

# **AGENDA**

**Academic Senate – Executive Committee**

October 30, 2017, noon-1:30, ADM 167

*Lunch provided*

1. Approval of meeting minutes of October 16
2. Consent calendar
3. Policy committee updates
  - a. C&R
  - b. PS
  - c. ISA
  - d. O&G
4. President's update
5. Commencement planning
6. University updates
  - a. Provost
  - b. Chief Diversity Officer
  - c. VP Administration and Finance
  - d. VP Student Affairs
  - e. AS
  - f. Statewide Senate

**Executive Committee Minutes**  
**October 30, 2017**  
**Noon – 1:30 p.m., ADM 167**

Present: Frazier, Shifflett, Wong(Lau), Manzo, Peter, Schultz-Krohn, Mathur, Lee, Van Selst, Papazian, Feinstein, Faas, Sullivan-Green, Riley, Willey

Absent: None

1. The minutes of October 16, 2017 were approved.
2. There was no consent calendar, but the Organization and Government Committee and the Curriculum and Research Committee both need a faculty representative to take the Education seats. The seats have gone at large, so they can be filled by a faculty member from any college.

3. Committee updates:

- a. From the Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):  
C&R is working on referrals regarding R, S, and V requirements and borrowing faculty across departments.

C&R is also continuing work on a curriculum policy.

- b. From the Professional Standards Committee (PS):  
PS is working on the Chair amendment to S15-7, Retention, Tenure, Promotion for Regular Faculty Employees policy recommendation. It will come to the Senate for a final reading on Monday, November 20, 2017.

The President and Chair of the PS Committee are working on a resolution to the concerns the President expressed about the Chairs and Directors Policy.

PS is working on a referral regarding the charge and possible membership changes to the Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility (BAFPR). A few suggestions include allowing emeritus faculty and former senate chairs to serve as well as removing the election by college requirement.

PS is also working on creating a policy for program directors. Program directors can be involved in hiring lecturers and advising students. Currently, there is no policy requiring the announcement of vacant director

positions, and/or the hiring and evaluation of directors. Program directors are also not appointed for specific terms.

c. From the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):

I&SA is working on the Priority Registration Policy. There is some concern that the Student Success Committee is continuing to do reviews of priority registration even with their most recent change in charge and membership.

d. From the Organization and Government Committee (O&G):

O&G will likely hold off on bringing the AVP changes to the bylaw and constitution policy recommendations back to the Senate for final readings until they work on a referral they have to consider adding staff to the Senate.

O&G is considering two options related to review of lottery funds. One is to reestablish the Lottery Committee another is to place responsibilities with the Budget Advisory Committee. The original lottery committee was disbanded and the lottery function was initially given to the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC). Eventually, that function was transferred to the Strategic Planning Board. The Executive Committee discussed whether lottery funds are being used as required by law. There is concern that using these funds to support library acquisitions year-after-year is supplanting regular operating expenses for the library. Lottery funds used to be awarded by the Lottery Committee after reviewing applications across the university for various projects.

4. From the President:

There will be a discussion on the Master Plan on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 in the Theatre at 9:30 a.m.

The President feels the CSU has had success working with the legislature this year.

Questions:

Q: Can you give us an update on BART?

A: The issue comes down to whether they use single or double bore. If they use single bore then they can go with the West option. We wanted the East option. BART just said they won't operate single bore. Double bore is invasive and would

disrupt the downtown area for a long time. VTA has met with BART but a decision has been postponed until January.

Q: Can you speak to issues with the advanced degrees required in the health sciences?

A: The UCs have said they do not want to offer the advanced degrees being required by some of the health services. It started with Audiology and now includes Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy. If the CSU is going to offer these then the President will continue to advocate for more funding. There are additional issues to consider such as getting the right ratio of tenure/tenure-track faculty and professionals to teach the classes as well as equipment and lab needs. The President is not optimistic about the funding but will continue to push for it as we have a robust healthcare environment in Silicon Valley.

Q: Regarding the Master Plan discussions, they were very informative the last time. Having it on campus is very good news. Wouldn't this be the perfect time to bring up the issue of funding for the health services degrees if UC won't offer and we will?

A: Yes, we are all over the map in terms of the profiles of our students.

Q: Will there be opportunities to hear the Master Plan discussions on line? The CSU Statewide Senators will be gone to Long Beach on that date.

A: The President will check on this.

Q: Are there discussions between the CSU and UC over who will handle what clinical degrees?

A: Yes, primarily at the Chancellor level where they are discussing the increased certification needs of certain professions.

5. The President is rethinking commencement. Right now only 20% of graduating students participate. Due to the renovation efforts on South Campus being escalated as a result of increased donations, there will not be sufficient parking available for the spring commencement. The President wants this to be a quality experience for students where they can walk across the stage and get their diploma, shake hands, etc. However, a college or department cannot confer a degree. Only the university can confer degrees. Also, no one likes the fact that commencement is held over Memorial Day weekend, and the President does not want department ceremonies to be held during finals week. Thus, the President would like to hold college-level commencement ceremonies over the course of two days. The Event Center and Avaya Stadium are being considered. Department ceremonies would be held immediately following the bigger commencements.

Committee members expressed concern that the departments were being told they can no longer hold their own department ceremonies. In some departments, student groups organize the department graduation events and they are making plans to move these events off campus. Students want to be able to see and interact with

the faculty in their departments. They do not understand why something they love is being taken away from them. In Political Science, for example, they give out medallions and then send students to commencement on Memorial Day weekend. The President responded that it was never the intention to prohibit departments from hosting their own events. However, what exactly is the intent and meaning of the department ceremonies?

Some members also expressed concern that due to the size of their own department events, it might not be feasible to do one college event time-wise.

Some departments also have issues with the timing of commencement. Their students are told to attend commencement, but some still have a 6-month internship to finish before officially graduating. They really need a December commencement, but many won't come back after their internship off campus.

Due to the number of graduates from some of the departments, department events can take over 2 hours. These departments are concerned that having one college-wide commencement for all is not feasible. The President feels that with the right planning and execution it can work.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

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