



CAL POLY

Academic Senate

Meeting of the Academic Senate Tuesday, November 30, 2021

- I. **Minutes:** None
- II. **Communication(s) and Announcement(s):** Senate Chair, Dr. Thomas Gutierrez, announced that this would be the final Academic Senate meeting of the year and thanked the Senate for their work.
- III. **Reports**
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: None.
 - B. President's Office: Jessica Darin, on behalf of the President's Office gave the Senate updates on renovations, holiday events, and commencement. Thanks to the contributions of an anonymous donor, the renovations of the exterior of the Alumni house are completed; renovations will now move onto phase two which move into the interior. The Faculty and Staff holiday party will be held Dec. 1, 2021; this event will be in support of the Basic Needs Initiative so guests are asked to bring donations such as gift cards. Fall Commencement will be held Saturday, December 11 and the Commencement celebration of the Class 2020 will be held the following day. COVID testing will be moving from UU220 to UU221. Lastly, Cal Poly was also recognized as the US Master's level university that sent most students abroad for the year.
 - C. Provost: Provost, Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore, announced that Dr. Rachel Fernflores will be the Director of Semester Conversion with the assistance of Dr. Aaron Keen. They will be researching best practices to move forward and collaborating with Academic Senate and its committees. . They can be contacted at the email semester-conversion@calpoly.edu. Cal Poly is also working on compiling a list of degree programs that need to be reviewed for the WASC Distanced Learning Report. This is being done by the office of Academic Programs and Planning with the Office of the Registrar. Additionally, 75 faculty members from all six colleges completed a course of effective instruction.
 - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: Vice President Keith Humphrey, announced that 850 students are planning on participating in Fall Commencement and 1400 alumni would be returning for the Class of 2020 commencement. The Vice President also shared that after two days of COVID testing, Cal Poly has only had two presumed positives. There will also be a lighting of the Menorah at the UU. The Vice President also answered questions from the Senators: for graduation, vaccinations and masks will not be required due to this being an outdoor event, current students must utilize their campus pass app, and Cal Poly is managing how many guests students can bring to keep the events below the state's megaevent designation.
 - E. Statewide Senate: None.
 - F. CFA: Lewis Call, CFA representative, announced that Cal Poly's petition to President Armstrong requesting him to support CFA demands has collected 663 signatures. However, while there has been some movement and bargaining is ongoing, negotiations are still technically at an impasse with CFA prepared to move to fact finding. Senator Call shared that they are unlikely to strike but are still willing.
 - G. ASI: None.
- IV. **Special Written Reports:**
 - A. **University Advising Written Update:** Beth Merritt Miller submitted a written report on the University Advising Report. This can be found here: <https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/academicsenate/1/images/sa113021.pdf>
 - B. **Inclusive Excellence Update:** Denise Isom, Interim Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer gave a presentation on the Office of University Diversity and Inclusion's initiatives and progress of the past

year. This presentation can be found here: <https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/academicsenate/1/OUOI%20update%20%20agenda%202021.pdf>

V. **Consent Agenda:**

For items approved by consent please consult the agenda: <https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/academicsenate/1/images/sa113021.pdf>

VI.

VII. **Business Items:**

- A. **Resolution to Include Caste Identity in Cal Poly's Non-Discrimination Policy:** Marilyn Tseng, Academic Senate Diversity Committee Chair and Manmit Singh, returned the resolution to include caste in Cal Poly's Non-Discrimination Policy in first reading to the Senate with changes that reflect CSU policy and speaks to a broader policy beyond Cal Poly. **M/S/P to move this resolution into second reading. M/S/P to adopt the Resolution to Include Caste Identity in Cal Poly's Non-Discrimination Policy.**

VIII. **Discussion Item(s):** None.

IX. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm.

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