of-cadets/media/23-24-cadet-handbook.pdf>
- WIML, PiMS coming up
- Elections coming up – watch for these calls
 - o Departments hold elections on own – please do so in next two weeks

Department Report-Outs

ET

- *Senators Satterwhite and Strange presenting*
- Desperately short on faculty
 - o we have enough to get through fall semester, but after that will have to cut some classes
 - o Many faculty are overloaded now, with plans to be overloaded next semester
 - o Classes we need help with, we have very few qualified faculty for these (STCW)
- Looking at updating diesel simulator, having software experts flying in
- Interviewing a promising candidate this month
- Senator Burback: Any suggestions for what we can do to help recruit faculty?

- We need funding – cannot compete with the plethora of industry jobs
- Senator Trevisan comments that S&M Department can help teach the non-STCW courses if need be
- Provost Schroeder comments that all maritime academies are experiencing the same problems

GWAR Policy – Second Reading

- *Amy Parsons, lead author of policy, presenting*
 - Discusses adjustments now that Graduate Writing Exam is going away
- This policy has been approved through Curriculum Committee, next step should this be approved by senate is to adjust the courses mentioned as presented.
- GWAR Coordinator will help guide and support faculty in departments outside of Culture & Communication with tools and guidelines
- If student is taking capstone course in their major, they will not be able to opt out and take EGL 300 instead due to requirements for major
- Will students need to be juniors to take the placement exam? Amy Parsons imagines taking that at the end of the sophomore year is ideal, though it may depend on which major course is GWAR designated.
- Rationale from CO for this change: COVID-19 eliminated tests, and a push to move away from high-stakes assessment
 - Had EO 665 to test incoming and outgoing (GWE) exams
- *Senator Kamdar motions to approve, seconded by Senator Senk. 16 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions. Motion carries.*

Cal-GETC Resolution – First Reading Waived and Second Reading

- *Senator Senk presenting resolution to maintain independence of CSU General Education breadth requirements*
- This resolution supports the 4 resolutions that the ASCSU passed on 1/18/24 - the urgency is due to this timeline
- There is a suggestion to form a separate resolution to condemn the legislative interventions
- *Senator Isakson motions to waive the first reading, Senator Simons seconds. 18 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carries.*
- *Senator Simons motions to remove a particular ‘whereas’ that is repeated by the following ‘whereas’, Senator Senk seconds. Approved by unanimous consent. Motion carries.*
- Senator Kamdar asks for clarification regarding first-time transfer freshmen (FTF), who have taken some college credit courses, will Cal-GETC apply?
- Senator Senk responds that Cal-GETC is intended to replace IGETC
- FTF is part of one of the proposed options from Nathan Evans, quoted in a ‘whereas’
- *Senator Isakson motions to remove the two ‘whereas’ quoting the options, Senator Senk seconds. Approved by unanimous consent. Motion carries.*
- *Senator Simons motions to approve resolution, Senator Setniker seconds. 18 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carries.*

Open Floor

- Senator Luce encourages groups that convened in January for bylaws meet again for 20 minutes to solve issue of school model
- Senator Kamdar shares sentiment that we would like clarity on new organization
 - o Chair McNie reminds of 2/23/24 date for Rapid Action Working Group share-out, and that we should see some answers in March
- Senator Isakson and Senator Simons as ASCSU reps have a report typed up on ASCSU plenary
- Senator Senk mentions upcoming Community Day – likely 04/04/24

Meeting Adjourned [~12:18 pm] (unanimous)