University Senate Chair Report February 21, 2023

Today we have a number of items on the agenda that many folks feel strongly about. That is a good thing! Engagement and passion is so much better than indifference and apathy. Both student housing for next year and the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) we offer our students are multifaceted issues that necessitate complex solutions. There is a lot of gray area for both of these items and, as such, I ask that we not fixate on simple solutions. Instead, let us think broadly and creatively on these items, to help solve these sticky wickets.

As we wade into these quandaries, I once again ask all of us to recommit to our Norms and Expectations. In particular, I ask that we assume everyone has the best intentions and we not vilify or assign blame to any individual. I know this sounds like a broken record, but I was reminded at SenEx the other night of several instances where this body has been downright mean to individuals who were just doing their job. This Senate is not that Senate and I think we have come a long way towards becoming a more collegial body. For this I am grateful. Please keep up the good work! Thank you!

Updates:

On February 9, 2023, the CSU Senate chairs met virtually for our first meeting of the spring term. Items of discussion included:

- System wide enrollments and the Chancellor's plan for addressing under/over enrolled campuses
- Increasing enrollment strategies, such as, increased number of units per student, moving summer stateside, focus on retention, increased marketing, and rebranding
- Executive searches, there are a myriad of presidential searches happening right now plus a Chancellor search; Chairs want open searches
- ChatGPT This is just the beginning, capabilities are remarkable, this is a problem!
- CalGETC has been recommended by ICAS, CO wants CSU GE breadth to match, campuses do not
- AB 927 proposals include a Fire Science BA at Feather River College that is duplicative of ours, President Jackson has <u>offered a partnership</u>, CO has <u>requested</u> they take that partnership, FRC seems to be pushing through anyway
- Bargaining will begin again this summer, both staff and faculty participated in salary surveys, CO is concerned about paying for significant (inflation level) increases

Further Updates:

Provost Capps (acting as President Jackson's designee) approved Resolution 15-22/23-FAC - Resolution on the Credit Hour Policy.

Provost Capps also approved Resolution 16-22/23-ICC - Resolution on Online Survey Coordination Policy.

As always, let me know if you have questions or concerns. Thanks, Monty