



**2015-2016 Faculty Senate
Executive Committee**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting of February 23, 2016
275 Sacramento Hall
Approved: March 1, 2016

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

Roll Call:

Roll was taken.

Lorelei Bayne (absent), Sylvester Bowie, Tucker Caruso, De-Laine Cyrenne, Jeff Dym, Sue Escobar, Ben Fell, Kathy Garcia, Julian Heather, John Ingram, Steve Perez, Tom Krabacher, Reza Peigahi, Kath Pinch, Adam Rechs, Sue Holl

Guests:

Academic Affairs: Chevelle Newsome, Dean, Graduate Studies and Don Taylor, Interim AVP,
Academic Programs and Educational Effectiveness

Academic Senator: Christine Miller

CODE: Amber Gonzalez, committee member

RTPA: Tony Sheppard, faculty member

Open Forum:

- **Impaction Taskforce:** Questions were raised about the status of the Provost's Taskforce. The Chair will follow-up with the Provost.
- **Public Speaking on the Quad:** An issue was raised regarding speakers using megaphones for public speaking on the Quad addressing lifestyle choices, etc. It was also suggested that an area could be cornered off for protesters to use. It was suggested that VP Mills, AVP Lessen, and Tom Carroll, Director for Students Organizations and Leadership, be invited to the next Exec meeting for a broader conversation on the issue. The Chair will follow-up.
- **Faculty Proposed Strike – Students:** Concern was expressed about mixed messages being provided to students regarding the proposed faculty strike. Students are expressing concern and uncertainty about the labor action in April. Better, and more reassuring, communication needs to happen to advise students that the proposed action by the Unit 3 faculty does not affect a student's rights to be on campus and do the work they need to do. Caruso stated that ASI is working with CSSA on a flyer outlining student's rights and are also referring students to CFA regarding the strike details.
- **Grade Appeal Process Policy (FS 15/16-39/APC/EX):** An inquiry was made regarding the status of the policy that was approved by the Senate on October 10, 2015. Status: The policy is under review by the President.
- **Livingston Lecture – Christine Miller:** Peigahi complemented Professor Miller on her lecture.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as published.

Minutes: February 9, 2016: The minutes were approved as published.

From the Chair:

- **Follow-up with President Nelsen on FS 13/14-42a/FL Policy on Instructional Program Priorities (IPP): Academic Planning, Resource Allocation and Enrollment Management, Elimination Of. Senate Action: FS 13/14-42a: <http://www.csus.edu/acse/Senate-Info/13-14Agendas-Minutes/120513Agendas-Minutes/13-14FS-42a-ap.pdf>**). Bowie stated that the President is taking the report under advisement and he has forwarded it to ABAC.
- **CFA Strike Dates – Senate Meetings:** The dates of the proposed strike are: April 13-15 and 18-19. If the strike is held, the April 14 Senate meeting and the April 19 Exec meeting will be canceled. Senate committees will be advised to be mindful of the strike dates and request advance notice to Senate Office so that meeting room reservations in the Union can be canceled, without a late fee. Bowie expressed concern about the Union’s late fee policy and will follow up with the Provost.

Program Proposal: BA in Anthropology (SSIS): Exec reviewed the proposal and some concerns were raised regarding the sequence of course listings in the catalog copy. It was noted that while Statistics appears to be a requirement in all concentrations, it is listed as an Additional Requirement at the bottom of each section whereas, perhaps, it might more accurately be listed as part of the core. Given that this does not affect the Senate's assessment of the curricular soundness of the program, it did not cause the item to be pulled from Senate consideration. However, it was suggested that the Senate Chair discuss with Dean Meyer that the Department’s sequence of course listings might be clearest to students and most consistent with whichever pattern tends to be most common within the catalog. This should not be construed as an instruction or request to change the language, nor is the Senate's consideration contingent upon any specific outcome, but there was concern as to whether this was either the most clear manner of presentation or the manner most consistent with other degree listings. The proposal will be placed on Consent Action on the March 3 Senate agenda and the Senate Chair will follow up with Dean Meyer.

GSPC: Graduate Learning Goals/Objectives Policy: Heather stated that the existing policy is being revised because campus reaccreditation requires the campus to document how it ensures the meaning of graduate degrees, regardless of program or discipline. The campus needs to articulate learning goals that apply across all programs. He also stated that the Graduate Advisors were consulted throughout the process as well as students.

Section A.5 Professionalism: Exec discussed how a student would demonstrate professional integrity and suggested that the language be revised to include the words “an understanding” so that the sentence would read: “Professionalism: Demonstrate an understanding of professional integrity.” The revision will be made and the item will be placed on the March 3 Senate agenda at 1st Reading.

Standing Policy Committee Updates: The Chairs were asked to provide updates at the next Exec meeting.

Impaction Task Force update: A question was raised regarding the status of the Task Force. Dean Newsome stated that the Task Force is actively meeting.

Adjourned: *The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.*