

University Senate Chair Report

April 26, 2022

Though we are so close to being done with this academic year, there are still more than a few loose ends to tie up. Our last two meetings this year will be exceptionally full, and there will be (as always) important items that will have to wait until next year. Due to this fullness of our agenda, and it being April, I fear that folks may only give a cursory read of the Senate packet. I know I have been in this position many a April. Please try to find the time to give the items on today's agenda a careful read. There are numerous items that are important and will have an impact on all of us. Your feedback is critical to our shared governance.

We also have a number of items today that carry emotional weight. Our Sense of the Senate (SoS) resolutions are an imperfect response to another failure of the CSU to ensure safe working/learning environments for the campus community. Folks have every right to be angry/sad/afraid/outraged/etc as our institution seemed to prioritize risk management rather than doing the right thing. For those of us that have been here a while, this should come as no surprise, as the former iteration of the Title IX office was ineffective at supporting survivors. Our current iteration is better, though, of course, there is great room for improvement, and our SoS's offer solutions to this end. Your consideration and input on these resolutions is critical to ensuring that we improve policies and practices on our campus to prevent sexualized violence and bullying.

Thank you for all that you've done this year. Keep going, we are almost there, three more weeks!

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