General Senate Meeting Agenda

Peachman Lecture Hall (09/19/17)

<u>Agenda</u>

1. Announcements

2. School Dean Search Firm

3. Student Services Announcements (Dr. Ian Wallace, Psychologist)

4. Building Plans (Ryan Storz, ET)

5. Agenda for 2017-2018

6. Open Floor

<u>GENERAL SENATE MEETING</u>

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
PEACHMAN LECTURE HALL

The first general senate meeting was called to order by Tom Nordenholz at 11:00 am, by welcoming all the academic senate members for the new academic year (2017-2018).

Guests: Sue Opp (Provost) and Gene Head (Affiliated with 'Diversified Search', school dean search firm)

Agenda for the meeting was presented.

The senate executive committee for the year 2017-2018 was introduced by Tom Nordenholz (chair). The executive committee constitutes Tom Nordenholz (chair); Alex Parker (vice-chair); Dinesh Pinisetty (Secretary); Steve Browne (Rep to CSU Senate); Cynthia Trevisan (Rep to CSU Senate); Khalid Bachkar (Member-at-large); Keir Moorhead (Member-at-large); Brent Pohlmann (Member-at-large).

At 11:05 am, the representative from the school dean search firm came over to introduce himself and then gave a very quick overview about the hiring process. He requested all faculty to give their opinions on the things that they would want from new school dean. Few faculty, actively gave their opinions and it was an interactive session for 20 minutes. The opinions from the faculty included, the new dean to be more collaborative and working closely with faculty on variety of issues, expressing willingness to learn more from faculty about the campus and department whereabouts, engaging in a long time commitment with the position rather than just looking it as a stepping stone in their career growth.

At this time, 11:25 am, the Provost and Search Form representative and Academic Dean left and the meeting resumed.

Announcement was made that the senate moodle page is being updated with all the policies and moving forward we will adopt moodle as one of our mode of communication for academic senate voting and announcements. Also, senate webpage will be opened to public for viewing minutes from all the senate meetings (executive senate and general senate).

There are five tenure track searches approved by the administration including (two for ET and one each for SM, IBL and MT)

All the online courses need approval by Jan 1st, 2018. Faculty were advised to review the policy on the senate policies website and download the form from the curriculum committee website.

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Alex Parker is working on staffing the academic senate committees and once this is done he will be focusing on filling up the administrative committees. Faculty should be hearing requests for more service opportunities across the campus. The next general senate meetings are scheduled on *October 24th and November 16th*.

At 11:45 am, Dr. Ian Wallace (Psychologist) gave information and updates on counseling & psychological services (CAPS) at CSUM for fall 2017. He also introduced all the scheduled Unity council events for 2017-2018.

Ryan Storz, a participating faculty in the focus group for new buildings in the academic core introduced the plans for the new academic building, Academic A (current student affairs office building). He suggested that a survey will be conducted asking for faculty thoughts on the classroom size.

The chair introduced the senate agenda for 2017-2018;

Senate agenda

- License faculty hiring
  Hiring in ET and MT departments has been a major issue and not keeping with the pace of student growth is keeping the quality of the programs in great jeopardy. The needs for the upcoming year is to focus on Tenue track hiring in ET and MT departments and cruise calendar.
- RTP standards
  The junior faculty are not clear about the RTP expectations in teaching, service and scholarly activity. They are concerned about the changing interpretations from administration and faculty. For example, does all the effort pursued towards achieving a extramural grant, can be considered as scholarly work. For the upcoming year senate committee will be working closely with all the departments to come up with updated versions of the Departmental RTP guidelines under Appendix K. Also, senate executive committee proposes the initiation of a formalized mentoring program in every department.
- Constitution/Bylaws (Policy 500) revision
  The constitution and bylaws documents are becoming obsolete, procedural changes with new practices. Vagueness on senate procedures is causing hindrances for a smooth shared governance. The senate executive committee will start work on re-writing and updating the documents.
- Academic administrative review policy
  Based on the survey results conducted in October 2016, faculty do not seem to be satisfied with accountability and support by senior administration. The senate executive committee will work on an administrative review policy.

After this time, the floor was open for faculty discussion.

One item that was brought forward was the difficulties that faculty have had with IT issues and the completion of CLS 101 (which was not ready when the semester began). The Senate Executive Committee will meet with representatives from IT staff and administration, including the CIO and VPAF, to try to improve these functionalities in the future.

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