## California State University, Bakersfield

## Academic Senate

## Minutes

## Thursday, October 6, 2022

## 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Student Health Services Conference Room and ZOOM Video Conference https://csub.zoom.us/j/89008353888?pwd=V2NoeVBQeURTZzBycUI5V2ItZU5sUT09&from=add

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**Members:** A. Hegde (Chair), M. Danforth (Vice Chair), M. Ayuso, E. Correa, J. Gillard, V. Harper, H. He, C. Lam, M. Martinez, J. Millar, S. Miller, M. Rees (virtual), J. Rodriguez, A. Rodriquez, M. Rush, T. Salisbury (virtual), A. Sawyer (virtual), D. Solano, B. Street, J. Tarjan, M. Taylor (virtual), C. Vollmer (virtual), D. Wu, and K. Van Grinsven (Senate Analyst).

**Visitors:** D. Boschini (virtual), S. Bozarth (virtual), D. Cantrell (guest), D. Fowler, F. Gorham (virtual), D. Jackson, H. Niemeyer (virtual), D. Perez-Granados (virtual), K. Watson (virtual), L. Zelezny, N. Olson (guest), C. Commuri (guest), I. Sumaya (guest), J. Cornelison, A. Gomez-Navarro, K. Ziegler-Lopez.

- A. Call to Order
  - a. A. Hedge called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Read indigenous land acknowledgement.
- B. Approval of Minutes
  - a. September 8, 2022
  - b. (E. Correa) Please make note to use gender equity language. Grammatical edits have been sent to K. Van Grinsven.
  - c. E. Correa motioned to approve; D. Solano seconded. Approved.
- C. Announcements and Information
  - a. President Zelezny's Report (Time Certain: 10:10 AM).
    - i. Attended African American Advisor Council. Also attended the Excellencia conference in Washington, DC with Dr. Alicia Rodriquez. This is a great step towards being an intentional Hispanic Serving Institution.
    - ii. Raising of Pride Flag event: Thanks LGBTQ+ Faculty and Staff Association for their leadership.
    - iii. CSUB Giving Day: Encourages participation.
    - iv. Budget Open Forum to take place on Monday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m.
    - v. Coffee and Conversations with the President: will be continuing; look for more information to come.
    - vi. A toast is tentatively scheduled for October 27 or 28 for the Energy Innovation Center. Event to be scheduled around Governor Newsom's schedule and possible attendance.
    - vii. Will be traveling to an upcoming CSU Chancellor's meeting, so will be attending next Senate meeting virtually.

- viii. Has a 1:1 scheduled with A. Hedge, Academic Senate Chair, today and will discuss setting a date in December for the requested Faculty Open Forum with the President.
- ix. Question and Answer: None.
- b. Dwayne Cantrell- AVP Enrollment Management (Time Certain: 10:25 AM).
  - i. PowerPoint slides in agenda packet.
  - ii. Slide: Fall 2022 Census Day Enrollment
    - (J. Tarjan) System-wide headcount is down in almost all areas. Should we be concerned? (C. Cantrell) No, other sister campus following similar trends. Enrollment numbers for CSUB have been over target for years. (L. Zelezny) In 2020, CSUB was severely over target, and requested additional funding to accommodate enrollment growth. Chancellor requested that we bring the enrollment down to +/- 5% of target. (J. Tarjan) What is our target? (D. Cantrell) Funded for 8,542 and they increased our funding enrollment target again. Slides show a very preliminary number and do not include Spring enrollment.
  - iii. Slide: Observations and Strategies
    - 1. (L. Zelezny) Campus Preparedness Council will meet with Kern Public Health on October 17 which may influence some of the policies and protocols currently in place.
    - 2. (J. Rodriguez) Reminder to look at these efforts with intentionality and consider the various elements that are in play for students, considering CSUB is a Hispanic Serving Institution.
  - iv. Question and Answer:
    - (D. Wu) Is it possible to access enrollment data for a specific school or department? If so, how. (D. Cantrell) M. Malhotra and her team in IRPA are working on creating dashboards on their website for accessing this information. Can provide the requested information himself in the meantime.
    - 2. (D. Cantrell) Thanks the Senate for the catalog change which has removed some of the barriers for students applying for reenrollment within 3-years.
    - 3. (A. Rodriquez) Important to recognize those that contributed to the enrollment efforts. (D. Cantrell) Received funding to hire a recent graduate for a staff position and utilized the student phone bank who did a tremendous job calling, messaging, reaching out for re-enrollment campaign.
    - 4. (M. Martinez) It would be beneficial for schools and departments to know why students are not returning. (D. Cantrell) Most common reasons for students not returning are due to job acquisition or transferring to a community college.

- (A. Hegde) Closed discussion. Passed time certain for Resolutions. Proposes to move New Business time certain to 11:00 AM (J. Tarjan) Would like to ensure Senate gets to the new resolutions.
- c. Drs. C. Commuri, N. Olson, I. Sumaya IRB Operations (Time certain: 10:35 AM)
  - i. (A. Hegde) Recapped concerns voiced in last Senate Meeting regarding IRB practices, procedures, and involvement.
  - ii. (C. Commuri) Last year, 87% protocols were approved in a week or less. IRB is required to assist with benefits-risk analysis, and additional time and review is needed when vulnerable human subjects are involved. The protocol review referenced in the last Senate meeting was in the system for five months, not seven months as declared. 75% of time the review was pending a response from the Principle Investigator. Met with the Principle Investigator team yesterday (October 5) and resolved the issue. Encourages faculty and staff to reach out to resolve issues and clarify questions.
  - iii. (I. Sumaya) The IRB board is governed by the code of Federal Regulations and use that as their baseline. Do their best to be flexible in their availability to Principle Investigators for meetings, etc. Activity from last year has increased by 36%.
  - iv. Question and Answer:
    - (E. Correa) Question: Is it possible to add some transparency to the website so viewers can see how many protocols are coming in, how many are reviewed/approved, etc.? (I. Sumaya) Yes, are working on revamping the website and appreciates the suggestion.
    - (M. Martinez) How many times does the IRB meet to review protocols? (C. Commuri) The IRB board meets twice a semester.
      (N. Olson) Clarified that they do not only review items at those two board meetings; they are reviewing proposals throughout the year. The items that make it to the board meetings are only those that need a full board review.
  - 3. (H. He) The review process is on-going and constant. Understands it is necessary when involving vulnerable populations. Does not feel this work should be voluntary. (I. Sumaya) There is release time funded by the Provost, however, the board is all volunteers.
- d. Elections and Appointments- M. Danforth.
  - i. PowerPoint slides in agenda packet.
    - ii. Question and Answer:
      - (E. Correa) Asks for clarification on the term "probationary" for the faculty review software committee. (M. Danforth) Refers to tenure track faculty in their probationary review years. Will check the resolution to see if lecturers were also intended to participate.
- D. Approval of Agenda (Time Certain: 10:05 AM)
  - a. S. Miller motioned to approve; E. Correa seconded. Approved.

- E. Reports
  - a. Provost's Report (V. Harper)
    - i. Reiterated the emphasis on CSUB Giving Day and announced the CSUB production of *Little Shop of Horrors* to open on Thursday, October 20.
    - ii. Faculty Open Forum observations and discussions:
      - 1. Discussed the Campus Climate survey and data. PowerPoint slides in agenda packet.
      - 2. Faculty Sabbatical Symposium will be held Friday, October 21.
      - 3. Will conduct the Great Colleges to Work for survey again. In the process of developing action plans.
    - iii. Questions and Answers:
      - (J. Millar) Question: What are the duties of the Title IX Coordinator and their involvement with M. Brown's activities? (V. Harper) Will be a receiver of information. (L. Zelezny) This position is not classified as an investigator, as M. Brown is.
      - 2. (J. Tarjan) Inquired about more information regarding the Asian faculty feedback on teaching and scholarship. (V. Harper) Asian faculty's response was remarkably lower than other populations regarding the feelings of balance between teaching, scholarship, and service. Will bring feedback and more detailed data to DCLC.
      - 3. (A. Hegde) Senate has discussed doing their own survey; will use results to determine if anything actionable can be done by the Senate body.
  - b. ASCSU Report (Tabled: ASCSU is meeting virtually 10/7/22. Will share the report at next Senate meeting).
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- b. New Business
  - i. RES 222304 Reconstitution of the Assessment Leadership Team AAC
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    - 2. (M. Danforth) Comment: Advising Leadership Team also uses the ALT acronym; suggests changing the acronym for clarity.
  - ii. RES 222305 Concerns About the Content and Consultation Process of Recent GWAR Memoranda from the Chancellor's Office- AAC

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- 2. (E. Correa) Will send some edits via email to J. Tarjan.
- 3. (K. Ziegler- Lopez) Recommends double checking with the composition department regarding the policy on how many times a student can retake the GWAR exam.
- 4. (M. Rees) Views the response as an expression of concern. Perhaps a more direct approach can be used requesting to put the decision on hold or reconsider.
- 5. (E. Adams) Served on the taskforce convened by the Chancellor's Office. The taskforce consisted of faculty who were considered experts in composition across the CSU system. Original charge of the taskforce was to eliminate GWAR altogether. Disagrees; faculty experts in the field were very much involved at the system level.
- c. Old Business (none)

### G. Open Forum (Time Certain: 11:15 AM)

- a. (B. Street) Former CSU Chancellor J. Castro has recently accepted professorship at California Polytechnic State University. (J. Tarjan) Many at Chancellor's Office have retreat rights. (B. Street) Understand there are retreat rights associated, but found it strange. (J. Millar) Students likely concerned/alarmed. Education will need to take place for those students.
- b. (H. Niemeyer) Reminder that CSUB Giving Day and the battle of the schools has begun.
- H. Adjournment
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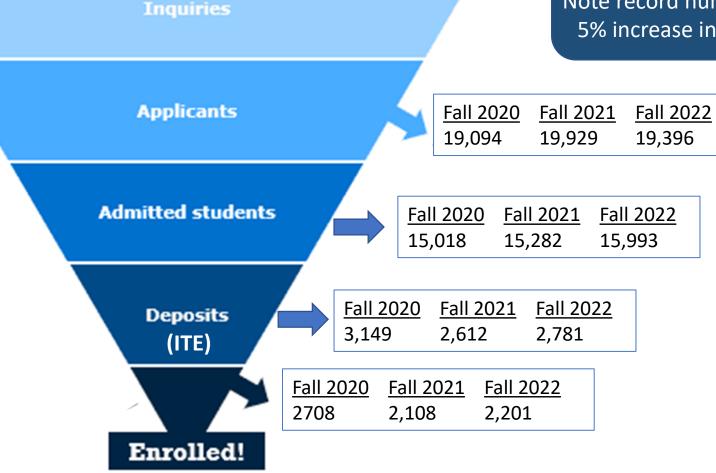
## FALL ENROLLMENT CENSUS REPORT

PRESENTED TO ACADEMIC SENATE 10/6/22 DR. DWAYNE CANTRELL

## **Fall Admissions Funnel**

## **Summary**

Note strong application numbers Note record number of admitted students 5% increase in new students over 2021





FALL 2022 CENSUS DAY ENROLLMENT									
Fall 2020     Fall 2021     Fall 2022									
FTES	10,186	9,049	7,956						
Total Enrollment	11,397	10,624	9,560						
First Time First-year (FTF) Enrolled	1,416	1,165	1,107						
First Time Transfer (FTT) Enrolled	1,292	943	1,094						
International (F1) Enrolled	127	117	137						
Domestic Non-Resident Enrolled	118	111	94						
AB 540/Dream Students Enrolled	369	314	267						
African-American Students Enrolled	478	418	361						
Latinx Students Enrolled	7,021	6,637	6,130						
ANTELOPE VALLEY CAMPL	ANTELOPE VALLEY CAMPUS (INCLUDED IN MAIN CAMPUS HEADCOUNT)								
Total Enrollment	916	697	625						

1. Final data in progress

2. System-wide preliminary data, 460,000 students enrolled for Fall 2022 (vs. 477,000, -5% from Fall 2021)

3. Campuses will be held harmless for being under target for C/Y 2022-23



## **Observations & Strategies**

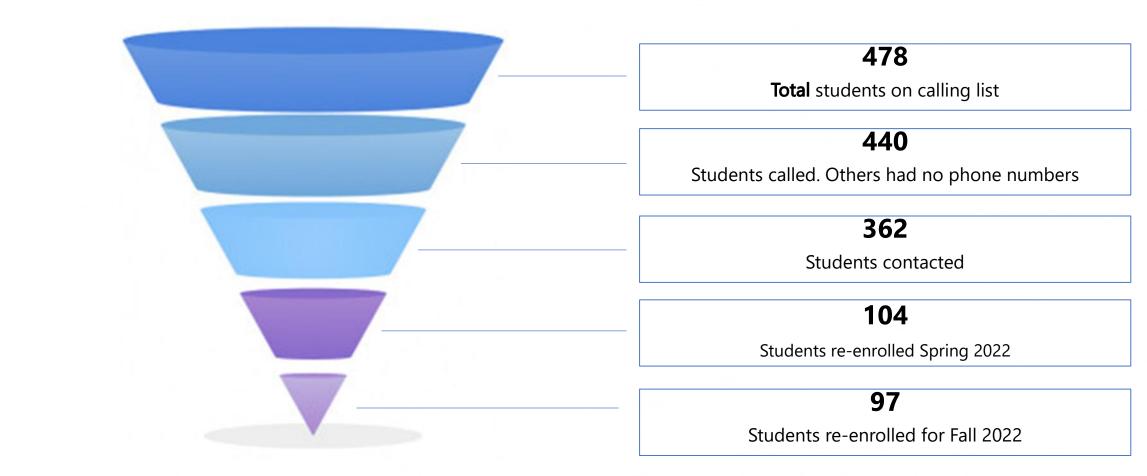
- Student interest is still strong (#'s in queue)
- Increase in international students post-pandemic opportunities
- Received 1,515 applications for Spring '23 compared to 1,199 last year (+26%)
- Efforts in progress to address outreach and support for specific student populations
- Reviewing and strategizing around registration holds & enhancing registration process



## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY BAKERSFIELD

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## **Reenrollment Campaign**



42% reenrollment yield (recognized system-wide)

Updated 9/12/22





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## Academic Senate

**October 6, 2022** 





# **Elections and Appointments**



Senate Office receives faculty roster updates from Provost's Office and 2021-22 workload reports from Academic Operations This stage is now complete!

Senate Office processes roster and workload reports to determine eligibility and generate voting rosters

Also finds vacated committee positions

Senate Office gives each school's voting rosters to School Election Committee (SEC) chair and designated administrative support SEC chairs and school ASCs have been emailed the rosters

## Order of Calls for Vacant/Unfilled Positions

1. Urgent calls for the term

**Currently Ongoing** 

- 2. Call for university-wide school positions (Each SEC, as needed)
- 3. If needed, elections for school positions
- 4. Call for university-wide at-large positions (Senate Office)
- 5. If needed, elections for at-large positions

**Urgent Calls and Elected Vacant Positions** 

Election of BPA Dean Search Committee

Four (4) full-time tenured BPA faculty

<u>First call underway: Nominations due to Lori Hazelip by 5:00pm</u> <u>tomorrow, Friday October 7<sup>th</sup></u>

School Election Committee

A&H: One (1) faculty member to fill Steven Gamboa's term this AY through May 2023

<u>First call underway: Nominations due to Adrianna Hook by</u> <u>5:00pm Monday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup></u>

## **Urgent Calls and Elected Vacant Positions continued**

University Program Review Committee (UPRC) A&H: One (1) tenured faculty member to complete Yvonne Ortiz-Bush's term through May 2023

General Education Curriculum Committee (GECCo)

SSE: One (1) full-time faculty member to complete Richard Zamora's term through May 2024

A&H: One (1) full-time faculty member to complete Arno Argueta's term through May 2023

BPA: One (1) full-time faculty member to complete Lori Paris's term through May 2023  Academic Petitions Committee (APC) SSE: One (1) full-time faculty to complete term to May 2024
Faculty Performance Review Software Exploratory Committee BPA: One (1) full-time probationary faculty NSME: One (1) full-time probationary faculty SSE: One (1) full-time tenured faculty SSE: One (1) full-time probationary faculty Vacant Appointed Positions on TEAC

**Vacant Appointed School Positions** 

Teacher Education Advisory Committee (TEAC) SSE: Two (2) full-time faculty to serve two-year term, 2022 to 2024

**Vacant Appointed At-Large Positions** 

Teacher Education Advisory Committee (TEAC) One (1) full-time faculty representing the Senate to serve twoyear term, 2022 to 2024 Accessible Technology Initiative (ATI) Steering Committee One (1) full-time faculty to serve two-year term, 2022 to 2024 General Studies (GST) Review Committee One (1) full-time tenured faculty to serve one-year term to 2023 One (1) full-time tenured faculty to serve two-year term to 2024 Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee (IAAC) One (1) faculty to complete term to 2024 Transportation Committee One (1) full-time faculty to serve two-year term, 2022 to 2024

**Vacant Appointed At-Large Positions continued** 

University Police Advisory Committee One (1) full-time faculty to serve two-year term, 2022 to 2024

Note: We are still researching a few additional positions Updates at next Senate meeting If you are aware of any vacancies not listed, please email Melissa Danforth and Katie Van Grinsven

# Exercise Your Influence 2022-23

## 56 Committees with Faculty Representation

282 Faculty positions

Strengthen and Expand Ideas

Elected and Appointed positions

Info available

- Your School Election Committee
- Election Committee Chair Melissa Danforth
- Academic Senate webpage
- Academic Senate office

**School Election Committees 2022-23** 

Arts and Humanities Joel Haney (chair) Douglas Dodd (vacant)

## Business and Public Administration Dan Zhou (chair) Di Wu Margaret Malixi

## **Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering**

Sophia Raczkowski (chair) Qiwei Sheng Prosper Torsu

## **Social Sciences and Education**

Hector Nolasco (chair) Yvonne Ortiz-Bush Edna Molina-Jackson **Regular Election Cycle** 

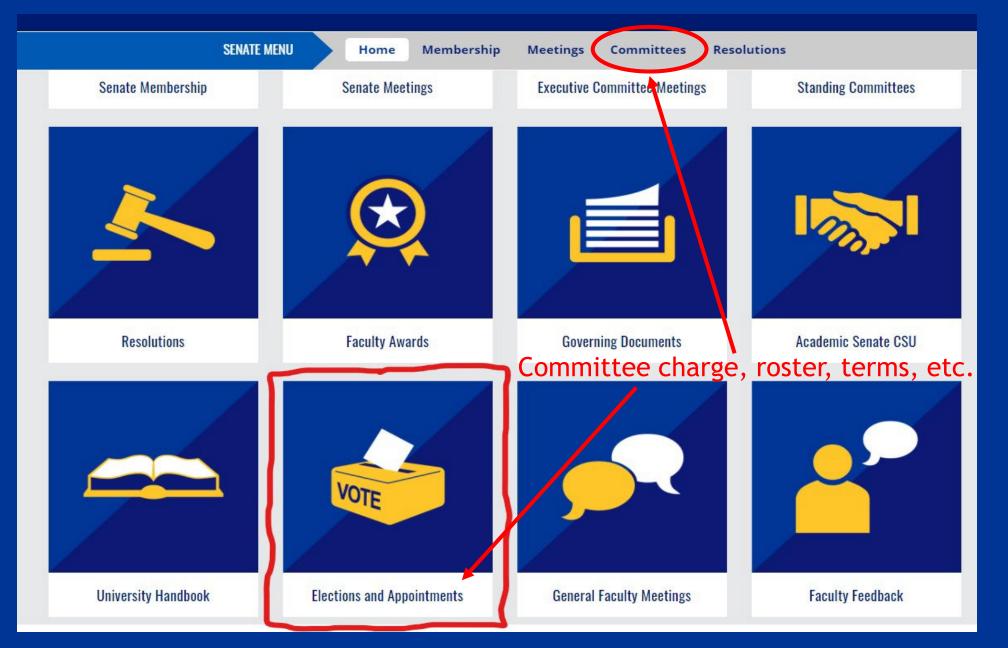
Order of Calls 2023-24

- 1. Statewide Senator
- 2. Senators for Schools
- 3. Senators At-Large

4. Faculty Members representing each school on various universitywide committees

5. At-Large Members on various university-wide committees

## **Senate Website**



# Thank You !





Provost Harper's Report:

## **Summary Observations**

- Department Chairs and Senior faculty perceive better overall communication than Early faculty
- Women and other diverse faculty were less comfortable challenging traditions
- Department Chairs feel more vulnerable to changes before implementation
- Department Chairs have the least confidence in important matters from the administration
- There is a marked difference in confidence by Latinx faculty and staff related to "direction for the future"
- Department Chairs clearly feel that better tools to counter discrimination are needed
- Asian faculty and other diverse faculty had the lowest scores related to balancing Teaching Scholarship and Service
- Department Chairs and Early Faculty believe there could be more recognition of scholarship
- CSUB is higher than the benchmark in reference to faculty involvement in education-related decisions
- Department Chairs feel much more engaged in shared governance that Early Faculty

## **Divisional Actions**

- Early Faculty Open Forum to gather information about how to better serve and communicate
  - Action Plan to be developed from meeting and shared with DCLC and Executive Committee
- Dr. Correa, as Special Assistant to the Provost, will be putting together a group that focuses on the experience and remedies for Latinx Faculty.
  - Action Plan to be developed from these meetings and shared with Latinx Faculty and Staff Committee, DCLC, and Executive Committee
- DEI Fellows Program, led by Dr. Salisbury, will bring trained support to departments related to DEI
- Divisional Conduct Policy has been completed and will be presented to CFA in the days ahead
  - AVP for Faculty Affairs elevated to Deputy Title IV coordinator
  - Hired a new conduct officer to support Faculty Affairs
  - Deployed new conduct tracking software (Maxient)
- Provost will meet with Asian Faculty and Staff Association to gather feedback and remedies seen in the data
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- Faculty Sabbatical Symposium is the first in a line of activities to better recognize scholarship

#### ACADEMIC SENATE LOG – SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

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10/19/21	2021-2022 #28 Academic Testing Center Exploratory Sub-Committee	Carryover;	AS&SS Reference RES 202123. Form sub-committee & include AVP EM, Director Testing Center, ASI & provide path					
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#### ACADEMIC SENATE LOG – SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

**Budget and Planning Committee (BPC):** Charles Lam/Chair, meets 10:00 am in SCI III-100 and/or via Zoom video conference. **Dates:** 9/1, 9/15, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/17, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/13, and 4/27

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-	2019-2020 #08 Honorary Doctorate – Handbook Change	Carry- over from 3 AYs	FAC refer to RES 121329 Procedures for Honorary Doctorate Nominations and Selection REVISED			
8/31/21	2021-2022 #20 Accessibility of Instructional Materials	Carryover;	FAC Identify owner and maintainer of textbook master list, specify policies for adopting a textbook.			
9/21/21	2021-2022 23 Faculty Hall of Fame Selection Process Change	Carryover;	FAC Whether selection process should move to FHAC; whether time conflict with Faculty Awards, data transfer			
10/19/21	2021-2022 #27 Composition of Search and Screening Committees – Handbook Change	Carryover; IP 10/6/22	FAC Handbook 309.5: clarify candidate eligibility, add "General Faculty", reconstitute committee > 18 months. RES 222301- Composition of Search and Screening Committees.	9/22/2022	10/6/22	
3/1/22	2021-2022 #39 The Personnel Action File (PAF) and the Working Performance Action File (WPAF) – Handbook Change	Carryover;	FAC Whether the PAF or WPAF is the official fileflow chart of levels of involvement.			
3/1/22	2021-2022 #40 Digitizing the Performance Review Process	Carryover;	FAC Access, process, CFA & HR perspective, training of chairs & deans.			
3/1/22	2021-2022 #41 Sixth-year Lecturer Review – Handbook Change	Carryover;	FAC Purpose and outcome(s) of the Sixth-year Lecturer Review, etc.			

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8/29/22	2022-2023 #03 Holding Exams on the Last Day of Class	IP; Sent to FAC 8/30/22	FAC Identifying the time of the final exam data collection challenges, possible solution, whether there are adequate resources, potential consequences.			
8/29/22	2022-2023 #04 Scheduling Office Hours Policy	Complete	FAC Whether changes need to be made to the existing office hours policy <u>MEMO</u> - No change to existing policy; Report in materials for 9/8/2022 AS meeting.	n/a	n/a	n/a

## **AAC Report**

## September 29, 2022 Meeting

- 1. Program Outcomes Assessment
  - a. We sent a resolution to the Senate for its consideration which would reestablish the Assessment Leadership Team with a revised charge and composition.
- 2. GWAR
  - a. We had a lengthy discussion of the GWAR and the implications of the changed CO policies regarding GWAR.
    - i. The campus has not been in compliance with the 2020 memorandum suspending the GWAR exam.
    - ii. The GWAR requirement is suspended for students graduating during the current academic year if they cannot fit a GWAR course into the 120 units required for graduation.
    - iii. There is now no GWAR requirement for postbaccalaureate students.
    - iv. There are several ways students can meet the GWAR requirement.
      - 1. Take an existing GWAR course if they can fit it into their graduation plan.
      - 2. Take ENGL 3119 which also is a JYDR course if their major does not have a separate JYDR required courses, whether or not double-counting would keep them under 120 units.
      - 3. If the major has a separate JYDR required course and the students face a 120 unit challenge, adapt an existing required course to also fulfill GWAR.
  - b. Chair Tarjan was tasked with drafting a letter on behalf of the committee with the following points.
    - i. We do not believe our GWAR exam is high stakes since students still have a course and exam retake options.
    - ii. There was insufficient campus consultation prior to making this change in policy.
    - iii. The difficulties faced by high unit majors who will now need to incorporate a 3 unit course into their roadmaps.
- 3. Chair Tarjan was tasked with sending a memo to the Executive Committee urging the establishment of a more formal GWAR Committee which would report to GECCo.

#### **AS&SS** Report

### Sept. 29, 2022

AS&SS met to discuss Referral #7 – Advising Structure Taskforce Recommendations from the two reports that were received. Faculty members who participated in writing the two reports, Dr. Brian Street, and Kris Grappendorf were present at AS&SS to discuss the recommendations and the reporting line structures proposed. Professional Advisors, Yvette Morones, Gilverto Herrera, Dr. Gomez-Navarro, and Adriana Sixtos. Concerns were identified about the appointment of another MPP position. AS&SS asked for clarification with the commitment to more Professional Advisors, and what purpose the reporting structure Option #1 would serve for Professional Advisors? Option #2 with the Professional Advisors reporting to the Associate Deans was viewed as ensuring distinctive needs of each School and building on the relationships that have already been established.

## **Budget and Planning Committee Report**

Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 10:00 –11:30 AM

## SCI 3-100 or Zoom

- Referral 09 Addendum to Academic Calendar 2022-2023 Juneteenth Committee discussed the issue. However, we were notified by HR that even though Juneteenth is both a Federal and a State holiday, it is not yet a CSU holiday. No action can be taken at this stage.
- Referral 01 Time Blocks and Space Utilization Tommy Holiwell, Director of Enrollment Management Systems, came to discuss current classroom usage issue. Committee addressed concerns of classroom utilization, classroom size, evening class safety, among other issues. Discussion to continue in the next meeting.
- Referral 07 Academic Advising Task Force Committee continued discussion. Provost addressed the issue that the proposed director of undergraduate advising is already in position control. Discussion to continue in the next meeting.

From: Mandy Rees <mrees@csub.edu> Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 12:05 PM

### FAC Report:

The Faculty Affairs Committee had an in-depth discussion of the sixth-year cumulative review for

lecturers and how this should be addressed in the handbook. We studied the handbook section on

periodic evaluation of faculty (Section 306) and found it to be confusing and needing reorganization.

We also consulted Appendix G (Contents/Organization of the RTP File) and considered how it relates to the PEF (Periodic Evaluation File for lecturers and faculty up for post-tenure review.)

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### CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD ACADEMIC SENATE

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#### **Reconstitution of the Assessment Leadership Team**

#### RES 222304

- **RESOLVED**: That the Assessment Leadership Team be reconstituted this semester following the revised charge below.
- **RATIONALE:** There is concern that program assessment activities are uneven across campus and that there is insufficient coordination and communication across assessment coordinators, In addition, no group has been charged with overseeing program assessment activities across campus and providing information regarding those activities to governing body. The reconstitution of the Assessment Leadership will address these issues.

#### CSU Bakersfield Assessment Leadership Team

The CSU Bakersfield Assessment Leadership Team aims to create a sustainable culture of assessment at the institution by providing a forum for meaningful discussion of assessment related issues. The Team meets <u>quarterly at least twice</u> a <u>semester</u> to

- Encourage compliance with university assessment requirements.
  - o Review the status of program assessment activities across the university.
  - Provide feedback on program assessment quality.
  - Encourage the posting of program assessment information to the campus assessment management system.
  - Share information about the status of the university in the WSCUC reaccreditation process.
- Support programs and their faculty and staff in achieving their assessment goals.
  - o Plan program assessment trainings and workshops.
  - Ensure at least one professional development activity for assessment coordinators and other interested faculty occurs every semester
  - <u>Encourage the Provost and/or Faculty TLC to provide sufficient resources to support these professional</u> <u>development activities.</u>
  - Discuss strategies for utilizing assessment activities to achieve campus retention and graduation goals.
  - Provide a forum for Program Assessment Coordinators to share ideas and best practices and to express concerns.
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- Promote "evidence-based storytelling" to communicate assessment findings to CSUB stakeholders (e.g., community, donors, legislators/politicians, and others).
  - Curate content for public-facing university assessment webpages.
  - o Produce a campus assessment newsletter documenting best practices for program assessment.
- Maintain up-to-date draft position descriptions including recommended compensation for
  - School Assessment Coordinators
  - Program Assessment Coordinators
- <u>Provide an annual overview of program assessment activities, results and potential needed</u> improvements in program assessment to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Academic Senate.

Assessment Leadership Team Representatives serve as liaisons between their units and assessment offices on campus. These representatives include the following:

- WSCUC Accreditation Liaison Officer (meeting convener)
- Associate Vice-President for Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment or designee
- WSCUC Accreditation Liaison Officer
- General Education Faculty Assessment Coordinator
- Arts and Humanities Faculty Assessment Coordinator
- Business and Public Administration Faculty Assessment Coordinator
- Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering Faculty Assessment Coordinator
- Social Sciences and Education Faculty Assessment Coordinator
- Extended Education Faculty Assessment Coordinator
- <u>Associate-Vice-President for Student Affairs or designee</u>
- <u>A School Associate Dean designated by the Dean's Council</u>

## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD ACADEMIC SENATE

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## Concerns About the Content and Consultation Process of Recent GWAR Memoranda from the Chancellor's Office

#### RES 222305

- **RESOLVED**: That the content of the attached memo be communicated to the Chair, ASCSU, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and to the members of the Board of Trustees Committee on Educational Policy.
- **RATIONALE:** The process of consultation when changes to the GWAR requirement were contemplated, the policy changes outlined in recent memoranda, and the inflexibility of the policy changes across campuses are all problematic.

While we can understand why some may have concern about a requirement for CSU graduates to demonstrate college-level upper-division writing and reading proficiency as part of the requirements of a degree only through an examination, we have strong concerns about the recent memoranda and associated policies received in relation to the GWAR requirement.

- 1) Our strongest concern lies perhaps with the process by which the memoranda were developed, which likely also led to ensuing concerns about their content. CSU composition faculty are recognized leaders in their field and have worked diligently for many decades to ensure that our students graduate with composition, reading and thinking skills that put them on the path to lifelong success, meeting our students "where they are" upon admission to our 23 campuses. To not consult more broadly with those faculty, including our own Dr. Kim Flachmann, perhaps the most visible composition leader across segments was inappropriate, at best. We can only speculate what impact such consultation would have on the policies implemented, but more consultation usually results in policies which better support student learning outcomes.
- 2) We take exception to the use of the term "high stakes" in reference to all GWAR exams, including the one on our campus, in the March 24, 2022 memorandum. Our faculty, under Dr. Flachmann's leadership, continue to develop highly effective courses and continuously monitor and norm expectations related to GWAR courses and our GWAR exam and engage faculty with ongoing professional development. Students have the option to pass either a GWAR course or an exam to demonstrate competency, and can retake either repeatedly. Our approach is developmental and supportive, with reinforcement of writing skills throughout our curriculum.
- 3) To require 120 units for graduation along with the meeting of all system and campus graduation requirements may make sense in the humanities. However, a 120-unit cap places undue strain in majors such as engineering, accounting, and nursing. Again and again, faculty in those majors have to find "creative" solutions to meet both discipline requirements and other requirements. This is typically done by waiving skill and breadth requirements or finding ways to have discipline courses do "double" and even "triple duty," potentially diminishing the accomplishment of student learning outcomes in multiple areas. Students in these majors who can demonstrate strong proficiency by exam are able to meet program and university learning outcomes within 120 units. Those who need to use course credit to demonstrate proficiency may be unable to do so.