

**ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2025**

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11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

PLN-130

Present: Badal, Barber, Barros, Becerra, Blandon-Gitlin, Brown, Brusckke, Casem, Chik, Childers, Fontaine, Garcia, Ghosh, Gradilla, Graewingholt, Jarvis, Kakihara, Kanel, Kleinjans, Luker, Mallicoat, Miller, Nair, Ong, Plouffe, Robinson, Rochon, Sacco, Scher, Stanley, Swarat, Syed, Thomas, Tsong, Valencia, Wilson, Wynants

Absent: Bonuso, Dabirian, Ebrahimi, Guo, Landeros, Larios, LeeKeenan, Martin, Milligan, Palencia Gutierrez, Salim, Valdez, Weismuller, Wood

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jarvis called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

- (Kanel) I want to talk about the lack of rooms for schedule for fall again. I wanted to let the President know this is an ongoing problem and maybe your new vice president of enrollment management can take a serious look at the fact that we have students that need butts in seats, but we don't have rooms to put them in. This is a big issue, even our four o'clock classes. I don't know whose responsibility it is to find rooms for our classes, but it is an ongoing problem, and not just my department.
- (Brusckke) I want to talk about the immigration incident that's happened on our campus. It freaked out a lot of my students and there are some things I would like to talk about, because I actually have sort of a positive ending to the way all this happened.

Within the last week, there was a Homeland Security, not ICE, a Homeland Security at a Home Depot in Pomona where they went in looking for one person, they rounded up 10 and all were deported. Our students are watching the news and they're finding that there are sweeps, there are times where people get sort of indiscriminately picked up, that even if you are innocent or improperly identified, you will get picked up. And I think the conclusion they are coming to is that we're just not safe here now. It's not that they don't think our campus will follow the rules; they think that Homeland Security won't follow the rules.

- (President Rochon) I want to say how appreciative I am for the faculty and staff that continue to step up. Some of you may not know, but we had some students impacted also by the visas being revoked just recently and immediately faculty and staff stepped up and began to provide virtual opportunities for those students not to miss any classes. Folks are providing so much grace around this campus community. I am with you all with regard to the uncertainty and trying to find ways in which we can bring accurate information.

Please use this protocol that we have laid out, it will help us to prevent triggers and unnecessary anxiety that could be caused just by social media going like wildfire without accurate information. So, I want to thank everyone for what you did last night, what you were thinking about last night, and how we were here together to serve our students

- (Chief Frisbee) I would like to echo the appreciation for those that have reached out to John Beisner or myself last night to verify information that they may have seen on social media.

There was a DHS explosive K-9 unit that was here. We have a very small number of explosive K-9 units in the county, and they generally train together at various locations. I can share with you right now that they will not be back anytime soon, after yesterday.

On social media, there was a report that ICE was here and then that social media post grew. When we found out, we worked with John Beisner, we worked with leadership, and we addressed the post itself. But this is where I need your help, this is the second time we've had social media posted and it goes viral and it's going to impact all of in this room, our students, and families. I need our community really to come together. I'm asking for help, when you see that social media post or if you see something on campus, that's why we have John Beisner and his team, that's why we have that phone number 24 hours a day, is to go and get the factual information from him and his team, so then you can make decisions that you need to based on that information on the right steps for your students that you are taking care of.

Q: (Ong) There were still a lot of students left wondering, with the explosive K-9 unit, were there any prior communication in letting the population know that they were going to be present on campus?

A: (Chief Frisbee) That was my failure. There was notification with our K-9 team. We should have put information out on social media. We should have notified John Beisner and leadership beforehand. And then let leadership decide if a wider message should have gone out or not, that is completely on me.

- (President) I am not going to let the Chief take ownership alone. One of the things that we all know, that we were involved in our busy day, it's an organic day, we are in our routine, this K-9 detection process was something that we expected, and we didn't think that it was going to be a big deal. It became a big deal because of Homeland Security being identified. We will do our very best to remain attentive and sensitive. We are all human beings; we're doing our very best.
- The Chief is always taking it on his shoulders, I take it from him and place it on me. We are going to always remain vigilant in trying to communicate to this campus community. I promise you as human beings, we may miss something so this is where grace comes in also, and also the accuracy. If there is concern, call the police, they will be able to filter the information and get the accurate information out to us immediately. I appreciate the question, and I take ownership.

Q: (Gradilla) I'm just wondering if we need to have on our resources a social media tip line or something where people can quickly post something or upload something? Something that is easy to find so we don't have to dig for it. I think that would help too, that way there's a rapid response from the community.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (Casem) The program mapper for Cal State Fullerton has now been launched, it's in a preview sort of mode. We are asking individual departments to provide feedback to ensure the accuracy of this mapper. It's going to be an exciting resource for folks, especially our students, but also our advisors and our faculty to use. It gives a vision of start to finish, the progress to your degree. It is available for everyone to look at. Right now, it's being fine-tuned, so there may be small errors. We are working with our various departments, associate deans, and deans to refine it. It breaks things down and provides information, in addition to the information about the sequence of courses required for graduation. It provides information from the Department of Labor on career guidance and potential salary information. I think it's a really exciting resource.

It will also be an important resource for us because we can link our maps at Cal State Fullerton to the academic road maps from our colleagues in the community colleges and facilitate great transfer success from our community college transfer students. So, I encourage you to check it out.

Q: (Stanley) Does it include updates on Curriculog or just update every academic year after things are done with Curriculog?

A: (Casem) Well Curriculog, because we are talking about programs, it is going to represent the program changes that occur once a year within Curriculog. It will be updated every year.

- (Bacerra) The assistant deans of Student Affairs are returning to Cal State Fullerton. These assistant deans will be housed in each college and will be assisting colleges with various collaborations centered around student success. We had five finalists and two remaining open forums; one will be next Tuesday, April 29th and next Wednesday, April 30th. If you have any questions, Emily Whitt is the chair of that search.
- (Bacerra) We are ending Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and we have one big event out of Student Affairs and that is denim day, which is April 30th. We are asking folks in departments or with your classes to encourage folks to wear denim on April 30th to stand in solidarity with survivors. Post a picture and make it viral on social media. Student Affairs is doing a picture as a division early in the morning on the 30th and we ask if you can do that and let's get some positive support and advocacy out there on social media.

- (Scher) Don't forget your SOQs now open and are scheduled to close next Friday, May 2nd. This semester we are evaluating 6,163 courses and we are using the new blue system. Faculty can check their real time response rates through the new dashboard. Remind your faculty they should encourage students to submit their responses before SOQs close.
- (Swarat) Next week Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in this very room from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, open forums for the Inaugural Vice President of Strategic Enrollment Management finalists. If you are available, I welcome all to attend and give us feedback on the finalists.
- (President Rochon) I wanted to make you aware of one other item that really is connected to all of our discussion as pertains to deportations and detainment. One of the discussions we have been having as a campus community is ways in which we would be uplifting our cultural celebrations and being extremely cognizant that it could bring attention that we do not want.

We have made some adjustments with regard to how we identify and what we will be saying. We are going to celebrate people, without question. But I wanted to make you aware of this. Chief Frisbee and I have been having lots of conversations. He has spoken to me about his comfortable approach with our methodology at this point.

But I want to have you understand that if we receive any data whatsoever that gives me any inclination that it would bring danger or harm to any member of our celebratory respondents, I'm going to call an audible and cancel. I am not going to sit around with data that could be real, that could bring harm to anyone. Please work with us. Our goal right now is to celebrate. Our goal right now is to uplift. But if Chief Frisbee receives anything that gives me pause, I'm going to call a very difficult decision. I don't want anyone followed to their car, off campus detained. I want to make sure we bring nothing but joy and not horror.

I want the campus community to understand what we are facing and what we are dealing with.

Q: (Bruschke) In the past, when hate speakers have come to the campus and posed a threat, we were told that in the interest of free speech, we were not going to cancel those events over public safety concerns. But are you saying that as we are now celebrating our own diversity, we will cancel those events in response to public safety concerns?

A: (Rochon) What I'm saying is I receive word that we could potentially have people come and detain, deport, we will cancel.

IV. TIME APPROXIMATE

11:35 AM – 12:05 PM

Topic: Faculty Award Presentations

Presenter: President Rochon

President Rochon presented the faculty awards listed below.

John W. "Jack" Bedell Faculty Leadership in Collegial Governance Award 2024-25 - Dr. Alexandro Gradilla (Chicana and Chicano Studies)

President Rochon acknowledged the 2024-25 recipient of the John W. "Jack" Bedell Faculty Leadership in Collegial Governance Award recipient, Dr. Alexandro Gradilla. UPS 292.000 recognizes exemplary leadership, lasting contributions to shared governance, and acknowledges the recipient's value and enduring impact in promoting consensus and collegiality. President Rochon enumerated a long list of accomplishments for this year's recipient.

Outstanding Lecturer Award 2024-25 – Professor Michelle Kurland (Communications)

President Rochon acknowledged the 2024-25 recipient of the Outstanding Lecturer Award recipient, Professor Michelle Kurland. UPS 295.000 recognizes lecturers who demonstrate excellence in teaching effectiveness and commitment beyond classroom teaching. President Rochon enumerated a long list of accomplishments for this year's recipient.

The Carol Barnes Excellence in Teaching Award 2024-25 - Dr. Gina Passante (Physics)

President Rochon acknowledged the 2024-25 recipient of the Carol Barnes Excellence in Teaching Award recipient, Dr. Gina Passante. UPS 292.000 recognizes faculty who demonstrate academic rigor in teaching consistent with the University Mission and Goals and the CSU mission. President Rochon enumerated a long list of accomplishments for this year's recipient.

The L. Donald Shields Excellence in Scholarly & Creativity Award 2024-25 - Dr. Archana McEligot (Public Health)

President Rochon acknowledged the 2024-25 recipient of the L. Donald Shields Excellence in Scholarly & Creativity Award recipient, Dr. Archana McEligot. UPS 294.000 recognizes outstanding scholarship, sustained record of research publications, external recognition in mentorship to students, and commitment to the educational mission of CSUF. President Rochon enumerated a long list of accomplishments for this year's recipient.

The Outstanding Professor Award 2024-25 - Dr. Sudarshan Kurwadkar (Civil and Environmental Engineering)

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12:10 PM

Topic: Fiscal State of the University - Spring 2025

Presenter: President Rochon and VP Porter

President Rochon provided opening comments before VP Porter gave the Fiscal State of the University presentation.

Before giving the Fiscal State of the University presentation, VP Porter's acknowledged his staff and the hard work they do on a daily basis to keep our budget on track.

The PowerPoint presentation on the Fiscal State of the University covered the following:

- CSU Systemwide Multi-Year Budget Plan
- CSUF FY 2024-25 Operating Fund Budget Total Operating Budget (\$606M)
- CSUF FY 2024-25 Consolidated Operating Budget (\$751M)
- FY 2024-25 Operating Funds (3rd Quarter)
- FY 2024-25 vs 2023-24 Expenditures Operating Funds (3rd Quarter)
- University Carry-Forward for Operating Funds
- Carry-Forward for Operating Funds
- Planned Use of FY 2024-25 Carry-Forward
- Carry-Forward for Operating Funds Academic Affairs (by College/Sub-Division)
- Carry-Forward for Operating Funds Administration & Finance (by Sub-Division)
- Carry-Forward for Operating Funds Human Resources and Inclusive Excellence (by Sub-Division)
- Carry-Forward for Operating Funds Information Technology
- Carry-Forward for Operating Funds Office of the President (by Sub-Division)
- Carry-Forward for Operating Funds Student Affairs (by Sub-Division)
- Carry-Forward for Operating Funds University Advancement (by Sub-Division)
- Increasing Expenditures Mandatory Costs
- FY 2025-26 Budget Update
- Governor's January Preliminary Budget Proposal for FY 2025-26
- Baseline Planning Assumptions for CSUF
- Dealing with the Deficit
- Anticipated Budget Reductions by Division
- Opportunities
- Budget Reductions Implementation Plan Fiscal Year 2025-26
- Campus Budget Reports

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 5.1 ASD 25-58 Academic Senate Minutes 4-10-25 (Draft) - *forthcoming*

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- M/S/P (Gradilla/Brown) Motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed.
- 6.1 ASD 25-59 Revisions to UPS 310.000 - Credit for Prior Learning
- 6.2 ASD 25-61 Program Discontinuance - Spring 2025
- 6.3 ASD 25-62 GE New Course Proposals - Spring 2025
- 6.4 ASD 25-63 Revisions to UPS 300.023 - Grade Changes

VII. REPORTS

- 1. [Chair's Report](#)
- 2. President Report - **no report.**
- 3. [Provost Report](#)
- 4. Statewide Academic Senate Report - **no report.**
- 5. ASI Report - no report.
- 6. [CFA Report](#)

VIII. SECOND READING

- 8.1 ASD 25-32 Revisions to UPS 100.001 - Academic Senate Bylaws

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 9.1 ASD 25-33 Revisions to UPS 300.021- Academic Dishonesty

X. ADJOURNMENT

- M/S/P (Badal/Brown) Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.