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

ASM 18-13
APPROVED APRIL 9, 2019

E. Allen, L. Essig, G. Fernando, K. Franklin, G. Fried Amilivia, T. Jackson, S. Meyer, C. Ney, P. Scott-Johnson, R. Vogel

ABSENT

T. Bettcher, K. Bezdecny, N. Hunt, C. Rodriguez

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair Prabhu convened the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 On March 21, 2019, President Covino approved the following policy modification - effective immediately
Policy Modification: Library Cubicles, Faculty Handbook, Chapter VIII
Please note: The Faculty Handbook has been updated to reflect these changes.

1.1.2 The following faculty members have accepted nomination by the Nominations Committee to the slate of candidates for election to the University Academic Appeals Board for one position with term ending summer 2021:

Sylke Meyer (Television, Film and Media Studies)
Tatiana Gershberg (Accounting)
Leila Ricci (Special Education and Counseling)
Jeffrey Santner (Mechanical Engineering)
Jessica Dennis (Psychology)
Kirsten Fisher (Biological Sciences)
Steven Frenda (Psychology)
Jennifer Garrison (Geosciences and Environment)
Joyce Parga (Anthropology)
Birte Pfleger (History)
Heidi Riggio (Psychology)
Anthony Roberts (Sociology)

A petition notice will be sent out Wednesday, March 27 and will close on Tuesday, April 2 to allow for additional nominations for this position. The university-wide election will be held April 10 – 16.

1.1.3 Following faculty members have accepted nomination by the Nominations Committee to the slate of candidates for election to the Intercollegiate Athletics Board for one female faculty (term ending summer 2023):

Tatiana Gershberg (Accounting)
Rachel Friedman (Technology)
Ramani Durvasula (Psychology)

A petition notice will be sent out Wednesday, March 27 and will close on Tuesday, April 2 to allow for additional nominations for this position. The university-wide election will be held April 10 – 16.

1.1.4 Please mark your calendar as the Office of the Provost invites you to the *Spring Faculty Reception* on Thursday, April 11, 2019, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery. Please RSVP by March 29.

1.2 Vice Chair's announcements:

The following faculty members have accepted appointment by the Nominations Committee:

Range Elevation Appeals Committee for 1-year term ending in 2020: Lena Chao, Communication Studies; Mitchell Fryling, Special Education and Counseling; Nanda Ganesan, Information Systems; Stephanie Nelson, Technology;

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Valerie Talavera-Bustillos, Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

Web Management Committee for 1-year term ending in 2020: Holly Yu, Library; Shikha Upadhyaya, Marketing

Fiscal Policy Committee 3-year term ending in 2022: Louis Esparza, Sociology

Student Policy Committee 3-year term ending in 2022: Wing Kwan, Civil Engineering

Outstanding Professor Awards Selection Committee for 1-year term ending in 2020: Kamran Afary, Communication Studies; Ray De Leon, Kinesiology and Nutritional Science; Elaine Draper, Sociology; Nanda Ganesan, Information Systems; ChorSwang Ngin, Anthropology

Academic Freedom and Professional Ethics Committee for 5-year term ending in 2024: Ramin Maysami, Finance and Law

Alcohol and Drugs Awareness Committee for 3-year term ending in 2022: Nan Martin, Public Health

Campus Physical Planning Committee for 3-year term ending in 2022: Choi Chatterjee, History

1.3 Chair Prabhu recognized guests Candice Varnado, Senior Student Development Coordinator (Center for Student Involvement) and VJ, Student Engagement Coordinator for Wellness and Service (Center for Student Involvement) who announced:

We would like to invite you to be a featured presenter at the FLY Well: New Horizons Student Leadership Retreat on April 25 - April 26th, 2019 at Cal State LA. Day 1 , which will be 1:00 – 5:00 p.m, focuses on leadership while Day 2, which will be 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., emphasizes the importance of wellness and service. We are seeking faculty volunteers who would be interested in giving a 45 minute interactive presentation. We will be sending around a sign-up sheet. Please sign up if you're interested and we'll be in contact you with additional information. For more detailed information, visit www.calstatela.edu/usu/FlyWell.

1.4 Senator Cho announced: LAUSD's Conservatory of Fine Arts Children's Art Exhibition will be at the Fine Arts Gallery from April 6 - April 12, 2019.
This is the 38th Year-End Celebration and the Gallery's 3rd Annual Children's Exhibition. There will be a LAUSD Reception on April 6, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CONCERNS FROM THE FLOOR

2. None

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

3. 3.1 Chair Prabhu reported the response from Provost Mahoney to the concern raised by Senator Heubach at the Senate meeting of March 12, 2019 (ASM 18-12):
Dear Academic Senate:
I thank Senator Silvia Heubach for raising the question on behalf of Beth Baker-Cristales. My answer follows.
First of all, let me clarify the information surrounding this inquiry. It is accurate that our official transcript only lists a cumulative GPA. However, this is also true of our unofficial transcript in GET. And while it might be the impression that our institutional GPAs are always higher, this is not actually the case. Currently in the College of NSS, 51 percent of the undergraduates has the same institutional and cumulative GPA, 23 percent has a higher institutional GPA and 26 percent has a lower institutional GPA.
It is also important to understand the difference in the UC Transfer Credit Policy. While UCs allow transfer work from Community Colleges or CSUs to meet degree

requirements, they do not allow the grades earned to be counted towards any GPA. So for UCs the only time the institutional and cumulative GPA would be different is if they had transfer coursework from other UCs or their education abroad program. CSU policy requires all transfer credit to be counted in the cumulative GPA.
Finally, the ability to display the institutional GPA is not currently supported by our vendor. We are planning to move our transcript production to a different technology in the future. We are happy to consult with the appropriate senate committees at that time on the pros and cons of making this change. In the meantime, it is our experience with graduate programs that a much more comprehensive review is completed, which rarely uses cumulative GPA's in a meaningful manner.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS (continued)

3.2 Chair Prabhu reported the response from VP Chavez to the concern raised by Senator Talcott at the Senate meeting of March 12, 2019 (ASM 18-12):
We first consult with Academic Affairs and the President, who, in turn, consult with their reports. Once we have a date, that has been approved by the President and the Provost we send out an email notification to all of the Deans, Associate Deans and Department Chairs to advise them so that they can notice their faculty far enough in advance to make accommodations or adjustments on their class schedules. That notice was sent out on December 5, 2018 for today's (March 13, 2019) evacuation drill. In addition, the Emergency Management Advisory Committee, on which the Academic Senate has a designee, is also advised and meets on a quarterly basis. We have attempted to be as consultative as possible and would welcome any constructive suggestions.

3.3 There were no new intent to raise questions.

4. It was m/s/p (Heubach) to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2019 (ASM 18-12). — APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5. It was m/s/p (Acevedo) to approve the agenda. — APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

6. Chair Prabhu presented her report. — SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

7. Chair Prabhu reported that Provost Mahoney was unable to attend and yielded to Dr. Karin Elliott-Brown, AVP and Dean of Graduate Studies. Dr Brown reported on the WSCUC site visit results and thanked those who assisted during the process. — PROVOST'S REPORT

8. 8.1 Chair Prabhu reported that there was only one nomination from the following colleges and that the faculty from each respective college have been elected by acclamation: A&L: Emily Moss (Music); B&E: Joe Otto (CIS); CCOE: Frances Siu (Division of Special Education & Counseling); ECST: John Petrie (Civil Engineering); HHS: Darlene Finocchiaro (Nursing). — ELECTIONS FOR THE ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE 2019-2020: SIX TENURED/ TENURE TRACK FACULTY MEMBERS (ONE FROM EACH COLLEGE) AND TWO DEPT CHAIRS (ONE FROM ETHNIC STUDIES DEPT)

8.2 Chair Prabhu reported that Melina Abdullah will serve as the department chair representative from an Ethnic Studies department and that the other department chair representative position is vacant. Chair Prabhu sought nominations from the floor and none were received.

8.3 An election was held for one faculty member from NSS and Choi Chatterjee was elected.

9. 9.1 It was m/s/ (Acevedo) to approve the recommendation. — PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: RETIRED FACULTY – EMERITUS STATUS, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER VIII (18-7.1)
First-Reading Item

9.2 A five minute question and discussion period took place.

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS – FORMAL AND INFORMAL CONSULTATION; AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEES, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER III (18-16)
First-Reading Item

10. 10.1 It was m/s/ (Riggio) to approve the recommendation.

10.2 A five minute question and discussion period took place.

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: STATUS OF CONTINUING STUDENTS, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER V (18-11)
Second-Reading Item

11. 11.1 It was m/s/ (Flint) to forward this policy back to committee to provide more clarification, including the requirements to maintain continuing student status.

11.2 Debate ensued and the Flint motion passed (V: 31/6).

ADJOURNMENT

12. It was m/s/p (Flint to adjourn at 2:36 p.m.