Call to Order

D. Boschini called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes


Announcements and Information

Trustee Day – Faculty meet Trustee Adam Day Friday, April 27, 12:00-1:30. Light lunch. Location TBD.

President-elect Zelezny is scheduled for Special Faculty-Member Senate meeting May 1, 10:00-11:00 in HCCR.

Election Status: The Call for University-wide At-Large positions is out and then the Call for Interest for University-wide Appointments will go out. Each senator, except the Vice-chair, is expected to be on a sub-committee and the rule is not enforced for the Antelope Valley representative.

Senate meetings: The last regular Senate meeting is on April 26. On May 10, the outgoing Senate will meet, and then the incoming Senate will meet to select Standing Committee Chairs and to Confirm the Graduates of the University.

Executive Committee meetings are scheduled for April 17, May 1, May 8

Approval of Agenda

B. Hartsell moved to defer committee reports until after resolutions. All in Favor. Agenda approved as adjusted.

ASCSU Report - J. Tarjan reported: 1) the draft statement by the ASCSU and the Chancellor regarding alternate process for consultation dealing with curricular or academic matters has been sent. 2) Senator Tarjan attended the CFA Rally in Sacramento and spent a significant amount of time talking to the Chair of the Higher Education Committee. From talking with the members of the Assembly, the 4% budget increase that the Governor promised
that the BOT reverse-engineered into student success, faculty hiring, compensation and benefits, mandatory costs, maintenance, etc. is viewed as inadequate. 30,000 students have been added to the system this year.

6. **Provost Report**  D. Schecter delivered Provost Zorn’s apology for missing the meeting. Dr. Zorn is one of the Provosts who sit on the Council of Library Deans. She and Dean Asher are at that meeting.

7. **Committee and Report Requests**
   (Minutes from AAC, AS&SS, BPC and FAC are posted on the Academic Senate Webpage)
   
   a. **Executive Committee (B. Hartsell)** The process for interviewing candidates for the Faculty Director of GECCo was discussed. The EC heard extensive description of Chair Boschini’s call with President-elect Zelezny Including her career path through Academic Affairs, her background in psychology, and her commitment to shared governance. The EC discussed that there is a little bit of awkwardness while President Mitchell is still here. Dr. Zelezny emphasized that she just wants to lay the groundwork so when she starts in July, she is well-prepared to be a good president.

   b. **Academic Affairs Committee (M. Slaughter)** RES 171818 Instructor Initiated Drop Policy is on hold pending a joint meeting with AS&SS. Referral 2017-2018 #15 University-wide Impact of EO 1110 Implementation is in process. AAC may have to meet with BPC on another resolution.

   c. **Academic Support & Student Services Committee (C. MacQuarrie)** There will be a joint meeting next week with AAC regarding RES 171818 Instructor Initiated Drop Policy. The issue is about students who take an online course and how they can complete work in the first week. The committee talked at length about the short window for the call for Faculty Director GECCo.

   d. **Budget & Planning Committee (A. Hegde)** Referral 2017-2018 #10 Office Allocation is about to become a resolution based on the resolution passed by the ASCSU. The committee is considering information that came from the CO about space. An invitation was sent to the author of the Interdisciplinary Studies Department Formation Proposal (INSD) to come to committee to answer questions.

   e. **Faculty Affairs Committee (M. Rush)** REF 2016-2017 #11 Ombudsperson will be pushed to next year. There will be a Fairness in Evaluation resolution next meeting. The committee is addressing specific issues. For example, who should be on RTP committees if there is unreasonable bias and staff limitations in the Administrative Review process. 

   f. D. Boschini briefed the Senate that the EC received a memo on behalf of another faculty member about student’s misconduct. At issue are our policies and approach to students’ cheating, discipline, what influences go into making a report, the level of satisfaction in the process, understand the outcomes, and the increasing number of reports of faculty dissatisfaction in that area. D. Boschini has been meeting for six weeks with D. Anderson-Facile (chair of DLDC), R. Alvarez (Student Rights and Responsibility), M. Palaiologou (Ombudsperson), and Nate Olsen (representing ethics across the curriculum) to find the gaps and why are
there so many concerns. EC is scheduled to take up the consideration whether to send to committee, set some more Handbook language, or policies to call more interest to the issues. It likely that the issue will not be fully vetted by the end of the semester.

g. Staff Report (K. Ziegler-Lopez) No report.
h. ASI Report (M. Gomez) absent

8. Resolutions – (Time Certain 10:45 a.m.)
a. New Business
   RES 171825 - New BPA Academic Certificate (AAC, BPC) (First Reading)  A. Hegde introduced on behalf of the two committees. Members clarified that the proposal is not about internships or about funding any positions.
b. Old Business
   RES 171818 - Instructor Initiated Drop Policy (AAC, AS&SS) (Second Reading on hold) *
   RES 171819 - New Emphasis: Energy and Power Engineering (AAC, BPC) (Second Reading)  A. Hegde introduced on behalf of the committees. The program concentration is within Engineering and Science, all required classes are currently offered, and there aren’t any budget implications. All in favor. No opposition. Passed.
   RES 171820 - Use of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) (BPC) (Second Reading)  A. Hedge summarized that this is a policy on aerial drones. The proposed policy is based on Federal guidelines and is consistent with policy on other campuses. All in favor. Passed.
   Discussion ensued regarding the need for all policies to be accessible and searchable
   RES 171822 - At-Large Membership on University Committees (FAC) (Second Reading) *  M. Rush summarized that is was non-controversial. The resolution passed, unanimously.
   RES 171823 - Range Elevation Handbook Change (FAC) (Second Reading) *  M. Rush summarized that the major change was to have the Provost as part of the process so individuals don’t fall through the cracks when range elevation comes along. The resolution passed with all in favor.

9. Open Forum Items (Time Certain 11:15 a.m.)
   C. MacQuarrie recommends an advisor be added to the composition of GECCo. D. Boschini reported that the issue of office space was discussed at the Academic Affairs Council (AAC). She expressed the need to prioritize a single station for each FT faculty employees as stated in the Board of Trustee’s (BOT) recommendations and the need to assure that issues are addressed across the campus and not only at the level of each school.
   B. Hartsell inquired about the refresh schedule for Lecturers’ computers. D. Schecter said to notify the Provost’s Office if there is a FT instructor who has not had computer refreshed in four years.
C. MacQuarrie gave his Senate report to ASI last week. President-elect Zelezny is scheduled to meet with ASI on April 27th. Separately, he teaches a course in video-games. His office has equipment to experience gaming using Virtual Reality (VR). The Senate is invited to try it.

10. **Adjournment**
   B. Hartsell moved to adjourn. E. Correa seconded.

* Changes to be made to University Handbook