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Chair Prabhu convened the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

1. Chair’s announcements:

1.1 On March 6th, we will have the 5th Annual Academic Senate’s Distinguished Lecture on Engagement, Service and the Public Good. Our speaker, Carlos Antonio H. Vaqueráno, is the founder and executive director of Salvadoran-American Leadership and Educational Fund (SALEF), a nonprofit organization. The lecture will begin at 1:45 p.m. and will be followed by a reception. Today is last day to RSVP.

1.2 You should have received the Save-the-Date notice for April 16. You are invited to be a part of the university’s first Comprehensive Campaign. The event will begin at 5pm and will be held in the Luckman Fine Arts Complex. Please RSVP at http://www.calstatela.edu/events/bethere by Friday, April 13th.

1.3 On Saturday, March 10, the 3rd Annual CSU Lecturer Conference on Shared Governance will be held at San Jose State. If anyone is interested in attending, you may register at https://csulecturers.wordpress.com/registration-form/.

1.4 The Academic Senate will continue to meet on alternate Tuesdays, 1:45 – 3:45 p.m., for 2018-19. Dedicated Senate events will be held on off meeting weeks. Additionally, if there are several pending policies on the Senate floor, a Senate meeting will be scheduled.

Meetings for fall 2018: 8/28, 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 12/4
Meetings for spring 2019: 1/29, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7

1.5 The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate will continue to meet every three out of four weeks on Thursdays, 1:45 – 3:45 p.m., for 2018-19.

1.6 The following faculty members have accepted nomination by the Nominations Committee to the slate of candidates for election to the University Academic Appeals Board for one position with term ending summer 2020:

Christopher Harris, English
KiMi Wilson, Curriculum and Instruction
Aymon Tailakh, Nursing
Gar Culbert, Political Science
Birte Pfleger, History
Anthony Roberts, Sociology
Leila Ricci, Special Education and Counseling

A petition notice will be sent out on Wednesday, February 28 and will close on Tuesday, March 6 to allow for additional nominations for this position. The university-wide election will be held March 14-20.
The following faculty members have accepted nomination by the Nominations Committee to the slate of candidates for election to the Intercollegiate Athletics Board for one male with term ending summer 2022:

- Mu Wu, Communication Studies
- KiMi Wilson, Curriculum and Instruction
- Ryan Terry, Management
- George Crocker, Kinesiology and Nutritional Science
- Michael Germano, Library

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Chair Prabhu announced we are very happy to be joined by members of the Emeriti Association and asked that they stand and introduce themselves. The following were in attendance: Konrad Aniol, Stanley Burstein (President), Marshall Cates, John Cleman, Stephen Felszeghy, and Deborah Schaeffer.

Senator Aniol inquired about a concern he raised on September 26, 2017 (ASM 17-4) and reported that a response was not provided.

Chair Prabhu reported that she will follow up on it as soon as possible and apologized for the delay.

Chair Prabhu provided the following response from VP Lisa Chavez to a question raised by Senator Porter on February 13, 2018 (ASM 17-10):

The ITS Network team has been working with the Chancellor’s Office in the implementation of the Palo Alto border firewall as part of the Common Network Initiative Phase III. This project, funded and overseen through the Chancellor’s Office, provides a standardized deployment framework/methodology at all 23 Universities within the CSU system to help mitigate potential security risks system-wide. There was a review process and this was conveyed to the college ITC’s through in-person meetings and maintenance notifications via email.

As part of the implementation recommendations, the firewall rules were modified to remove “Any” region for non-secure web protocols and only allow “US” regions for non-secure protocols. Secure protocols are allowed for “Any” region. The site that is mentioned, ScienceCourseware.org, is in fact a non-secure site. ITC’s had the opportunity to request rule modifications before the go live to ensure hosts that were in need of world-wide accessibility were modified. ITS addressed these appropriately. Once ITS was alerted to the need for ScienceCourseware.org to be accessed remotely from “non-USA” regions, the appropriate rules were configured to accommodate this request. The intention of this project is to meet and address recommendations provided by the Chancellor’s Office ensuring we mitigate a potential risk to students, faculty, and staff.

ITS conducts monthly meetings with the college ITC’s, informing them of the upcoming changes to the campus network infrastructure, and any other changes to the IT landscape. Additionally, ITS notifies the entire campus community whenever large-scale changes are implemented via email notifications.

If there are issues with any of the hosts in the future, please notify the appropriate college ITC’s or reach out to the ITS Help Desk at Helpdesk@calstatela.edu or call 323-343-6170.
5. 5.1 Chair Prabhu reported that the Executive Committee approved by Executive Action the modifications to the policy at its meeting of February 22, 2018 in order to be aligned with Executive Order 1100.

5.2 Chair Prabhu recognized Margaret Garcia, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, to outline the changes to the policy.

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7. It was m/s/p (Nelson) to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2018 (ASM 17-10).

8. 8.1 It was m/s/ (Heubach) to approve the agenda.

8.2 It was m/s/p (Flint) to add “ASI Resolution in Support of Temporary Protected Status and a Path to Legal Citizenship” as a new #14, First-Reading Item, and renumber the remaining items.

8.3 The agenda was approved as amended.

9. Chair Prabhu presented her report.

10. President Covino presented campus updates, followed by a question and answer period.

11. Jeffrey Underwood, Associate Vice President for Research, presented information regarding the Office of Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (ORSCA).

12. 12.1 Chair Prabhu opened the floor for nominations for one position on the Academic Senate CSU.

12.2 It was m/s/ (Riggio) to nominate Senator Kevin Baaske.

13. Senators Baaske and Harris spoke to the pro and con statements, respectively.
Chair Prabhu recognized Marcos Montes, who spoke to the Resolution on behalf of its author, Neyda Umana, ASI Vice President for Academic Governance.

Senator Riggio read the following on behalf of Senator McCurdy: I would vote against the motion to decrease the number of office hours, for the following reasons:

- The policy change is not student-centered. Students have a variety of obligations outside the classroom, and fewer contact hours (whatever the modality) can make it even harder for students to connect to their instructors if and when they need it.
- Senators should consider implications for different disciplines, large lectures, and high fail-rate classes. For example, for many courses, emails or phone conversations are not necessarily sufficient to support student learning. For example, problem solving in math, chemistry, physics. I have found that watching how a student approaches a problem as they are solving it in front of me allows me to tailor my help to best meet their needs.
- I am representing a number of my NSS colleagues’ view on this. I checked with several of my department and NSS colleagues who are not senators, and they do not agree. The NSS Steering Committee also was not in favor of this change.

I would be in favor of a motion that restores the pro-rated 4 hour maximum office hours, while giving flexibility to match the mode of the contact (face to face, asynchronous, etc.) with the needs of the course/student.

The recommendation was APPROVED. (V: 23/10)

It was m/s/ (Cleman) to amend lines 43-44 by deleting “may” and inserting MUST, delete “either”, and deleting “or the faculty member’s department/division/school”.

Debate ensued and the Cleman motion passed. (V: 30/3)

It was m/ (Bettcher) to add on line 18 OR LECTURER after “member.” Chair Prabhu advised that the Faculty Policy Committee is aware of the recommendation to include lecturers. The motion died for lack of a second.

It was m/s/ (Harris) to delete lines 40-42: All tenured faculty who resign/retire and who request Emeritus status must be considered for it RECOMMENDED by the appropriate departmental/divisional/school committee and the college dean FOR APPROVAL BY THE PRESIDENT.

Debate ensued and the Harris motion failed. (V: 10/18)

It was m/s/ (Baaske) to amend lines 40-42 as follows: All tenured faculty who resign/retire and who MAY request Emeritus status, must be considered for it RECOMMENDED by the appropriate departmental/divisional/school committee and the college dean MUST MAKE A RECOMMENDATION PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL FOR BY THE PRESIDENT.

Senator Cleman suggested a friendly amendment by changing APPROVAL to CONSIDERATION. No objections were raised.

Senator Ulanoff suggested a friendly amendment to delete Λ after MAKE and add an S after RECOMMENDATION. Objections were raised.

Senator Heubach suggested a friendly amendment to insert EACH after MUST. No objections were raised.
16.10 The Baaske motion was APPROVED as amended. (V: 29/2)

16.11 It was m/s/f (Heubach) to move lines 42-49 to after “status” on line 40: The procedure for consideration of Emeritus status may be initiated by either the faculty member or the faculty member's department/division/school, preferably two quarters before WITHIN TWO YEARS FOLLOWING the effective date of retirement/resignation. FOR THOSE IN THE FACULTY EARLY RETIREMENT PROGRAM (FERP), THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT IS PRIOR TO ENTERING FERRET STATUS. To be considered for Emeritus status, resigning/retiring faculty members must submit an updated curriculum vitae, and are strongly encouraged to submit a photograph, and brief biography. (V: 12/18)

16.12 It was m/s/p (Riggio) to insert on line 15 FOR TENURED FACULTY after “Status”. (V: 27/3)

16.13 It was m/ (Finocchiaro) to also insert FOR TENURED FACULTY on line 1. The motion died for lack of a second.

16.14 It was m/s/p (Ulanoff) to delete on line 1 Retired Faculty-. (V: 23/8)

16.15 Debate ensued. Senators Riggio and Ulanoff withdrew their motions. No objections were raised.

17. It was m/s/p (Bezdecny) to continue this document as a Second-Reading Item and adjourn at 3:43 p.m.