**Senate Executive Committee Meeting (10/01/2024)**

**Attendees:** Sarah Senk (Chair), Taiyo Inoue (Vice Chair), Ariel Setniker (Secretary), Christine Isakson, Julie Chisholm, Maggie Ward, Keir Moorhead., Executive Dean Dinesh Pinisetty.

**Absent:**

**Response to Social Media Reference: #StopTheMerger Post**

* Senator Inoue shared a link to an Instagram post by the Cal Poly CFA chapter using the hashtag #StopTheMerger, a new tag associated with opposition to the proposed merger between Cal Maritime and Cal Poly SLO. The post raised concerns within the committee due to its content, which was described as disturbing in nature, not reflective of the CFA faculty at large, and likely reflecting anxiety, fear, or resistance from stakeholders regarding the potential merger.
* Inoue reports “our CFA e-board was NOT consulted. It’s clear our CFA e-board was not consulted.” Cal Maritime CFA leadership already requested removal of post. This post is still up on CFA SLO website (but without the #stopthemerger hashtag and original commentary removed).
* The discussion covered the importance of clarifying sentiments in communications with faculty and students (specifying that survey results reveal that faculty have concerns about shared governance and transparency but these should not be misinterpreted as a desire to stop the merger as such), as well as the potential need for an official response or informational outreach from the administration to address misinformation and clarify the objectives and potential outcomes of the merger.
* We have data showing 70% of Cal Maritime faculty supported or strongly supported the merger.
* Follow up with Cal Maritime CFA leadership on how CFA will be handling integration questions / consulting faculty at Cal Maritime.

**Legislative / Advocacy Work**

* Isakson discusses proposal for legislative groups on each campus
* Inoue suggests enshrining an Ad Hoc task force for advocacy on the political side of things about integration. We can build something here that can have lasting impacts.
* Isakson plans to touch base with Chris Chiego. At ASCSU, the legislative specialists come out of ASCSU.

**Review of Document on Bylaws and Governance**

* Senator Senk provided two Google Docs links containing the latest revisions to the committee’s bylaws and governance structure. The committee reviewed updates focused on clarifying voting mechanisms, outlining roles within the committee, and defining procedural requirements.
* Discussions included aligning the bylaws with CSU-wide standards and ensuring the revisions accurately reflect the governance needs specific to Cal Maritime. Specific sections were reviewed in detail to check for consistency with institutional policies, particularly concerning voting protocols and decision-making structures. The committee emphasized the need for clear language to avoid misinterpretation and ensure smooth implementation.
* Members agreed that any remaining ambiguities in the document should be clarified in the next review session. Additional input from faculty and other stakeholders was encouraged to ensure the document meets both compliance requirements and practical needs.

**Preparation for Implementation of Revised Bylaws**

* The committee discussed the process for implementing the revised bylaws once they are finalized and approved. Suggestions included creating a communication plan to inform all faculty members of the updates and organizing informational sessions to provide an overview of key changes.
* The committee considered preparing a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to address anticipated questions regarding procedural changes, voting rights, and roles. This document would be circulated among faculty to improve understanding and ensure transparency in the governance structure.
* Plans were discussed for a rollout timeline, which would include setting specific dates for the informational sessions and the official implementation of the bylaws. The committee intends to gather feedback from faculty after the informational sessions to address any residual concerns before full implementation.

**Preparation for Future Engagements**

* The committee plans to continue refining the revised bylaws, seeking faculty input for any additional adjustments. The goal is to ensure that all changes are comprehensively understood and practically applicable.
* Discussion: immediately after integration, the Curriculum Committee is going to be totally swamped. There are some positions that are overburdened. Relief coming through reassigned time is not clear. Consensus is that the Executive Committee needs a better understanding of these things and needs to start pushing more.