## **General Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Time: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm**

## **Minutes**

 **11/21/2024**

In attendance:

Chair Sarah Senk, Vice Chair Taiyo Inoue, Secretary Ariel Setniker, Julie Chisholm, Christine Isakson, Margaret Ward, Keir Moorhead, Amy Skoll, Aparna Sinha, David Satterwhite, Kevin Calnan, Kitty Luce, Matt Fairbanks, Nipoli Kamdar, Sam Pearson, Tom Oppenheim, Tony McDevitt, Wil Tsai, Executive Dean Dinesh Pinisetty, and guests.

Absent: Joel Aldrich.

**Call to Order**

* *Chair Senk called the meeting to order after quorum was achieved.*
* *Chair Senk motions to amend agenda, Senator Isakson motions to amend agenda to include ASCSU report, approved unanimously.*
* *Minutes from 09/19/24 approved unanimously.*
* *Minutes from 10/17/24 approved unanimously.*

**Executive Dean’s Report**

* *Executive Dean Pinisetty presenting*
* Dean Pinisetty discusses 2025-26 budget
	+ CSU funding may be cut by 7.95% or $397 million
	+ Impact to Cal Maritime ~$2.5 million
	+ Senator Chisholm inquires about when cuts will come and when we will feel the impact
		- Dean Pinisetty will consult President
* Integration Update: Approved by Committee
	+ Cal Poly, Solano Campus (Vice President) and Cal Poly Maritime Academy within (Superintendent)
	+ Students will be enrolled as Cal Poly students in Fall 2026
	+ Baker Tilly has been hired by CO to assist with integration
	+ Communication will be forthcoming for planning
	+ Faculty Bets McNie inquires about job descriptions for leadership positions – will there be shared governance in creating those?
	+ Senator Sinha inquires about the process of transitioning to new leadership roles – will deans be working remotely in the interim?
		- Planning has not started – all options are on the table, don’t rule anything out
* Senator Sinha requests an open forum with Dean Pinisetty and President Dumont – these 5 minutes (Executive Dean’s Report to Faculty Senate) are just not enough

**ASCSU Presentation**

* *ASCSU Senators Chisholm and Isakson presenting*
* Cal Poly planning to go to 14-week semester
	+ Presents a challenge for us with our many STCW courses – could not go to this and maintain accreditation
* Held meeting with Cal Poly CC chair - very productive, decision to go to 14-week postponed for two years
* ASCSU Resolution supporting shared governance in the integration, unanimously passed, Chancellor also supported resolution.
* CSU-sponsored teaching with AI opportunity [CSU CO course in teaching with AI](https://ocs.calstate.edu/syllabus-introduction-ai-tools-teaching-learning/syllabus-introduction-ai-tools-teaching-learning)
* First readings of ASCSU resolutions shared: First reading resolutions want your comments
	+ Create FYE across CSU
	+ Clarifying GE and Cal-GETC requirements
	+ Time. Place, and Manner Policy

**Chair’s Report**

* *Chair Senk presenting*
* Call for Common Read Committee
* Senate Executive Committee invited President to join meeting to discuss integration – share questions
	+ President reported that FAQ page will be posted today along with campuswide email
	+ President will meet with individual faculty
* Senators are encouraged to read the presentation for the integration from the BoT meeting November 20, 2024 ahead of the vote
	+ Curriculum and faculty governance are purview of the faculty – confirmed to Chair Senk by multiple administrators
* Want to ensure no duplicative work on the part of the senators – Senate Executive Committee feels it’s important to survey all Unit 3 Faculty after this meeting on topics that should be addressed

**Shared Governance in Workgroup Creation**

* *Secretary Setniker invites senators to contribute to Padlet with feedback from constituents on topics that should be addressed by workgroups as we move forward with integration with Cal Poly SLO*
* Discussion of which topics are faculty purview and which are not
* This Padlet activity will inform survey to all Unit 3 Faculty

**Senate Bylaws Revision – Second Reading**

* *Chair Senk presenting.*
* *Collective motion to table second reading and hold an extra meeting dedicated to this revision on Tuesday, November 26. 14 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.*

**Open Floor**

* Senator Fairbanks shares his thanks for Senator Tsai and Senator Kamdar’s work on the Bylaws Revision, and that tabling was simply a decision due to parsing the comments that came in last night
* Senator Tsai suggests that given Senate Executive Committee moved to amend the bylaws, that Senate Executive Committee has the power to work in comments and make amendments, etc. and if senators don’t like something they can motion on the floor.
	+ Provide finalized draft by Monday morning to give senators time to review ahead of the emergency meeting – will be quick.
* Senator Kamdar inquires about the presence of President’s role in bylaws – is this a policy only for 6 months (referring to impending merger with Cal Poly SLO)?
	+ Chair Senk confirms that this is worth our time because our Senate still needs to function effectively for the next six months and will likely have many resolutions and policy changes (including phasing out and merging policies as we prepare to integrate with Cal Poly). We need to streamline the approval process to allow us to make *any* changes, including ones necessary to begin aligning with Cal Poly.
* Senator Chisholm asks for clarification on new university name following integration – no one knows about Solano outside of our county, may get mixed up with other Cal Poly campuses (Humboldt, Pomona, and SLO)

**Meeting Adjourned [~12:15 pm] (unanimous)**