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ABSENT

C. Battle, G. Fried Amilivia

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair Avramchuk convened the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Senator Oropeza Fujimoto read the Tongva land acknowledgement.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 At our next meeting on October 8, we will have updates and a presentation followed by a Q&A with Interim Provost Bippus and Interim CFO Lindow

1.1.2 As our ongoing meeting objectives/rules:

- Focus on POLICY, including debates on the second-reading items (please refer to specifics in the documents)
- Questions from the Floor agenda item: up to 20 minutes
- Senate Chair's report: up to 5 minutes

1.2 Senator Ramos announced: Tonight, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., in collaboration with CSU Dominguez Hills, CFA is holding an "The Anti-Free Speech, Anti-Academic Freedom Policy Informational Workshop." One of the speakers is a Cal State LA alum, Dr. Steven Osuna, who is one of the CSU Long Beach 5 and will be speaking from a first-person account about the draconian oppression happening at CSULB. Please join us tonight.

1.3 Senator Riggio announced: I just want to call to attention the new rankings in U.S. News and World Report that came out recently. Our Psychology department and our Engineering, Nursing and other programs are prominently featured.

1.4 Senator DeShazo announced: I wanted to draw attention to a state auditor's report about the California transfer student process. It sort of highlights the situation among Community College students that are seeking to transfer into the CSU. There are a lot of data tables as well that can help us understand that process. The report was just released.

1.5 Andre Ellis, AVP, DEIB announced: Good afternoon, everyone! I know you should have already received an email, but I wanted to invite you once again to welcome back Dr. Michael Benitez, Jr. to Cal State LA to give a talk for our DEIB speaker's series. It will be October 3, 3:00 p.m., in the GE Ballrooms with a reception to follow.

2. The following questions/concerns were raised from the floor:

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- Concerned that CSU administration is once again taking from students to address budget cuts, rather than finding other solutions
- Concerned that the administration is attempting to increase faculty workload by eliminating remuneration for supervision of student scholarly and creative activities, while still requiring those activities in RTP evaluations.
- Can the Communications Office and the President use the language that we've worked so hard at for the last seven years to honor the inclusion of lecturers when referring to faculty?
- Re: the email about the hiring freeze, can this be clarified: "How does this impact temporary or adjunct hiring? Temporary adjunct or part-time hires will be subject to the same scrutiny as full-time positions. Exceptions may be granted for critical, academic, or operational needs."
- Can clarification be provided about recent contracts and spending in light of our austerity on campus (i.e., private security, graduation and rebranding)?
- There are newly created job/positions that the University can function without because it has functioned without them for a long time.
- Does the hiring of private security have to do with the encampment or public safety of the campus community as a whole? Who do they report to and keeps them accountable?

QUESTIONS FROM THE
FLOOR (continued)

Responses from the floor were provided by Dean Rene Vellanoweth, NSS; Kathy Cooke, Director of Honors College; Amy Bippus, Interim Provost/VP of Academic Affairs; Victor Rojas, Chief of Staff, President's Office; and Claudio Lindow, Interim CFO/VP of Administration and Finance.

INTENT TO RAISE
QUESTIONS

3. 3.1 Senator Porter announced her intent to raise the following questions:
(Supported by NSS student affairs committee and leadership of research training)
Many students express frustration and anxiety regarding the lack of access to financial aid staff including not receiving responses to emails, not being able to reach anyone by phone, and excessive wait times for in-person consultation that at times exceed several hours. The lack of expert advice from financial aid often leads to late enrollment or inability to enroll as well as financial instability. Similarly, faculty directing student training programs also experience an absence of responses and guidance when they approach financial aid to better serve their students. What is the short-term and long-term plan of the University to improve communication with and accessibility to financial aid?
- 3.2 Senator Baker announced her intent to raise the following questions:
President Eanes and Provost Bippus
During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the last publicly posted budget, CSULA spent \$1,621,466 on police. In addition, in May the campus paid close to 2 million dollars for private security services. Given the campus deficit and cuts to the instructional budget, the additional spending on private security seems excessive and effectively increases the policing budget on campus to around 3.5 million dollars. Since this expenditure is outside of the regular campus budget, it defies the President's commitment to budgetary transparency, as it more than doubles the campus budget for police without public scrutiny. With this increase, the campus is paying almost 5 times as much for policing as it is for student mental health services or for support for students with disabilities. There is no evidence that the additional private security is necessary or is making the campus safer. When will the campus end the contracts with private security companies? In the service of budgetary transparency, how much will the campus pay for private security before all contracts are cancelled?

APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES

4. 4.1 It was m/s/ (Riggio) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2024 (ASM 24-3)
- 4.2 Senator Ramos reported that her name and announcement were not recorded and requested that item 1.1.3 be modified to include her name.
- 4.3 The minutes were approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE
AGENDA

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

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

6. Chair Avramchuk presented his report.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE
UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
FACULTY HANDBOOK,
CHAPTER I (24-5) –
CONSENT ITEM

7. 7.1 Chair Avramchuk introduced the document to the body
- 7.2 Debate ensued.
- 7.3 Objections were raised to consent and the document will be sent back to the Executive Committee.

DISCUSSION: CSU TIME,
PLACE AND MANNER
POLICY/CAL STATE LA
ADDENDUM (Information
Item) – 20 minutes

8. 8.1 Senator DeShazo provided an update from the Academic Senate CSU.
- 8.2 Patrick Day, VP of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, provided a campus update.
- 8.3 A discussion period ensued followed by a question-and-answer period.

8.4 It was m/s/ (Ramos) to extend the discussion period for an additional 15 minutes. No objections were raised.

8.5 It was m/s/ (Harris) to extend the discussion period until the close of the meeting. No objections were raised.

9. It was m/s/p (Oropeza Fujimoto) to adjourn at 3:54 p.m.

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ADDENDUM (continued)

ADJOURNMENT