

# Academic Senate Meeting – Spring 2024

## Minutes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

LOCATION: DEZEMBER LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ROOM 409-411 AND VIRTUAL

Zoom Link: <https://csub.zoom.us/j/89839397226?pwd=NkxIZ241eC8vK3J5Z2R5ZXJBZDg1dz09>

Members: A. Hegde (Chair), M. Danforth (Vice Chair ), Senator M. Ayuso (alt. for A. Rodriguez ; virtual ), Senator D. Alamillo (virtual) , Senator J. Cornelison (virtual) , Senator E. Correa (excused), Senator J. Deal, Senator J. Dong (excused), Senator H. He (virtual) , Senator A. Jacobsen (alt for A. Lauer), Senator S. Marks (alt for A. Sawyer; excused ), Senator M. Rush, Senator M. Rees, Senator T. Salisbury, Senator S. Sarma, Senator D. Solano, Senator M. Taylor (virtual) , Senator T. Tsantsoulas, Senator D. Wu, Senator Z. Zenko, Interim Provost J. Rodriguez, and K. Van Grinsven (Senate Analyst).

### A. Call to Order

- a. Chair Hegde called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM and welcomed all to the first Senate meeting of the spring semester. Chair Hegde welcomed Interim President Harper, Interim Provost Rodriguez, and the new Dean Representative, Jane Dong, Dean of the School of NSME. Senator Sawyer is on sabbatical and his alternate is Senator Marks. Senator Rodriguez has been appointed as Acting Dean of Arts and Humanities and her alternate is Senator Ayuso. Senator Lauer has a conflict, and her alternate is Senator Jacobsen . Welcomed back Senator Rees who has returned from sabbatical.

### B. Approval of Minutes

- a. November 9, 2023 (handout)
  - i. Senator Zenko motioned to approve; seconded by Senator Solano. Motion carried. ~~Minutes approved~~ (10:10 AM ).

ation for President Zelezny and her leadership.

Black History Month

Attended the Martin Luther King Jr. event.

3. Unity Breakfast – Congratulated the award recipients, Dr. Nyakundi Michieka, Tamar Anthony, and Chidinma Okey -Dike..
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- iii. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) - D. Solano ([handout](#)) (deferred; see attached report)
- iv. Academic Support & Student Services Committee (AS&SS) – Vice-Chair M. Taylor ([handout](#)) (deferred; see attached report)
- v. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) - D. Wu ([handout](#)) (deferred; see attached report)
- vi. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) - M. Rush ([handout](#)) (deferred; see attached report)
  - 1. FAC has rearranged prioritization and will be working on referral.
- vii. Staff Report- J. Cornelison
  - 1. Requested that faculty remind their students to schedule their advising appointments as early as possible . Advising areas are understaffed and appointments will fill up quickly.

F. Resolutions (Time Certain: 10:45 AM)

a. Consent Agenda

- i. RES 232418 Commendation of CFA Bakersfield Executive Board - EC(handout)
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- i. Senator Zenko: Discussed challenges with the lack of office space within the School of SSE. Interim Provost Rodriguez is aware of these challenges. Has initiated conversations with leadership team and Academic Affairs regarding space utilization and timelines and the option of an informal survey of where there are spaces currently that are vacant. Also has been in contact with the Space Management Committee.
    - ii. Dean of Antelope Valley, Elizabeth Adams: Dean Adams is involved in a taskforce that is working on an Academic Affairs policy around space and space allocation. Once a policy is drafted, it will go to Provost Council, then through faculty governance.
    - iii. Senator Wu, BPC Chair: BPC has been working on a referral regarding time blocks and space utilization. Believes they will soon have recommendations to present that identify low-use classrooms, which may provide opportunities for conversions to office spaces. Interim Provost Rodriguez cautions discussions regarding space utilization as data is still being collected post-pandemic and we are looking at enrollment.
  - b. Senator Deal suggests a commendation for Cindy at the Runner Express who provides a welcoming space for the campus community. Senate Chair Hedge will bring to Executive Committee for discussion and drafting a commendation.
  - c. Elevation of Schools to Colleges: Interim Provost Rodriguez relayed that this item is on his list. Data is being collected regarding anticipated costs, which will be shared with Executive Committee.
  - d. Senator Rees: Theater Festival taking place starting Friday and through the weekend.
  - e. RTP Tenure and Promotion calendar. There has been an extension for the spring calendar to accommodate faculty who needed to submit their files for the spring cycle.
  - f. February 17 – Math Field Day
  - g. February 23 – Engineering Day
  - h. Thank you to Interim Provost Rodriguez for the coffee, tea, and cookies.
- H. Faculty Recognition (Time Certain: 11:25 AM)
- a. Commendation for all the faculty that pivoted and for keeping the students' wellbeing in mind during the CFA strike.
- I. Adjournment
- a. Chair Hegde adjourned meeting at 11:24 AM.