Meeting of the Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, May 30, 2023
38-114, 3:10 to 5:00pm

I. Minutes: None

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):

III. Reports:
   A. Academic Senate Chair:
   B. President’s Office:
   C. Provost:
   D. Statewide Senate:
   E. CFA:
   F. ASI:

IV. Business Item(s):
   A. Appointments to Academic Senate Committees for 2023-2025 Term: (pp. 2-4)
   B. Appointments to University Committees for the 2023-2025 Academic Year: (pp. 5-8)

V. Adjournment:
Statements of Interest Received for  
2023-2025 Academic Senate Committee Vacancies by College  
(All appointments are for 2-years unless noted below)

**Green Highlight = Incumbent**  
**Yellow Highlight = New Applicant**

**College of Architecture and Environmental Design**
Curriculum Committee 2022-2024  
DSA 2023-2025  
Faculty Affairs 2023-2025  

*Thomas Kommar, Construction Management (6 years at Cal Poly)*  
I have been on the committee for the last two years and have been impressed with the work product generated by its members and the committee chair. Being tasked with revising the Department's FPP, this has been a natural fit for both my abilities and obligations. I will also be interfacing with the CAED's FPP committee in order to align all three.  
GEGB 2021-2024  
Instruction 2023-2025  
USCP (any college) 2023-2025

**College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences**
DTA 2023-2025  
Diversity 2023-2025  
Faculty Affairs 2023-2025  
USCP (any college) 2023-2025

**College of Engineering**
BLRP 2023-2025  
Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee 2023-2025  
Grants Review 2023-2025  

*Bruce DeBrhul, Computer Science and Software Engineering (8 years at Cal Poly)*  
Tenured  
I have received multiple internal grants to Cal Poly including an SRI, RSCA, and CENG SURP. I have also received industry and NSF grants.  
RSCA 2023-2025  
USCP (any college) 2023-2025

**College of Liberal Arts**
Fairness 2023-2025  
Grants Review 2023-2025  

*Emily Ryalls, Interdisciplinary Studies in Liberal Arts (6 years at Cal Poly)*  
I write this statement of interest to highlight my accomplishments as they relate to the Grants Review committee’s charge. I am an interdisciplinary scholar who brings a
research background that cuts across disciplines and methods. Since coming to Cal Poly six years ago, I have published one book (with Peter Lang), seven peer-reviewed articles, and one invited handbook entry, three non-referred articles. I currently have four articles under review and two in progress.

I have extensive qualifications with reviewing academic work. As the co-creator and co-editor of the peer-reviewed academic journal Feminist Pedagogy, I review each submission in order to determine whether to send out for review, spearhead the peer review process, and perform copy editing. As well, I am the member of two Editorial Boards - Women & Language and Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies, and I have served as an ad-hoc reviewer for 12 additional journals. Finally, At Cal Poly, in the spring of 2020, I served as a member of the Selection Committee for the Research Grants Competition.

Although I am now a member of the ISLA Department, my previous positions were in Communication Studies departments. Over the course of fifteen years, I taught over 100 public speaking classes, making me uniquely qualified to evaluate the presentations of student delegates for the CSU Student Research Competition. In fall 2017, at Cal Poly, the Communication Studies Department hosted a public speaking competition. I served as a judge and my student took home first place. As well, I have worked with students in the role of BEACoN Research Mentor and student club advisor. I have also advised 70 senior projects, some of which students have presented at national conferences, used as graduate school writing samples, and one that won the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Undergraduate Student Research Award.

**Yan Shan, Journalism (7 years at Cal Poly) Tenured**
I’m interested in serving on the grant review committee because it closely aligns with my professional development goal in supporting scholarship and creative activities in our college.

As a researcher, I’ve demonstrated active engagement in scholarship including eight peer-reviewed journal publications, one book chapter, and 14 referred conference presentations.

My previous grant writing experience would also make me a qualified member for this committee. I’ve sought funding to support my projects and received CLA’s summer research stipend in 2018 and 2020. Last year, I participated the Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURPs), and my student Miles Berman presented his study on corporate social activism during a university-wide symposium representing CLA and Journalism. One of my current research proposals, which examines the applications of AI-generated images in public health campaign through an inter-disciplinary approach, is currently under review for this year’s RSCA grant.

**USCP (any college) 2023-2025**

**College of Science and Math**
**GEGB 2022-2025**
USCP (any college) 2023-2025

**Orfalea College of Business**
Curriculum Committee 2022-2024

*Brian Ayash, Finance (9 years at Cal Poly) Tenured*

> From my time on OCOB Undergraduate Programs Committee (UPC), I am familiar with the review of curriculum proposals and assessment. Working as Chair of the Curriculum Committee for the Finance in the Fall, I oversaw the review and development of our new semester program. I am also hoping to serve as the UPC rep for Finance next year, so this will bring relevant knowledge to OCOB’s UPC committee in Lynn’s absence.

*Katya Vasilaky, Economics Tenure Track*

> I am writing to express my interest in joining the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee at Cal Poly. I am interested in and enjoy fostering coordination across many departments on campus as I have done with previous initiatives including the Data Strategic Research Initiative, in which I served as chair of the Ethics and Social Justice Committee. I would also bring enthusiasm for curricular collaboration across all colleges and my knowledge of OCOB’s curriculum, having served on the UPC for the past two years and as co-chair of the UPC this past year during Q2S review.

*Jack Wroldsen, Accounting and Law (4 years at Cal Poly) Tenure Track*

> A brief statement of interest is that over the past few years I've developed more of an appreciation and understanding of what goes into running a university, and I'd like to take more of a leadership role in serving at Cal Poly. As a member of the senate for the past few years, I've become familiar with the curriculum committee's work as well as the senate overall. And as the UPC representative this year for Accounting & Law, I've learned more about the curriculum process and the Q2S conversion, and I've been surprised to find that I really enjoy working on it. Also, before coming to Cal Poly, I was on the curriculum redesign committee at another school where we were tasked with remaking the undergraduate curriculum into a more practical, business-focused course of study that involved delicate decisions to cut certain courses and add others. I believe similar discussions may be forthcoming at Cal Poly as the Q2S process moves forward, and I would count it a privilege to help lead the faculty through those decisions and discussions.

**GEGB 203-2026**
Grants Review 2022-2024
RSCA 2023-2025

*Brian Ayash, Finance (9 years at Cal Poly) Tenured*

> I would like my name put forward to serve on the RSCA. I was a frequent recipient and have also suffered from the travel ban.

*Cindy Wang, Marketing (4 years at Cal Poly) Tenure Track*

> Research and scholarship have been an important component of my academic career. I am interested in serving the Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities (RSCA) committee, and would appreciate the opportunity to make recommendations on university policies and procedures regarding scholarship and to make a positive impact on the scholarly environment at Cal Poly. As a teacher-scholar from Orfalea College of Business, I have...
developed a strong research profile, and have gained significant experience collaborating with colleagues and mentoring students. I have been participating in various research activities on campus, such as the Health Research Symposium and BEACoN program. I also serve on the college-level graduate programs committee and understand the changes and challenges faced by faculty members and students in the quarter to semester conversion. Throughout my career, I have received tremendous support from the college and university; therefore, I would highly appreciate the opportunity to serve and to learn more about campus-level research and scholarship activities through this committee. I believe my commitment, expertise, and enthusiasm for research and scholarship make me a great fit for the RSCA committee. Thank you for your time and consideration!

USCP (any college) 2023-2025

**Professional Consultative Services**
Curriculum 2023-2025  
DSA 2023-2025  
DTA 2023-2025  
Fairness 2022-2024  
Instruction 2023-2025  
Sustainability 2023-2025
Statements of Interest Received for  
2023-2024 University Committee Vacancies  
(All appointments are for 1-year unless noted below)

Academic Assessment Council:
- CAED (2022-2025)  
- CENG (2023-2026)  
- OCOB (2023-2026)  
- PCS (2023-2026)

Athletics Advisory Board: One vacancy any college (2023-2026)
- Robert Holtzapple, Physics (15 years at Cal Poly) Tenured  
The accomplishments that I will bring to the Athletic Advisory Board are: 1) I was a student-athlete at the University of California as an undergraduate and Stanford University as a graduate student, 2) I am an academic advisor for physics majors, 3) I have been named teacher of the year twice in the physics department, and 4) I conduct National Science Foundation sponsored research at major international laboratories and universities such as SLAC, CERN, and Cornell University.

Having been a student-athlete and now a professor, I understand the demands of maintaining a balance between the sport and academics necessary to be successful in the classroom and on the field. I am interested in making sure all student-athletes, independent of sport and gender, have equal access to the necessary academic support for their success.

Campus Dining Advisory Committee: One vacancy (2023-2025)

Campus Planning Committee: One vacancy (2023-2025)
- Steve Rein, Statistics (25 years at Cal Poly) Tenured  
Based on experience as Cal Poly Academic Senate Chair, member of the Cal Poly Corporation Board of Directors, Chair of the Budget and Long Range Planning Committee (BLRP) of the Academic Senate, and Chair of the Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) committee of the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU), I believe I have the background necessary to provide meaningful input and a faculty perspective as the Master Plan is implemented and/or revised.

Campus Safety and Risk Management Committee: One vacancy (2023-2025)
- Bing Anderson, Finance (18 years at Cal Poly) Tenured  
I am always curious on how risk management is done. Serving on this committee will give me an opportunity to learn. But I also hope to make my own share of contributions eventually.

Commencement Policy Committee
- CAED – (2022-2024)  
- CAFES – (2023-2025)  
- CENG – (2023-2025)
CLA – (2022-2024)
CSM – (2023-2025)
OCOB – (2022-2024)

GWR Advisory Board
CAED – (2022-2024)
CAFES – (2023-2025)
CENG – (2023-2025)
PCS – (2022-2024)

Intellectual Property Review Committee
CAFES – (2023-2026)
Rodrigo Manjarin, Animal Science (8 years at Cal Poly) Tenured
I was part of this committee in 2016, and I really enjoyed our discussions about patents and projects. I would like to serve again for another 3 years

CENG – (2023-2026)
Taufik Taufik, Electrical Engineering (24 years at Ca Poly) Tenured
I've previously worked on numerous industry projects that require IP agreement with Cal Poly. In addition, I've also been awarded two US Patents through Cal Poly with another one in the process. Having these prior experiences, I’m interested in assisting the university through the IP Review Committee to improve the University's policy on IP.

Michael Whitt, Biomedical Engineering (8 years at Cal Poly) Tenure Trak
I hold and currently have pending both US and global patents. Additionally, I managed a global patent portfolio for my first start-up company. I am currently on the Cal Poly Intellectual Property Review Committee and wish to continue to serve. I believe that future IP management at Cal Poly can lead to a unique methodology where Cal Poly can create a system that generates resources that will benefit the Cal Poly and SLO communities. We are unique in that most schools could not develop a program that benefits students, the university, and worldwide inventors in this manner. I am currently working on a project where a novel method of generating IP will be beneficial to the university as a recruiting tool. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the Mustang Community further in this area.

PCS – (2023-2026)

Status of Women Committee:
CAED – (2023-2025)
CAFES – (2022-2024)
CENG – (2023-2025)
CSM – (2023-2025)

Student Health Advisory Committee: One vacancy (2023-2024)

Substance Use and Abused Advisory Committee: One vacancy (2023-2025)
University Union Advisory Board: One vacancy (2023-2024)

Bing Anderson, Finance (18 years at Cal Poly) Tenured

I hope to make my share of contributions on how we should run the university union.