



**2016-2017 Faculty Senate  
Executive Committee**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of February 21, 2017**  
275 Sacramento Hall  
*Approved: February 28, 2017*

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll was taken.

Dimitri Bogazianos, De-Laine Cyrenne, Jeff Dym, Sue Escobar, Kathy Garcia, Andrew Hertzoff, Julian Heather, Sue Holl, Tom Krabacher (absent), Hellen Lee (absent), Abraham Mendoza, Liam Murphy, Robert Nelsen (absent), Reza Peigahi, Matt Schmidlein, Chris Taylor, Ching-Hua Wang

**Guests:**

Academic Affairs: Steve Perez, Vice Provost  
College of Arts and Letters: John Williams, Associate Dean (Interim)  
College of Education: Deidre Sessoms, faculty  
College of Engineering and Computer Science: Kevan Shafizadeh, Associate Dean  
College of Health and Human Services: Tony Sheppard, Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration faculty  
Human Resources: Jake Hurley, Associate Vice President  
Office of the President: Lisa Cardoza, Chief of Staff

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** The agenda was amended to add Data Availability as item #10. The agenda as amended was approved.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- **Minutes: February 7, 2017:** Approved as published.

**INFORMATION / OPEN FORUM ITEMS / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- **Open Forum follow-up - Registration delays because of grade in B4 classes:** Holl reported that per her conversation with Don Hunt, students are allowed to complete any of their transferrable units in spring XX if they are going to enroll in fall XX. A later orientation date will be offered for students who may not complete requirements on time.

Peigahi stated that it is a broader issue of lack of consistency in information.

It was also noted that information is missing from transcripts. The Senate Chair will follow-up.

- **CSU Student Success Team Campus Visit:** Exec will meet with CO representatives Dr. Minor and Mr. Gold on Friday, February 24.

- **Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Campus (Interim) Policy:** Exec discussed how the policy will be reviewed and the resolution on the Feb 23 Senate agenda, endorsing FS 16/17-124/FL.

Discussion included the following:

- Refer the policy to a Senate Committee.
  - Schmidlein stated that it was not clear what committee or subcommittee charge would directly speak to enforcement of the policy of the Police Department.
  - Peigahi suggested referring the policy to CODE and FPC for joint review and recommendations. The referral could be added to the action language for FS 16/17-124.
- Ask the Senate, at the Feb 23 meeting, for feedback on how they wish the policy to be reviewed.
  - A Committee of the Whole will be convened for the discussion (30 minutes). Feedback would be recorded and provided to the President.

The Feb 23 agenda will be amended to reflect the Committee of the Whole discussion.

- **Budget Presentations:** Cardoza shared that Senate leadership, USA and ASI have been invited to sit in on the College and Division budget presentations to Cabinet on March 2 and 17. Chair Heather will follow-up with the President after the presentations.
- **Provost Update:** The Provost reported that Director Dragna made a presentation to the Deans Council on the Graduation Initiative. The Graduation Initiative presentation will also be made at a future Department Chairs meeting. VP Mills also presented tot Deans COuncil on CalState Apply, a CSU application process that will be implemented in a few months; training will be provided to faculty. Also, the budget calls have gone out to programs.
  - Peigahi stated that faculty need to have a stronger voice with the Graduation Initiative. The topic will be an agenda item at a future Executive Committee meeting.
- **Endowed Professorship Policy:** Dym stated the policy was outdated and needed to be reviewed. Cardoza reported that the policy is currently being reviewed by Academic Affairs and University Advancement. Perez will keep the Senate Chair updated.
- **Data Availability Request:** Senator Sessoms stated that data needed to be available for student success planning, grant writing and impaction. Due to the time certain item, discussion was tabled until the February 28 meeting.
- **Pre-major Policy Referral:** Schmidlein stated that there is no policy that defines what a pre-major is and requested that a referral be made to the Curriculum Policy Committee for review and amendment to formally define what a pre-major is. The referral will be made to the Curriculum Policy Committee.
- **Alcohol Policy.** Sheppard stated that the policy is outdated and needs to be reviewed. Escobar stated that she is a faculty representative on the Alcohol Advisory Council and that she thought the policy had been updated. She will follow up with the Council and update Exec at the next meeting.
- **Task Force on Transgender Inclusion – Faculty Representative:** The nomination of Tristan Josephson will be placed on Consent Action on the February 23 Faculty Senate agenda.

**Honors Program: Chemistry Honors Program (NSM) and Policy:** Questions were raised about the proposal.

Program Proposal: The following questions were raised regarding the program proposal.

1. How much will the Honors concentration impact resources for the main major?
  - a. How many students will be expected to do a thesis and research?
  - b. How will faculty cover this without affecting class offerings and movement to graduation?
  - c. What if a student starts a thesis but fails to finish it promptly? Could this lead to the major becoming impacted?
  - d. How will faculty be compensated for their time in advising and overseeing students?
2. How will this affect disadvantaged students?
  - a. What percentage of students in the major qualify for the program?
  - b. How much can it be combined with the need to work or take care of family?
  - c. Does this mean that faculty and departmental resources will be preferentially available to students from privileged backgrounds, academically or financially?
  - d. Do minority students qualify at equivalent rates?

Honors Program Policy: Concern was expressed about the lack of a policy on what an honors program is. Exec discussed a moratorium on honor programs until a policy is developed.

The resolution below will be placed on the February 23 Senate agenda, at the top of the First Reading items, followed by the program proposal for the Honors Program.

### **Temporary Campus-wide Moratorium on New Honors Programs**

The Faculty Senate recommends that a temporary, campus-wide moratorium against new Honors Programs be enacted, with the moratorium to be lifted at such a time as a new campus-wide Honors Program policy is established (unless the new policy contains a continued moratorium).

The Faculty Senate further recommends that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee determine a process and timeline for development of a campus-wide Honors Program policy. The following should be considered in the development of the policy:

- Minimum criteria for what constitutes an honors program.
- The effect of the honors program on resources allocated to the main major.
- The effect of honors programs on underrepresented and underserved students.

**Commencement:** VP Sales presented information on the Commencement Committee's work to identify a new venue for Spring 2017 and future commencements due to the closure of Sleep Train Arena. The Committee's review addressed the increase in graduates over the last 5 years, consideration of on- and off-campus venues, combining colleges commencements, and cost. The recommendation to be presented to the President and Cabinet will be to combine colleges for commencements to be held at the Golden One Center for Spring 2017.

At the time of adjournment the following items had not be heard and will be placed on a future Executive Committee agenda.

- Academic Dishonesty Policy
- Timely Declaration of Major Policy
- UPM Workgroup Update

**Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm