

University Senate Chair Report

April 25, 2023

Welcome to our penultimate Senate meeting of the 2022/2023 Academic year. As always, I am incredibly grateful for your hard work and graciousness. As a body, our Senate has been productive and collegial. Thank you!

On April 13th, I joined the Senate chairs from our sister campuses for the last system wide Senate Chair's meeting of the year. The most pressing items of discussion included:

- System wide enrollments and campus strategies to meet (or not) their enrollment targets - most of the Northern California campuses expect to miss their targets and panic is setting in.
- AB 928 - Until the Board of Trustees (BOT) changes Title V, there are no changes to the CSU GE Breadth Requirements. The CO is very interested in having the discussion on changing our GE pattern to reflect Cal-GETC, the ASCSU has made it clear it opposes this idea. More to come.
- AB 927 - The CO is bringing in the Legislature and the Governor (if necessary) to try to get Feather River College (FRC) to Cease & Desist their proposed BA in Fire Management. See article [here](#). FRC has proceeded with this program despite the objection of the CSU, contrary to the intent of AB 927.
- Executive searches - There are currently 7 Active or interim president positions in the CSU, and we are searching for a new Chancellor.
- Cozen O'Conner and Campus Implementation Teams - The system wide report will be delivered to the BOT at their May 21-24 meeting. Each campus President was told in January that they would need to assemble an implementation team whose charge is to ensure that the directives in the report are carried out by the appropriate offices (Title IX, HR, APS, Dean of Students, etc). Despite this heads up in January, nearly every CSU campus waited until a memo was sent on March 31 with specifics on what offices and who from the campus community should serve with a first meeting of the team to be on April 11. By waiting until April, nearly every campus did a poor job employing their shared governance structure to find faculty, non-mpp staff and student representation. Our campus was no different. This need to rush, overall lack of Senate input, and lack of transparency in this very initial phase of this extremely important work is beyond frustrating. I do not know how AS and Staff Council chose their representatives, but I do know that the senate did not choose either member of the team that represents faculty, librarians and coaches. A lack of transparency and good process lies at the heart of many of these issues, and clearly we have room for improvement.

Campuswide Updates:

Provost Capps (acting as President Jackson's designee) approved Resolution 23-22/23-UPC - Resolution on Gift Cards to Students Policy.

Resolution 24-22/23-FAC - Resolution on Department Chair Assigned Time Policy currently sits on Provost Capps desk waiting for the Meet & Confer process with CFA to conclude.

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

Thanks,

Monty