1. **Call to Order**
   D. Boschini called the meeting to order.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   The February 20, 2020 Minutes were approved without objection.

3. **Announcements and Information**
   - Faculty Teaching and Learning Center (TLC), R. Weller – Art History Professor by day, and Faculty Director TLC also by day. TLC has been synonymous with tech support the last twelve years. More than half of the CSUs are called the Faculty Development Center (FDC). She found that other FDCs cover pedagogy and other topics spanning the life of a faculty career. Faculty orientation is the gateway to the FTLC. Even for experienced faculty, one can always get something out of any workshop. J. Stark recalled that faculty had the opportunity for students’ feedback in classes. He received great feedback. It was campus based, run by students, and it was beneficial to his teaching. He also suggested to offer a topic, What We Learned That We Don’t Want To Do Again. It could be fun & helpful. K. Holloway requested that the TLC provide training and support for the Antelope Valley (AV) campus. R. Weller has thought about doing events in AV. J. Woods said the IRG and ITG meetings happen when he teaches. Give outreach for that. Text individual, missed you or are you doing something pedagogically? A. Duran has been running that and she’s on sabbatical. Box folder where research work & pedagogical innovations can
be shared. K. Holloway said that the AV campus supports that idea. J. Tarjan ITL Teaching and Learning symposium and no one from CSUB going. R. Weller wants to have an annual day-long teaching conference. M. Rees supports the idea of development, classroom observation from someone from another department, better communication, and mentoring. R. Weller found something like that in GIFT. Pedagogically, she’s been asked to do something on small group collaborative learning. D. Boschini suggested that every semester offer clarity on how an instructor gets an online course certified. M. Slaughter is excited to have more offerings on pedagogy and asked specifically about strategies for Gen Z. D. Boschini thanked V. Harper for creating the position and putting the “Faculty” back in TLC. It feels like a renaissance. She encouraged R. Weller to communicate directly with the faculty. It will become clear that faculty are working together to coordinate seasoned faculty members to come in and welcome junior faculty, etc. It fosters the faculty working together culture. V. Harper said that good ideas come from many places. The idea was a collective piece and R. Weller is the right person and she is great to work with.

- Budget Forum – March 9, 2020 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Student Union MPR – The request was for information a week in advance to understand CSUB trends, and comparative information. D. Boschini said there is always something to gain and it’s not just about the budget. Time together is an opportunity to learn. J. Stark recommends receiving trend data beforehand so one can show up with questions and have opportunity for feedback. Have a real forum. It’s hard to be meaningfully engaged when faculty are seeing information for the first time. It could be more productive if people were coming in prepared. We have asked for years for advance info. A. Hegde agrees with the suggestion and has been asking for the information, it’s in the RES 171813 Faculty Participation in Budgetary Matters. D. Boschini requested that B. Street give the feedback to T. Davis. B. Street meets with T. Davis monthly and asks for the information every time. B. Street will focus on the new things added to the budget book and spend more time for discussion because we
J. Tarjan asked how much budget goes to Athletics, and AA. He has to get the information externally. There isn’t CSUB budget information available. D. Boschini suggested that BPC have RES on budget priorities on their next meeting agenda. There is consensus on the importance of getting that specific data in advance of the Budget Forum.

- Handbook Error Log – nothing to report
- Elections and Appointments
  - BPA Senator: Ji Li - Accounting and Finance
  - At-Large Senators: Richard Gearhart - Economics; Amanda Grombly - Library; Antje Lauer - Biology
  - Call for nominations representing each school on university-wide committees ends March 6. After a second call for school reps, the call opens to all schools
  - Call for Assigned Time under CBA Article 20.37 ends Monday, March 9

4. **Approval of Agenda**

   J. Stark moved to approve the Agenda. M. Danforth seconded. Approved.

5. **ASCSU Report** meets two weeks from today. Nothing to report now.

6. **Provost Report**  V. Harper asked M. Rees to describe the musical, *Tommy*. The boy is abused, mute and pinball is his road to recovery. It’s challenging and students from each school are performing. Search updates: Interim AVP FA is B. Hartsell, who will have the position through December. Election for the Search Committee for AVP FA is complete and the position will be posted before the end of the term. The Dean position posted. The Library Search Committee meets tomorrow. V. Harper thanked the Antelope Valley campus for giving feedback on the Dean AV position. The Institutional Research, Planning and Review (IRPA) is under strategic review. The CO will be here next week for a series of meetings regarding Institutional Research and later will talk to other members. He thanked D. Boschini and D. Gove for their work on the Covid-19 task force. We have a plan. There will be joint communication asking faculty to implement planning. If we have to implement the plan, it will be announced by the President. All reservations for international student travel have been postponed. The
plan is to reinstate travel next year. He does it on the guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). He doesn’t take it lightly as he’s seen firsthand what a difference it makes to students’ education. The affected students have been called. A. Hegde asked if the Student Health Center (SHC) will test or will students have to go elsewhere? What happens after spring break? V. Harper replied that he didn’t have the information on the status of test kits at the SHC and that there will be information to students before Spring. If a student is a credit program and their international learning is interrupted, there are many factors to address. The leadership is contemplating a lot. More questions were raised by the Senators. D. Boschini is on the Continuity Planning Task Force and she said that all those things are being discussed there. The Nursing department students are not able to go into certain area for clinic because of the lack of protective equipment. She doesn’t want to have her students compromised and then go home to their grandparents. We are planning for a response to what’s around the issue. Faculty needs to know what we’re doing and that there are limits. J. Millar said that there are a lot of students who have health anxiety and a bit Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and can’t let go of information. She urged faculty, if you see them, have them come in for counseling. The Health Center is prepared.

7. **Committee and Report Requests**

(Minutes from AAC, AS&SS, BPC and FAC are posted on the Academic Senate Webpage)

a. **Executive Committee (A. Hegde)** The President attended a portion of our February 25th meeting. She and the EC discussed Covid-19 and the campus planning for academic continuity through alternate delivery. Ethnic Studies (ES) Task Force response to AB 1460 was discussed in relation to the process to be taken if it passes the legislature. Academic Calendar – the date for the graduate ceremony to be included. The need to foster better communication between department and schools is an ongoing discussion. The EC discussed course registration during scheduled adjustment period. Advising Leadership Committee shared that some faculty not adding students the first day. The implementation of the Drop Policy occurs at the department and dean level. There is money to support a Prison
Baccalaureate program, whereby incarcerated individuals have an opportunity to earn a bachelor’s degree. CSUB is named in the State’s proposed program. The EC made their recommendation of Faculty Ombudsperson to the Provost. That announcement is forthcoming.

b. Academic Affairs Committee (M. Danforth) (deferred)
c. Academic Support & Student Services Committee (D. Wilson) (deferred)
d. Faculty Affairs Committee (M. Rees) (deferred)
e. Budget & Planning Committee (B. Street) (deferred)
f. Staff Report (L. Lara) (deferred)
g. ASI Report (A. Wan) (deferred)

8. **Resolutions** – *(Time Certain 10:45 a.m.)*

a. New Business

i. **RES 192011 Learning Management System Recommendation** – M. Danforth introduced the resolution. The resolution is the output of three committees: AAC, AS&SS, and BPC. The consensus is that Canvas is the inevitable next platform. The committees looked at data and found that it is in favor of Canvas. Blackboard is falling out of favor. Based on several pilots using Canvas, the majority of faculty, students, and the open forum majority of faculty want Canvas. Major areas of concerns: 1) Logistics. The TLC support staff, 3rd party solutions, and time involved to transition all the courses from BB to Canvas. The committees recommend that ITS extend the BB license for smoother transition 2) Retention of student work. The archive of submitted student work needs to be retained for specific time to address grievances, accreditation, assessment purposes, etc. The campus policy is to retain information one year after course is complete. Support that 3) Academic integrity of the quiz module and the add-on modules and to support pedagogy in specific areas. B. Street thanked F. Gorham for attending multiple session and they are working together on the transitional process. F. Gorham already has a transition development team that includes faculty and students. The Blackboard (BB) contract expires June 2021. J. Millar saw few concerns from students but
certainly faculty had concerns. The resolution captured the major concerns: implementation and support. F. Gorham said that it would cost $94,000 to continue the BB contract for another year. Other campuses did without additional resources. Once the resolution is passed, the negotiation will begin. M. Danforth said it takes time commitment from faculty. There needs to be more than one person to serve all faculty. PT faculty cannot attend training or get TLC time. Faculty does not work during summer because they are not under contract. J. Stark opined that we need a full year. A. Lauer suggested YouTube videos for training. F. Gorham is considering training videos. M. Slaughter asked whether there would be any training during summer for faculty who opt to train could get it. F. Gorham replied, yes. The current BB contract is for a fully functioning platform until June 2021. The majority will transition to Canvas and there will be workshops in the Fall. Communication will go out about timeline and resources. M. Rees said that junior faculty and lecturers felt that they were not heard. Has anything been done to address this? D. Boschini replied that those remarks are seen in the context of the general faculty who are very well connected, and some are misinformed. The concern was reflective of people who didn’t know what was going on. J. Stark echoed the charge that D. Boschini’s put forth that the Senators talk to their constituents to gather information for possible changes for Second Reading. D. Boschini the LMS can be mentioned at the Budget Forum.

ii. **RES 192012 Proposal for Energy and Power Engineering Emphasis within the B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering** – B. Street introduced the resolution. There are already physics and engineering emphases. The resolution supports an Electrical Engineering (EE) emphasis whereby students from other majors have access to these courses and resources. R. Gearhart said that the grant for equipment support has been received. The Energy and Power Emphasis is comprised of upper division courses and one or two required continued resources. M. Danforth replied that the Engineering Science lab has already purchase the equipment, and there is sufficient equipment to support the program. The Engineering Science has
some of their students taking Electrical Engineering classes and now we’re having our Electrical Engineering students take some of the Engineering Science classes. The grant is not paying for faculty salaries. The resolution shows where there would be a catalog change. This is an emphasis and there is no interest in making it a concentration. The difference is that a concentration would go to a diploma.

9. **Open Forum Items (Time Certain 11:15)**

   Topic: The Spring Break survey is out. Please respond.

   Topic: April 20 is Earth Day. The campus Sustainability Committee is planning events for Earth Week for people to contribute. Talk to your department about having a booth where students can learn. Bring ideas to J. Sanchez.

   Topic: International Women’s Day Celebration is today at the Solaria Room

   Topic: Awards and nominations – Some junior faculty feel they are being intimidated to sign application. Some senior faculty have asked junior faculty to support them. Afterwards, the senior faculty are learning who did or did not sign. FAC would be interested in knowing that. D. Boschini suggested that FAC write a memo about the appropriate path to nominations. A. Hegde said the it seems that in the past, some nominations were based on popularity. Some definition is needed on what is meritorious. Specify that a nomination is not an election. Only one nomination is needed. Faculty Honors and Award Committee (FHAC) looks at criteria. J. Tarjan said the a departmental agreement has been added to the application Emeritus and Faculty Awards. C. Lam we don’t want junior faculty to feel pressured. D. Boschini when there are complaints about awards, we eventually hear them. We are a complex network of family connections. Awards bring out sensitive information. She wants to celebrate peoples’ achievements, protect the integrity of process, and have an open mind when the awards are made.

   Topic: D. Boschini thanked V. Harper for making decisions on what to do about Covid-19 and all the positive things done thus far.

10. **Adjournment**

    D. Boschini adjourned the meeting at 11:30.