ASCSU Plenary Minutes
January 21-22, 2021
(Remote)

Thursday, January 21, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Virtual
Friday, January 22, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Virtual

ROLL CALL
(Bakersfield) Martinez, Millar; (Channel Islands) Grzegorczyk, Centino; (Chico) Boyd, Ford; (Dominguez Hills) Celly, Norman; (East Bay) Glass, Wu; (Fresno) Jenkins, Schlievert; (Fullerton) Matz, Stambough, Stohs; (Humboldt) Burkhalter, Zerbe; (Long Beach) Janousek, Klink, Soni; (Los Angeles) Baaske, Riggio; (Maritime) Isakson, Trevisan; (Monterey Bay) Leuzinger, Lopez-Littleton; (Northridge) Ricks, Sussman, Swenson; (Pomona) Speak, Urey; (Sacramento) Hamilton, Holl, Van Gaasbeck; (San Bernardino) Steffel, Groen; (San Diego) Butler-Byrd, Csomay, Ornatskowki; (San Francisco) Collins, Gerber, Yee-Melichar; (San José) Curry, Rodan, Van Selst; (San Luis Obispo) Laver, Rein; (San Marcos) Barsky, Ramos Pellicia; (Sonoma) Nelson, Ostroff, Senghas; (Stanislaus) Filling, Strahm; (ERFSA) Schutte

A quorum was established

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2020 AND DECEMBER 4, 2020 MINUTES
Approved and Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS
None

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS
None

REPORTS
Chair – Robert Keith Collins

- His written report may be found at https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/faculty-staff/academic-senate/Documents/chair_reports/Chairs_Report_January_2021.pdf
Standing committees

- **Academic Affairs (AA)** – Susan Schlievert, Chair
- **Academic Planning and Educational Programs (APEP)** – Susan L. Holl, Chair
- **Faculty Affairs (FA)** – Thomas Norman, Chair
- **Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA)** – Mark Hoven Stohs, Chair

CSU Faculty Trustee – Romey Sabalius

- Discussed Governor’s Budget Proposal
- Advocated for additional budget ask beyond what the Chancellor’s Office recommended to the CSU Board of Trustees
- Committee on Educational Policy at the Board of Trustees meeting next week has two information items: Wang Awards and ADTs

Catherine Nelson – Chair, Faculty Trustee Recommending Committee

- The committee has finished its initial review of applicants and is forwarding seven names for the ASCSU to interview at the March plenary

Other committees and committee liaisons

- **CSU Summer Arts**
- **Intersegmental Curriculum Workgroup (ICW)** (Senator Kevin Baaske)
- **GEAC** (GEAC Chair, Senator Mark Van Selst)
- **Ad Hoc Committee for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion** (Chair, Vanessa Lopez-Littleton)

SPEAKERS

Charles Toombs – California Faculty Association Liaison Report

- Request to continue CPAL leave or similar support for faculty suffering with the COVID-19 pandemic
- Working with CSU on campus repopulation plans prioritizing the health and safety of everyone involved
- Will begin bargaining in the spring, mostly non-economic matters
- Likely less bills in the legislature this cycle because of the pandemic

Jerald Schutte – CSU-ERFSA Report

- The ASCSU and ERFSA have many overlaps in constituency and leadership
- CSU ERFSA charitable foundation has awarded $6000 in grants
  - Grants are open to both current and retired faculty, average around $1200
Loren Blanchard – Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer, Academic and Student Affairs

- Will be transitioning to new position as president of the University of Houston, Downtown
- Standardized testing in admissions
- Legislative session will focus on transfer and transfer pathways
- Guidance on academic honesty
- AB1460 policy implementation
- For the CSU Board of Trustees:
  - Presentation on ADTs, still work to do, but have accomplished a lot
  - Wong Awards

Joseph I. Castro – CSU Chancellor

- Third week as Chancellor and looking forward to having a strong and close relationship with the ASCSU as he did with the Senate in Fresno
- Strong belief in Shared Governance
- Greater good for the CSU is his guiding value
- Personally transformed by access to higher education
- Pandemic will continue to have challenges but will meet them with kindness and compassion
- Hopefully a majority of courses will be in-person in the fall but need to be safe and maximize student success
  - Will carefully and thoughtfully be nimble in adjusting plans and making decisions
- Summer 2021 will still be largely remote
- Budget is better than six months ago, but still a cut from what it was, hopefully will have a more robust budget in the May revise
  - Value to California should inspire a greater monetary investment in the CSU by the state
- Sponsoring legislation to reallocate Prop 63 funds for student mental health services in the system
  - Help improve counseling ratios
- Met with Biden administration transition team
  - believes there is an opportunity to get a third investment of funds for COVID-19 assistance
  - Biden administration discussing increasing the maximum award for Pell Grants
  - Hopefully Dream Act will be forthcoming to help Dreamers get access to federal programs
- Participated in a hearing last week on transfer
- Questions for Chancellor:
What is the CSU doing to respond to police violence and unequal treatment directed at black people?

- What is the system doing, beyond one-time trainings, to interrupt systemic racism? The system is working to get students graduated into the world
- Working on changing practices or policies that reinforce this racism and lack of equity

What is the plan for vaccinating faculty and staff?

- About half the campuses have been asked to be vaccination centers
- Will do everything the CSU can to support as many vaccinations as possible
- Will update in the coming weeks and months
- Open to any ideas for improvement

Jeremy Addis-Mills – Alumni Council Liaison Report

- Adjust practices while meeting remotely
- Working on ways to engage more across campuses
- Working on Alumni Council Strategic Plan

Alondra Esquivel Garcia – CSSA Liaison Report

- Working on basic needs and food insecurity
- Legislative Affairs
  - Will be briefed on pending legislation

Maryana Khames and Krystal Raynes - CSU Student Trustees

- A robust discussion was had between the ASCSU and the Student Trustees

Committee Recommendations

Protecting Fair Workload for Faculty in the CSU

- AS-3455-20/FA (Rev)
- Approved

Disparate Impact of Technology on Underserved Students

- AS-3458-20/FA (Rev)
- Approved

Ongoing Collaboration on Ethnic Studies in the California State University

- AS-3461-20/AA (Rev)
- Approved

Resolution Welcoming Joseph I. Castro and Mary G. Castro as Eighth Chancellor and First Lady of the California State University (CSU)

- AS-3463-20/EX
- Approved by Acclamation

Apportionment of Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) Seats

- AS-3464-20/EX
- Approved Unanimously
Call for Internet Bandwidth Expansion for CSU Students, Faculty, Staff and Administrators

Condemnation of the Insurrection of January 6, 2021 in Washington, DC

Commendation for Executive Vice Chancellor Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D.

Need for Compassionate Treatment of California State University Employees During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Communications with the Board of Trustees of the California State University System

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**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST READING CONSIDERATION:**

Call for a Moratorium on Facial Recognition Technology in the CSU

Endorsement and Adoption of General Education B4 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning Course Guidelines and Principles

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**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:**

Faculty Emeritus/Emerita Status: Revocation and Appeal

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ADJOURNMENT - 3:44 P.M.