



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS

Academic Senate ○ 1000 E. Victoria ○ Carson, CA 90747 ○ WH-A420 ○ (310) 243-3312

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2021

Voting Members Present: Allen, Brandt, Buffaloe, Chaparro, Chiappe, Deng, Dixon, Eames, Fortner, Gasco, Hernandez, Heinze-Balcazar, Hill, Jarrett, Johnson, Jones, Kalayjian, Kitching, Kulikov, Kuwabara, Ledesma, Ma, Macias, Malladi, Marositz, Naynaha-Gill, Nguyen, Park, Pederson, Price, Pinto (proxy for Skiffer), Raianu, Roback, Sanford, Skiffer, Spruill, Stang, Tang, Turner, Vieira, Vinovich

Voting Members Not Present: McGlynn, Morris, Nicol, Sexton, Gray-Shellberg, Supernaw

Voting Ex-Officio Members Present: Anderson, Mancio-Molina, Ares, Celly, Heinze-Balcazar, Norman, Ospina, Russo, Talamante, Thomas, Weary

Voting Ex-Officio Members Not-Present: Parham

Standing Committee Chairs: Boroan, Heinze-Balcazar, Macias, Naynaha

Standing Committee Chair Not Present: Mancillas, Caffrey Gardner

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members Present: Afalqa, Barrett, Brasley, Costino, Caron, Franklin, Koos, LaPolt, Manriquez, Ortega, Olschwang, Peyton, Price, Spagna, Wallace, Wen

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members Present: Hutton, McNutt, O'Donnell, Poltorak, Roberson, Wallace

Guests: D. Brandon, M. Britto, D. Chonwerawong, K. Dellacioppa, Gonsalves, M. Grandone, M. Jones, Miller, Rios, Texeira, Valdez

2020-2021 Academic Senate Executive Committee:

Academic Senate Chair, Laura Talamante; Vice Chair, Ivonee Heinze-Balcazar; Parliamentarian, Hal Weary; Secretary, Dana Opsina; EPC Chair, Salvatore (Sam) Russo; FPC Chair, Terri Ares; NTT Representative, Rita Anderson; Statewide Senators, Kirti Celly and Thomas Norman, Immediate Past Senate Chair, Charles Thomas

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Chair Talamante called the meeting to order.

Land Acknowledgement Statement of the Tongva people was read by Chair Talamante

Chair Talamante noted a minor adjustment to the agenda.

Agenda approved.

Minutes from 2/10/2021 approved

Chair's Report

Talamante reminded everyone that the Senate meeting would be in two parts that day. The first part would cover the reports and the second part would be Part I of the CFA Interrupting Racism workshop, which folks would dial into using the unique link sent to them when they registered.

Talamante spoke about the workshop put on by the Dymally Center the week before at which Dr. Samad challenged the Academic Senate to an anti-racism challenge to declare Senate as anti racist. Anti-racists are those who take actions for anti-racism. She noted that we've been asked if we can take a photo of all senators with signs that say "I am an anti-racist" and then the Senate will issue our challenge.

Parliamentarian Report, Parliamentarian Hal Weary

- Current electronic election that we're asking everyone to vote and confirm candidates from all of the colleges to serve on the Online Hybrid and Learning Committee. It will remain open until next Wednesday, March 3, 5pm.
- University Scholarship committee has been filled
- University Curriculum Committee has been filled
- Faculty Policy Committee filled as well.
- Running the election for the Educational Policy Committee.
- Looking for a Senate Executive Committee member to participate on the Alumni Council Committee.

Provost's Report

- Visit with Chancellor Castro was very productive. Spagna said he highlighted three of our programs for him to specifically learn about and these were three graduate programs. The programs were, in order:
 - o the Master of Science in Cybersecurity headed up by Dr. Mohsen Beheshti. Spagna noted he highlighted the real commitment we have to intersegmental partnerships with El Camino College. He said we're only one of two programs in the entire CSU, the other one being at Monterey Bay.
 - o Dr. Antonia Boadi and her work with the very new Master of Science in Systems Engineering. Spagna explained it just started its first cohort in Fall 2020.
 - o And then they also highlighted Mark Muller and our Master of Science in Orthotics and Prosthetics, noting that there are only 13 such programs in the country. Spagna said these were points of pride from the academic side that we shared with the Chancellor.

Spagna said they also spoke about the need for us to continue to focus on our recruitment, support and retention of world class faculty. Our support for non-tenure track faculty as full and included members of our entire community, and the overall notion of staff and our support for staff as part of our thriving community here at Dominguez Hills.

- We have received an equity progress report we're reviewing from the Chancellor's office. He said that Senate has also received this. The good news is that if we could only work on uplifting 145 of our Pell eligible students, we will have zero equity gap in terms of Pell eligible students. And we'll talk about strategies to get there.
- We are in the process of doing our opening conversations about fall 2021 planning. This is going to be an inclusive process. This is the third phase of what we're doing in the pandemic, the first one, the shock of the spring, we all navigated, and then the depopulation of the campus. We're now in the third phase, which is repopulating the campus, which is very complex. It will require a lot of support, conversation and understanding.

ASI Report, ASI Vice President of Academic Affairs Jonathan Mancio Molina

- February 25: Game night for the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences. The college representative from CNBS is having a game night with professors and students.
- February 26: Town Hall with Assembly Member Mike Gibson and Senator Stephen Bradford from 2 – 3:30.

- Re. Student Health Fee Increase: Molina said they have been getting more feedback for the student health fee increase, including that students want to see that fee coming from other areas. Molina commented that some students don't understand University budgeting, but we're continuing to inform them about that. Some conversations about that fee increase expressed possibly getting the funds from the police and defunding the police and maybe moving those funds to health. Conversations are continuous. We are trying to inform students of this decision and just give them all the information available.

Chair Talamante said she thought she recalled that in her meeting with ASI Leadership [President Rihab Shuaib and VP Jonathan Mancio Molina] that, as a result of the conversation around funding, this idea of defunding the police as a possible way to compensate for those needs. She said she recalled Molina bringing up a request that has been made to create council, students and police around relationships and the activity of police with students on our campus. **Molina** said yes, that is correct. Those are conversations that the ASI President has been having with VP Wallace. It is in the conversational stage as of now and then we will see how that continues moving forward.

CFA Report, CFA Co-President Iyad Afalqa

Afalqa said that CFA sent an open letter to Chancellor Castro.

Today CFA is having the Senate Anti-Racism workshop.

Tuesday, March 2, from 4:30 to 6:30 is the Lecturer Nuts and Bolts workshop. For those who cannot make it, it will also be held on Friday, March 5, 9-11am.

CFA Equity Conference, March 10-13, all are welcome.

Chair Talamante reminded folks of the Anti-Racism Challenge from Dr. Anthony Samad whereby all Senators will have a sign indicating that they are anti-racist. Senator Thomas Norman suggested that the Academic Senate challenge the Cabinet. A poll was launched to see if the Senate supported that idea. The poll indicated that the Senate was in favor, 37 in favor, 0 against and 2 abstentions. Chair Talamante addressed Provost Spagna and formally challenged the Cabinet. Provost Spagna accepted the challenge and would notify the Cabinet as soon as Thursday evening, 2/25. And he said, they would seek to identify who they will be challenging.

Chair Talamante suggested folks take a break before moving to the separate link for the Anti-Racism Training that would begin at 3 PM.

Part I of the 2/24 Academic Senate Meeting adjourned. [Part II would be at the Anti-Racism Workshop].