CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
February 26, 2019

ASM 18-11
APPROVED
MARCH 12, 2019

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ABSENT

B. Cerqueira, J. Cleman, K. Faulkner, D. Hazra, C. Larkins, C. Rodriguez, K. Wilson, H. Yu

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair Prabhu convened the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 Just a reminder to please RSVP for the Distinguished Lecture on Engagement, Service, and the Public Good by 5 p.m. today. The lecture will take place on Tuesday, March 5, 1:45 p.m. The speaker, Kim Abeles, is an artist whose community-based projects explore biography, geography and environment.

1.1.2 A huge thank you to the following faculty members who were elected and agreed to serve on the Graduate Studies Strategic Planning Committee: Mark Balaguer (A&L), Stephen McGuire (B&E), Ambika Raj (CCOE), Mohsen Eshragi (ECST), Mary Kubalanza (HHS), Kirsten Fisher (NSS), and Kimberly Franklin (LIB).

1.2 Senator Pitt announced: On March 12, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., the College of Arts and Letters will be hosting the National Humanities Advocacy Day @ Cal State LA. There will be golden eagles reading poetry, unicorns debating, prints to be inked, swash-buckling swordplay, monsters being slain, cool cats playing chords, and so much more. This will all be taking place on the Main Walkway, the State Playhouse, and the Music Hall.

1.3 Chair Prabhu recognized visitor, Sesley Lewis, Coordinator of Food and Housing Security, who announced: The food pantry accepts donations Monday-Friday during normal business hours at the Center for Student Involvement (U-SU 204) and the Office of the Dean of Students (SA-115). On Mondays donations can be accepted at the food pantry (U-SU 308E directly across from the LA room) 11AM-1PM and 3PM-5PM. Wednesday are our service days 11AM-1PM and 3PM-5PM. Students unable to make those times can schedule an appointment by emailing myself or contacting the dean of students office at 323-343-3103.

2. 2.1 Chair Prabhu addressed a concern raised by Senator Flint during an Executive Committee meeting (ECM 18-12) and reported the following response:

CONCERNS FROM THE FLOOR

We recognize the inconvenience the repair of these two elevators is causing but we had no option but to make the repairs at this time. Due to their age these two elevators were failing regularly and we were constantly dealing with entrapments. We took as much advantage of the break that we could but knew the project would require additional time. If we did not begin this project when we did we would have to wait until summer which would mean dealing with failures and entrapments for several more months, or potentially losing the elevators completely. We still have approximately four weeks of work left to get both of these elevators back in service, we expect the project to be complete by 2/28/19. The project is progressing well and if we have the opportunity to bring one of the elevators online sooner we will certainly do so.

I hope this response addresses the concern below. If you have any further questions please reach out to Michael Rodriquez or I and we will respond.

CONCERNS FROM THE FLOOR (continued)

2.2 Senator Acevedo raised the following concern: In the space behind the Annenberg Science Complex Wing B, next to the track and baseball fields, is an area that is used by both pedestrians and vehicles. There have been far too many close calls between students/faculty/staff walking in this area and cars driving far too quickly, even campus carts. This is viewed as a walkway for pedestrians, but vehicles see this a a road to drive to look for parking. Is there a way that a pedestrian pathway can be set aside so that we avoid any potential accident in the future?

2.3 Senator Marmelojo raised the following concern: Due to the construction taking place and considering the safety of those that ride bicycles to campus, is there a way to incorporate bicycle lanes on the roads on campus?

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

3. 3.1 Chair Prabhu reported the response to the concern raised by Senator Porter at the Senate meeting of February 26, 2019 (ASM 18-10):
Dear Academic Senate:
I thank Senator Edith Porter for her thoughtful questions. My answers follow.
What students would be denied entrance to Cal State LA under impaction who would have been admitted before?
Our Enrollment Proposal only gives us the authority to modify our admissions' criteria. It does not articulate what those criteria are as that will be determined on an annual basis based on our CSU funded enrollment.
Commencing Fall 2020, we will begin to gradually reduce our unfunded enrollment. We would likely reduce our incoming freshman class. While we initially modeled a reduction of 600, we are looking for ways to reduce that number. Our goal would be to maintain the size of the transfer class and work with colleges and departments in the spring to determine the best major specific criteria to do that. Our goal is to reduce our new student numbers as little as possible as we work to increase our state funding and identify additional ways to reduce our unfunded enrollment (decreasing time-to-degree, for example). We can no longer place the burden of managing enrollment on transfers as we have already reduced their enrollment by approximately 25%.
Additionally, I have proposed the creation of an Advisory Council on Enrollment that would institutionalize a shared-governance body that would make annual recommendations about enrollment and admissions criteria to the president and provost.

What specific agreements exist between Cal State LA and CC with respect to the special counseling for CSU eligible students that are being referred to CC?
Our local community colleges are enthusiastic partners in student success. Our Pathways Programs and Admissions have developed rich relationships with our colleagues, as have some of our academic departments. We will work with a group of their representatives to ensure that students referred to them as a result of our admissions' changes receive a warm welcome and are then transitioned back to us as transfer students. Some of these community colleges are exploring specific programs for CSU-eligible students denied admission.
Community colleges have received increased funding to create transfer programs and services including the requirement to have an academic plan for each student that leads to transfer. Our two largest feeders, PCC and ELAC, have made significant investments in student success as evidenced by their rapidly increasing number of Associate Degrees for Transfer.

3.2 There were no new concerns raised.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. It was m/s/p (Acevedo) to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2019 (ASM 18-10).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

5. It was m/s/p (Bezdecny) to approve the agenda.

6. Chair Prabhu presented her report.

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

7. It was m/s/p (Warter-Perez) to enter into a quasi-meeting of the whole to discuss enrollment planning and the Fall 2020 Admission Proposal.

QUASI-MEETING OF THE WHOLE: ENROLLMENT PLANNING AND FALL 2020 ADMISSION PROPOSAL

8. It was m/s/p (Acevedo) to adjourn at 3:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT