

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA

ACADEMIC SENATE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
CLA Building, 98, P2-8

Attendees: Laura Chase, Saeideh Fallah Fini, Mario Guerrero, Rita Kumar, Kevin Moore, Jocelyn Paclab, Dennis Quinn, Julie Shen, Gwen Urey, Nicholas Von Glahn, and Michelle Yoo.

Proxy: Julie Shen for Gabriel Davidov Pardo (Out-of-State Conference)

Guests: President Coley and Provost Brown

1) Minutes



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There was no discussion. Senator Urey motion to approve the minutes. Senator Fallah Fini second.

M/s/p to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from October 12, 2022.

2) Chair's Report

There was a discussion on the *Lawsuit filed against CPP; Whistleblowers Allege Incidents of Retaliation and Obstruction from Administration* article in the Poly Post and how the Executive Committee will respond to inquiries regarding a Confidence Vote. Discussion ensued.

3) Vice Chair's Report

AA-007-223 Draft Academic Calendar 2023-24 through 2027-28 – **REFERRAL**



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There was a discussion on the graduation dates. The graduation dates were accounted for on the calendar. The Executive Committee would like the Academic Affairs Committee to mention Indigenous People's Day more prominently in the calendar and double check the commencement dates.

Senator Urey motion to send the referral to committee. Senator Quinn second.

M/s/p to send AA-007-223 to the Academic Affairs Committee.

AP-005-223 New Self-Support Master of Science in Digital Marketing – **REFERRAL**

There was a discussion on recruiting in the spring 2023. No recommendations to waive the first reading. Should the Chancellor's Office approve the program by May 2023, then the college should be able to recruit students to start in fall of 2023. There was also discussion on how many masters programs are within the College of Business Administration. Senator Fallah Fini mentioned the discussions within the College of Engineering has been on maintaining the quality of the programs and education for graduate students. Senator Shen mentioned the challenges with recruiting lecturers. Not much advertising is done for masters students. The challenges with recruiting lecturers are across the departments within the College of Engineering. Senator Shen mentioned the discussion during the Collins College Program review on recruiting lecturers for the graduate program. Discussion ensued.

Senator Fallah Fini motion to send the referral to committee. Senator Urey second.

M/s/p to send AP-005-223 to the Academic Programs Committee.

GE-001-223 CE 4140 – Fundamentals of Sustainable Project Management (GE Synthesis D4) – **REFERRAL**

Senator Quinn mentioned the concerns with the impact on upper division courses. He will speak with Dr. Keith Forward and recommended that the Executive Committee get more details from the General Education Committee. The referral is presented as a modification, and not as a new course. Chair Von Glahn suggested more consultation with the GE Committee and that the referral come back to Dr. Laura Massa for clarification. Discussion ensued.

Senator Urey motion to postpone the referral to committee. Senator Quinn second.

M/s/p to postpone GE-001-223 to the General Education Committee to consult for more details.

#### 4) Reports

AP-003-212 Revised Charter for Science, Technology, and Society Major and Minor – **FIRST READING**



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Vice Chair Kumar pointed out the differences in language between the report and the charter. There is still confusion with the phrase “at most” or “at least” in the wording. Executive Committee suggested seeking clarification from the Academic Programs Committee regarding the contradictory wording between the AP-003-212 report and the charter. Val will reach out to the committee tomorrow, October 27, 2022, and then send out a Qualtrics poll.

Senator Quinn motion to send AP-003-212 to the Senate Meeting Agenda. Senator Chase second.

M/s/p to send AP-003-212 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for November 9, 2022.

- 5) Old Business
- 6) New Business

Service Opportunity | Search Committee for the Dean for the College of Engineering

There was discussion on revising the language in the letter for non-selected candidates to include that there were twenty-four candidates that applied to serve on the search committee. Discussion ensued. The Executive Committee selected the following applicants via Qualtrics:

- **Yasser Salem, EGR (CE/Prof)**
- **Laila Jallo, EGR (CME/Assoc Prof)**
- **Phyllis Nelson, EGR (ECE/Prof)**
- **Saeideh Fallah-Fini, EGR (IME/Assoc Prof)**
- **Henry Xue, EGR (ME/Prof)**
- **Navid Nakjjiri, EGR (AE/Assoc Prof)**

- 7) Discussion

Dr. Soraya Coley, President  
Updates from the President’s Office

Follow Up from the Budget Conversation and Student Enrollment Discussion

President Coley mentioned additional numbers systemwide that three CSUs made target: Los Angeles, Pomona, and San Marcos. CSU campuses not meeting targets equates to funding losses. The Presidents of CSUs met last week for three days. Chico State and

Sanoma State Universities show decreased student enrollment. The President is investigating how Cal Poly Pomona can continue to attract students. Brought Outreach and Community Engagement discussion with the President. Intentional discussion on outreach of students.

Among the CSUs competitors for new students are University of California, Riverside and University of California, Irvine. The UC campuses will revise enrollment to include an increase of 33k undergraduate students and decrease in the number of international students. Cal Poly Pomona's number of international students has also decreased. Undergraduate funds will also help support graduate and doctoral studies at UC campuses. UCs and CSUs will be targeting the same students for recruitment.

The President wants to create a value proposition for new students on why they would choose to attend Cal Poly Pomona. UCs have intentionally reached out to Community Colleges. UCs now have been approved for thirty-eight bachelor's degrees. AB928 is completed and derived from the significant downturn of enrollment. Prop ninety-eight guaranteed a flow of funding for education. From the Budgetary Conversation presentation, K-12 and community colleges are on top of the graph while CSUs fell in the middle of the graph.

The President wants to discuss strategy and she will be meeting with the Collins Board next week. Strategies will be integrated but also different marketing and branding for different audiences. East Coast colleges, Texas, and Arizona are also recruiting west coast students and the population migrating from California to Texas.

Chair Von Glahn mentioned that there will be more dialogue with our constituents. Senator Shen plans to make one of the two dates proposed for the retreat.

President Coley mentioned that over enrollment has worked in favor of the University and plans to reduce the number of students enrolled going forward. The President shared her views with the Executive Committee regarding student enrollment. Unless the state of California assists with funding colleges, the CSU System may encounter financial challenges. Our sister campus, Chico State faces challenges plus the impact from the previous fires.

Chair Von Glahn inquired about the benefits to over enrollment to Cal Poly Pomona. The previous President and Provost mentioned the possibility of additional funding following those students. President Coley mentioned Cal Poly Pomona funding based on FTES, and semester system is 3-units and quarter system is 4-units so there was an unintended reduction with the units. Cal Poly Pomona did receive one time money with open enrollment.

President Coley mentioned the structural deficits within the Offices of Academic Affairs and Administrative Affairs. Under the President's direction, the deficits were resolved. With the decline in student enrollment at Cal Poly Pomona, which colleges will be the most impacted by the decline of students? There will be plans or strategies to work with departments to assist with the impact of lower student numbers. During the pandemic, the research could not be conducted on the reduction impact of students. The President's plans to implement multiple strategies for diverse groups.

Senator Shen mentioned the challenges with faculty retention. Cal Poly Pomona hires faculty members and then they move onto other Universities. President mentioned more faculty recruitment at Texas State, Arizona State, and Pennsylvania State Universities and less hiring of faculty members in Northern California.

With six new deans coming to Cal Poly Pomona, the President plans to have discussion with department chairs on how to assist them within their leadership roles. She plans to dedicate time with department chairs to have discussions on class scheduling.

### **Dr. Jennifer Brown, Provost**

#### Faculty Stability and Retention Efforts

Provost Brown mentioned the importance to hear from Faculty Affairs on why faculty members have left Cal Poly Pomona and review the exit interview data. The President and University Advancement are talking about ways to be proactive and what can be provided to new faculty members to make the transition easier to Cal Poly Pomona. The Provost mentioned plans of having discussion on stability, the costs of living, and culture improvement at Cal Poly Pomona.

Senator Fallah Fini mentioned the loss of two tenured faculty members and class scheduling being family friendly. She suggested reviewing the preferred days to teach and which classes faculty members feel most comfortable teaching. She also suggested starting classes at 10:00 am instead of 8:00 am for a faculty member as an example to accommodate their specific situation.

#### Campus Building Utilization

Provost Brown mentioned an upcoming discussion with Ysabel Trinidad, Vice President of Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer, on Campus Building Utilization: Classroom usage and timeframe of space utilization.

Adjourned @ 5:00 PM