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ACADEMIC SENATE

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, **February 11, 2025**, 12:45-2:30pm via Zoom

APPROVED MINUTES

Senators Present: Alina Engleman, Amy June Rowley, Andrew Kelly, Andrew Yunker, Cathy Sandeen, Christina Chin-Newman, Claire Valderama-Wallace, Dana Rucker, Dawna Komorosky, Duke Austin, Erica Baranski, Gretchen Reevy, Hongmin Li, Jennifer Sherwood, Jenny O, Jerome Narvaez, Jessica Santone, Jiyoung Myung, John Tan, Joshua Kerr, Kate Bell, Kathleen Wong(Lau), Kaumudi Misra, Kim Greer, Kyzyl Fenno-Smith, Mary Fortune, Maureen Scharberg, Mia Livaudais, Meiling Wu, Michael Lee, Michael Rowley, Michelle Gravier, Michelle Rippy, Michelle St. George, Monika Eckfield, Murray Horne, Paul Carpenter, Ryan Heryford, Sara Borjas, Sara McDaniel, Sarah Taylor, Shubha Kashinath, Stephanie Alexander, Tammie Mosley, Tristan Garcia, Vibha Puri, Vish Hegde

Guests: Mark Robinson, Zach Hallab, Eboni, Rick Rader, Kevin Brown, Chris Chamberlain, Julie Mielke, Sunshine, Rob Williams, Erik Helgren, Andy Dobbin, Bruce Simon, Peter Lee, Leann Christianson, Alex Sandoval, Julie Glass, E. Missy Wright, Derek Aitken, Chandra Khan, Danika LeDuc, Greg Jennings, Jeff Newcomb, Jennifer Aure, Kelley Ramos, Kristin Hart, Michele Korb, Kevin Kaatz, Talya Kemper, Gwyn Rhabyt, Ana Garcia-Nevarez, Erik Helgren, Thomas C. Padron, Rafael Hernandez, Angela Bryns, Jaesung An, Kathryn Hayes, Keri O'Neal, Mary Kendall, Sarah Nielsen

Senators Absent: Christopher Palmore, Donna Wiley, Ja Won Lee, Lan Wang, Levent Ertaul, Terry Buttchen, ASI CSCI Sai Lokesh Gayam, ASI CBE Nidhi Sharma, ASI CLASS Joe Trujillo

1. Land acknowledgment (short version)

- a. Senators, please rename yourself to include your group affiliation before your name (e.g., [college acronym], LIB, LEC, SSP, ALUM, STAFF, etc.)

2. Approval of the agenda

- a. Scharberg moved to add Greer memo regarding questions about data set to 7a. This was sent out to Senators on Friday 2/7. Yunker seconded. No objections or abstentions.
- b. Chair AJ Rowley motioned to postpone 24-25 CIC 20 to Feb 25. Reevy seconded. No objections or abstentions.
- c. Heryford motioned to approve. Garcia seconded. No objections or abstentions.

3. Approval of 1/28/25 minutes

- a. Garcia motioned to approve. Wu seconded. No objections or abstentions.

4. Business Items:

- a. 2024-25 GASG 1: Resolution on Student Representation on University Search and Review Committees (second reading)

- i. Chair O introduced the document.
 - ii. Wu - Do we have student senators present?
 1. None are present.
 - iii. Wu - Expressed desire for Senators to support this student policy. With all the cuts for students and drops in enrollment, more student input is needed in all areas.
 - iv. Chair O asked for unanimous consent - no objections or abstentions.
- b. [24-25 FUFM 2](#): Resolution to Suspend CoH Implementation [**postponed on 11/12; 1/28 tabled**](second reading)
- i. Chair O shared that authors would like to let this item die on the table and it may return to a future meeting in a different form.
- c. [24-25 CAPR 22](#) Department Name Change Department of Art and Design (first reading)
- i. Chair O introduced.
 - ii. AJ Rowley moved to waive first reading for CAPR 22, CAPR 24, and CAPR 25. Kerr seconded. No objections or abstentions.
 - iii. President Sandeen - When new names are selected for departments, are students consulted? Expressed belief that this is an important audience to consider.
 1. Rhabyt (GUEST, Art and Design Chair) - For the Art department, we did not have a general call, but we did ask faculty members to consult with student members of their classes. No formal process. But considerable informal consultation.
 2. President Sandeen - Art and Design is common at other universities. I was curious about the other departments.
 3. Chair O - We can pass these questions onto Chair Alexander.
 - iv. Chair O asked for unanimous consent - no objections or abstentions.
- d. [24-25 CAPR 24](#) Department Merger Department of Earth, Environmental, and Sustainability Sciences (first reading)
- i. Chair O introduced.
 - ii. Carpenter - In these mergers, are there any actual dissolving or dissolution of departments? Or does that department still exist and what programs does it contain?
 1. Lee - There is no discontinuation of a department. The act of proposing a merger comes from the mergee, not the mergerer. This seems to be understood but isn't specified anywhere. In this case, the AGES units (two) respectively join in with the two existing departments. These two used to be separate, but merged back in 2016. In what is happening now, the old department just goes away.
 - iii. Reevy - Which are going to CSCI and which are going to CLASS?
 1. Anthro is combining with History and Global Cultures in CLASS. Geography is joining Earth and Env Science in CSCI. Many believe this should have happened decades ago. Most faculty are split between these two units, so it is a neat and even division.
 - iv. Chair O called the vote. 38 Approve. 0 Oppose. 0 Abstain. Passes.
- e. [24-25 CAPR 25](#) Department Merger Department of History and Global Cultures (first reading)
- i. Chair O introduced.
 - ii. Lee - This is, again, self-determination by the distinct Anthropology faculty. This came out of the low degree conferring programs process. Faculty discussed in great detail and faculty agreed to for department to stay in CLASS rather than move to CSCI with the other unit in AGES. In full support, as faculty should be where they want to be and do their best work.
 - iii. Yunker - Do major pathways and major names stay the same?

1. Lee- That is true. Anthropology will persist as a single pathway degree. This was a collaborative decision.
- iv. Chair O called the vote. 37 Approve. 0 Oppose. 0 Abstain. Passes
- f. [24-25 FAC 3](#): Constitution and Bylaws Amendments Amendment regarding MPPs in Elected Positions (second reading)
 - i. Chair O introduced.
 - ii. Engelman - Thank you for the summary. Shared in the chat some key points for your review. I believe it is not controversial and should be supported.
 1. Chat - "Here's a key part of this, sharing in the chat here for anyone wanting to review: On April 9, 2024, the Academic Senate also passed [23-24 FAC 13](#): Constitution and Bylaws Amendments to Definition of University Faculty. 23-24 FAC 13 resulted in a University Faculty vote to amend the University Constitution and Bylaws to clarify that MPP faculty are ex-officio, non-voting members of the University Faculty who are ineligible to run for office. In her [May 16, 2024 Memo](#), President Sandeen wrote that 23-24 FAC 13 had been "been received and reviewed." On [May 17, 2024](#), the amendment passed with 83% of voting faculty in support."
 2. Chat - **PROPOSED AMENDMENT** In response to President Sandeen's August 23, 2024 memo, FAC presents [24-25 FAC 3](#): Constitution and Bylaws Amendment regarding MPPs in Elected Positions. This amendment will restrict MPP faculty from holding elected positions representing Department/College/University faculty, but it does not change MPP-faculty voting rights.
 - iii. Chair O asked for unanimous consent - no objections or abstentions.
- g. [24-25 FAC 6](#): Process for Electing CSUEB Member of ASCSU Lecturer Electorate (first reading)
 - i. Chair O introduced.
 - ii. Reevy moved to waive first reading of 24-25 FAC 6. St. George seconded. No objections or abstentions.
 - iii. Chair O asked for unanimous consent - no objections or abstentions.
- h. [24-25 FAC 7](#): Policy for Distributing Assigned Time for Exceptional Levels of Service to Students (first reading)
 - i. Chair O introduced.
 - ii. Austin moved to waive first reading. Taylor seconded. No objections or abstentions.
 - iii. Chair O asked for unanimous consent - no objections or abstentions.
- i. [24-25 CIC 20](#): Curricular Timeline (second reading) [**postponed to 2/25 on 2/11**]
- j. [24-25 BEC 6](#): Standing Rules Senate midyear revisions (second reading)
 - i. Chair O introduced.
 - ii. M Rowley added specific changes since first reading - just two changes regarding roll call vote.
 - iii. Austin - To clarify, these changes mean abstain count as abstain right?
 1. M Rowley - Yes, time #1 in the cover sheet makes sure abstains count as abstains and remove instances where abstains count as NOs.
 - iv. Chair O asked for unanimous consent - no objections or abstentions.
- k. [24-25 FAC 5](#): Interpretation of "Lecturer Electorate" to Include Coaches, Librarians, and Counselors (first reading)
 - i. Chair O and Reevy introduced. No comments or questions.
- l. [24-25 FAC 8](#): Resolution in Support of Sonoma State (first reading)
 - i. Chair O introduced.
 - ii. Austin - Drastic cuts at Sonoma State. Would like everyone here to stand in solidarity and to build support against other cuts at East Bay or other CSUs.
 - iii. Austin moved to waive first reading 24-25 FAC 8. Lee seconded. / PAUSED here for time certain item 7a. / RESUMED at 1:45p. / No objections or abstentions.

- iv. Eckfield - Expressing some discomfort with this. Definitely not an easy situation for anyone involved. Uncomfortable with the language and the assumption that the people in leadership there do not value the school and aren't trying to do what they need to do to save the school. There is a lot of very strong language that I don't agree with.
- v. Chair O called the vote. 28 Approve. 1 Oppose. 12 Abstentions. Passes.

5. Default One-Reading Business Items (BUNDLE):

- a. [24-25 CAPR 10/CIC 27](#): Revision Proposal Certificate in GIS and Remote Sensing
- b. [24-25 CAPR 15/CIC 34](#): Degree Revision Proposal Accountancy MS
- c. [24-25 CAPR 16/CIC 35](#): Concentration Revision Business Administration MBA General Business Concentration One Year Intensive
- d. [24-25 CAPR 17/CIC 36](#): Concentration Revision Proposal for the English BA English Language and Literacies Concentration
- e. [24-25 CAPR 18/CIC 37](#): Degree Revision Mathematics MS
- f. [24-25 CAPR 19/CIC 38](#): Degree Revision Sociology BA (Online)
- g. [24-25 CAPR 20/CIC 39](#): Degree Revision Statistics MS and New Concentration, Statistics MS Biostatistics Concentration
- h. [24-25 CAPR 21/CIC 42](#): Concentration Discontinuance Art BFA Transdisciplinary Arts Concentration
- i. [24-25 CAPR 23/CIC 43](#): Environmental Studies BA Degree Program Revision
- j. [24-25 CAPR 26/CIC 44](#): Degree Revision Statistics BS
- k. [24-25 CAPR 27/CIC 45](#): Concentration Revision Business Analytics BS: Information System and Supply Chain Analytics Concentration
- l. [24-25 CAPR 28/CIC 46](#): Concentration Revisions Theatre Arts BA
- m. [24-25 CIC 40](#): Action Items from WS (Dec)
- n. [24-25 CIC 41](#): Action Items from GEOC (1/30/25)
- o. Chair introduced the bundle. 5a-l are joint CAPR and CIC. All typical paperwork coming through that require Senate approval to move forward. All either degree, concentration, or certificate revisions. One concentration proposal. We have until March 1st to approve in time for Fall 2025 catalog, thus a time-sensitive name to approve. Items 5m-n are CIC only. These are approved by the relevant subcommittees. AJ Rowley noted these are not controversial.
- p. M Rowley - Clarifying that the one new concentration is actually a discontinued degree program, right?
 - i. Kerr - This is correct. Discontinued Masters in Biostatistics and making a new Concentration within the MS Statistics program.
- q. Chair O asked for unanimous consent - no objections or abstentions.

6. Information Items:

- a. Scharberg motioned to add 24-25 BEC 8 as an Information item. Yunker seconded. No objections or abstentions.
- b. [24-25 COBRA 7](#): Reassigned time
 - i. Chair O introduced.
 - ii. Carpenter - Wanted to engage in a conversation to have a more mindful approach to reassigned time based on both the categorization required out of CO and based on how we have used things locally to do that.
 - iii. Chair O asked for unanimous consent - no objections or abstentions.
- c. [Minutes from University-wide forum](#) (Jan 31, 3p)
 - i. Chair O introduced. No questions or comments.
 - ii. Chair O asked for unanimous consent - no objections or abstentions.

- d. [24-25 BEC 8](#): Electing Representatives to the Focused Program Review Advisory Task Force
 - i. Chair O introduced. This was developed at the request of President and Provost and in consultation with Ex Com. Charge of the task force is to develop internal criteria to identify programs with low enrollment (major, service and/or GE courses) and/or degree conferral, beyond those used by the CO last year to determine low degree conferring programs, and make recommendations about those programs. Second round of nominations just opened. Any contested seats after that, Senators will vote online. Goal is to seat the task force by the end of Feb.
 - ii. Provost Greer - nothing to add.
 - iii. Chair O asked for unanimous consent - no objections or abstentions.

7. Discussion

- a. **Open discussion (time certain 1:30p; 25 min cap)**: College reorganization models pros, cons, and other thoughts about the remaining eight models - [Follow up on College Reorg Data Request](#)
 - i. Goal: Gather feedback to inform Senators' voting choices on February 11 (to determine which model(s) the Senate will endorse to the President).
 - ii. [College Reorganization Data document](#) prepared by Rafael Hernandez, Deputy Provost
 - iii. [Minutes from University-wide forum](#) (Jan 31, 3p)
 - iv. Two [responses](#) on feedback form [as of 2/11, 8:00a]
 - v. Taylor - Wanted to bring up a comment from Lee earlier - faculty should be where they want to be and where they can do their best work.
 - vi. Eckfield - After talking with people and reading documents, HRT has made their case that they would like to join a College of Health. Education departments have as well. One thing we should discuss and present to President and Provost is Education coming to a College of Health, or a special School or Graduate School of Education. None of the options of splitting Education departments from each other make sense for them.
 - vii. Lee - Agreed with Taylor's echoing of my comments. In CLASS Chairs meeting, the concept of self-determination resonated strongly with everyone. Not being one of the programs subject to a move, I would want that taken into account in this process.
 - viii. Fortune - Thanked everyone through the process and for listening to HRT. Echoing the support of other Senators. We are here together and we are making this work and supporting each other as we move forward with this new adventure.
 - ix. Korb (GUEST) - Echo all these sentiments. Here in a solutions-based spirit. Wondering if anyone could unpack the reorg data sheet. Are those models reflecting where those particular departments go?
 - 1. Chair O directed Korb to the recently added memo from Provost Greer which contains a video walkthrough of the data spreadsheet.
 - x. Wu - On spreadsheet, Models J is CAS. Is this still CLASS or is this a new name for the college?
 - 1. M Rowley - Clarified Model J has one large College of Arts and Sciences, which is indicated by the CAS. Arts are moved to a different college in Model K so Arts is removed from CLASS. Now CLSS in Model K.
 - 2. Deputy Provost Hernandez clarified and agreed with this as well.
 - xi. Lee - In last meeting, noted that dataset does not give a great deal of insight into fiscal implications. In descriptive terms from the memo, we can see what kind of cost centers would be. We as Senators will be voting on preferred options without a clear idea of the vulnerabilities and the level of elasticity or inelasticity of the different combinations would be in an upcoming fiscally challenging environment. Looking at impacts of federal funding changes for the next four years; these are also unknown. Since we do not have clear information on the fiscal implications, I am leaning on the self-determination value to make a decision.

- xii. Dean Williams (GUEST) - Offering appreciation to all the faculty of CEAS in particular who have really put their hearts into this process. Been advocates for themselves, been professional, found importance of working together and in coalitions across college and university. This feels like an existential moment for them, even though they will remain intact. Expressed appreciation for how well they have worked together, with Senate, and with Provost and President.
- xiii. Garcia - As an advisor in CLASS, I have concerns about taking on responsibilities of additional departments. Philosophically, I support a CHEW model (Model A), based on coordination with accreditations.
- xiv. Chair O made a last call for thoughts or ideas. None.

b. Vote on College Reorganization Models (time certain 1:55)

- i. [This link](#) was shared in chat with brief summary of the models.
- ii. After 10m, preliminary results were shared, which included 23 first-choice rankings of Model A out of 35 responses. Full results will be shared out via email after the meeting.
 - 1. Chair O asked for a motion to have final results sent out via email, otherwise we will sit and wait for all results to come in. Misra motioned. Taylor seconded. 35 Approve. 0 Oppose. 0 Abstain. Passes.

8. Reports:

- a. [Report](#) of the Chair
 - i. [Spring '25 appointments](#) - in progress, still some vacancies
 - ii. [Spring '25 University-wide elections for Senators](#) - nominations are closed, ballot was sent to your email
 - iii. [Spring '25 University-wide elections for at-large positions on Standing Committees](#) - second round nominations open until Feb 14
 - iv. Chair O summarized single report item and the current nomination/election statuses.
- b. Report of the President
 - i. Regarding the AI initiative. The system is developing system-wide contracts with services. Would support Senate in developing an AI Task Force. Faculty Development is creating working groups and other opportunities.
 - ii. WASC Visit. Schedule is still in progress. Fann Yeung and President met with Chair of site visit today. Things are still in flux.
 - iii. Executive Orders coming out of new federal administration. Very disturbing, most importantly, and tiring to have to keep up with all of it. Encouraged us to keep a calm mind and we will deal with things as they become real. Multiple times courts have stopped EOs. We should take a calm and measured approach and we will handle things as they become real. In terms of leadership for our university, we need to stay focused on our students and deal with things as they become real.
- c. Report of the Provost
 - i. Dean searches are on schedule.
 - ii. Thanked Dr. Kerr and Dr. Gravier for serving as Interim Co-Directors of Graduate Studies. We wish Dr. Kevin Brown well on his sabbatical, which he postponed a year to serve in this role.
 - iii. We are monitoring daily, sometimes it feels hourly, what is coming out regarding federal EOs, in particular around research and funding. We will continue to follow our current federally negotiated rate with NIH and other federal grants. We are continuing business as usual at this time. We are staying on top of it and monitoring things.
 - iv. Thank you to Senate for all of the work to consider the college of health reorganization. We have received a lot of feedback from programs, and individuals, and groups. Thanks for your sustained focus and willingness to provide feedback.

- v. PROCEDURAL - Eckfield motioned to extend meeting for 5 minutes. McDaniel seconded. 1 objection. No abstentions.
- d. Report of the University Diversity Officer
 - i. UDO has been receiving a lot of questions about our jobs, cultural centers, etc. We are operating as usual. We will put out all the information and resources that are necessary. We are supporting all staff, employees, and students. One of the groups who feel most targeted are immigrants, undocumented students, and trans and nonbinary students. In CA we do have nondiscrimination policies from the CSU and the state that guard against discrimination and harassment based on gender expression. This is important to remember. Many leaders are afraid to state that. Cabinet and President have been very open about putting these supportive messages out. It is difficult and a scary time. CA is one of 22 states who challenges NIH funding changes. CA is often at the front lines of these lawsuits.
- e. [Report](#) of the Statewide Academic Senators
 - i. Carpenter - Meetings coming up, will have updates at next meeting.
 - ii. Heryford - FAC meeting next Friday. Biggest topic is a systemwide department chairs training process.
- f. Report of Student Government
 - i. None.
- g. [Report](#) of the CFA
 - i. Newcomb - Referred to written report and newsletter that went out yesterday. Pension and Benefits benefits next Tues 2/18, 12-2 on zoom.
- h. Garcia - Could someone from our campus advocate to CO that we can keep Google services, potentially make a pitch to CO for funding something at the systemwide level? Dreading losing that technology tool.
 - i. Chair O - Intern CIO Gene Lim will be presenting to Senate in the coming weeks.
 - ii. President Sandeen - Noted and we will see.
 - iii. Chair O - Senate Officers will also discuss and get more information to share out in report.

9. Roundtable

10. Adjournment