**FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Zoom link: <https://csulb.zoom.us/j/82883674031>

Meeting ID: 828 8367 4031

1. Call to Order 3:33pm
   1. In attendance. G. Shaffer, J. Gomer, J. Brooks, C. Fouratt, A. Nicholas, A. Basarudin, Estrada, S. Rousso-Schindler, A. Weil, C. Lopez, M. Eisenstadt, I. Rodriguez, W. Wright, B. LeMaster, C. Yin Lie, Y. Treesukosol, I. Bolaños, M. Li, M. Ling Halim, M. Liselad, A. Gonzalez, L. Ramirez, T. Matuchniak, G. Galvez, S. Hartzell, J. Blutinger, D. Dozier, D. Sidorov, J. Acevedo Rivera, M. Lesenyie, N. Suzumura, E. Klink, R. Judge, A Nayak, S. Miller, s. Weschler, C. Wright, D. Thien
2. Approval of Agenda

Moved Jeffrey Bluttinger

Seconded Gabriel Estrada

Approved: 31

1. Approval of Minutes from Oct. 13, 2021

Moved Jessica Brooks

Seconded Aparna Nayak

Approved: 32

1. Reports
   1. FC Chair’s report
      1. Dean Wallace send his regrets; he was on vacation.
      2. Gwen reports that she met with Provost a few weeks ago. Provost is supportive of incorporating the language we crafted in the October meeting for preferred qualifications in the prospectus. A lot of language is not changeable, such as that in the required qualifications because it is drafted by the dean’s office, Academic Affairs, and the search firm.
      3. The search committee is almost completely seated: There is the list of those elected by faculty council; there will be a student representative who is the ASI senator for CLA, Milaray Ramirez. Staff council also has a seat and will hold elections this week. Ballots are out for the chairs’ rep. We are hoping to meet with the search committee and Provost’s office around November 16th.
      4. Questions about the search: Steven Rousso-Schindler asks if it is too late to add something to the list. Answer: Not too late – last agenda item is going over and revising the description
   2. CLA standing committee reports:
      1. GSAC Committee (Suzanne Wechsler): GSAC meets the 3rd Thursday of every month. They are continuing the work of revising policy on requirements for masters degree (combining a number of policies in one). The one problematic area for CLA (the request to change the percent of units grad students are required to take at the 500/600 level) has been tabled for now.
      2. Strategic Plan/Planning Support Team (Justin Gomer): The process is moving forward. We now have a steering group of over 70 members from CLA with various institutional roles: tenured and tenure track faculty, lecturers, staff, students, administration, etc. They have held two sessions: 1 to familiarize themselves and develop a common set of understandings around issues related to equity in CLA; the 2nd to brainstorm and identify issues facing folks in CLA today. The planning support team is reviewing these ideas and compiling them to prepare for the next steering group meeting (next Friday 9-12). The steering group will align on common themes they would like the strategic plan to address (final piece of initial phase). Then, we will develop action teams that will work on each issue.
      3. Educational Policies and Curriculum (Gwen Shaffer on behalf of Christine Jocoy): The 2021 Curriculum cycle ended Oct 29. EPCC has one more meeting on Nov 16 for second readings of new programs and minors that were submitted this cycle.

We will need 5 new members starting in Fall 2022. Please consider running and informing your colleagues of these openings, especially your Chairs. Continuing members are from COMM, WGSS, HIST, and SOC (alternates from JOUR and Translation Studies). Remember that faculty cannot serve more than two consecutive terms and only one person per department can serve at the same time. We ask that FC hold an election in spring. We will revise the CLA Standard Course Outline Template to modify the Modes of Instruction to reflect the new categories and to clarify instructions for completing the form. There will be a new form in Spring 2022. We try to only update it as need with CSU and Academic Senate policy changes. We will review proposal in spring semester for the 2022 Curriculum Cycle starting in April when Curriculog is open again for submissions.

New course priority deadline: March 11

New program priority deadline: April 8

Thanks to all those who served on EPCC this year.

1. New business
   1. Nominations from the floor for Faculty Council Elections Committee members

Self-Nominations: Isacar Bolaños; Yada Treesukosol

Vote to confirm Elections Committee nominees 32 Approved

* 1. Graduate Thesis Compensation Policy (Cory Wright)

In Spring 2018, began looking at different issues related to graduate studies, including thesis compensation. The 2012 policy was revised. This lays out conditions under which faculty can be eligible for workload reduction (3 students to completion & 18 units of 698)

Cory suggests that Faculty Council should amend the one academic year limit on taking that workload reduction to 3 semesters.

Steven Rousso-Schindler asks, why put a limit?

Eileen Klink raises a concern about people with sabbaticals or who can’t take their RSCAs, etc.

Repsonse from Associate Dean Deb Thien: We want faculty to take this time. The policy is not meant to be restrictive. Rather, imagine a scenario in which 10 years goes by and conditions under which workload reductions not be available. The issue is about timing and since scheduling is done far in advance, we want to use a shorter timeline (ie 3 semesters, not no time limit) so that it doesn’t spool out into newer administrations, budgets, etc. There is something in the policy already about consulting with the chair, department, etc. on timing This was passed by grad council and has been through a few iterations in language. There is specific language that it should be one academic year, normally, but that postponement may occur due to resource constraints.

Itxaso Rodriguez raises a question about the possibility of a similar policy for independent studies.

Response from Assoc. Dean Thien: Yes, we need to look at all of these, however, the grad compensation policy already existed. It was outdated. The idea is to get this one in place then look at directed study, independent study, honors theses, etc. and then look at other areas of faculty supervision over student work;

Question from Suzanne: “Normally” – put it back in to Title IV. Do we want our policy more strict than university policy; (this is why it was taken out by grad council – to make it more specific).

Motion to amend the policy as follows:

1. Line 29 – Add normally
2. Line 47-48 – Change one academic year to 3 semesters;
3. 52 Add “or faculty needs”

Motion: Gabriel Estrada

Amendment: Michael Eisenstadt

Approved: 37

* 1. Presentation from the Scholarly Intersections Committee (Michael Eisenstadt)

The call has just gone out. Heads up that the deadline for applications is 11/30. There is a link to the survey in the call that will let you upload proposal. Notifications should be complete by December 10th. If there aren’t sufficient applications to spend all the money, the committee will discuss possibility of a second call. Please keep in mind the limits and restrictions on funding (those are college & university restrictions, not the committee)

* 1. Workshop draft Dean Position prospectus

As a group FC looked through the college description, required qualifications, and preferred qualifications. FC reps noted the need to add back in “historically excluded” instead of “underrepresented” language and to remove “unconscious bias” and replace with commitment to racial justice

Do we want to add anything to the College description?

May Ling suggests highlighting the second part which is about college’s commitments (moving it to the beginning) and Alice Nicholas suggests making it more personal (using first person, we, us, etc.)

The Exec will ensure these changes are incorporated before sending back to the Provost.

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Eileen Klink

Seconded: Aparna Nayak

Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm