

Minutes

of the Academic Senate Meeting
May 8, 2024

- PRESENT: Adams, Barding, Blumenfeld, Cayer, Chase, Edens, Gekara, Givens, Guthrie, Hall, Hanink, Jones, Korah, Kumar, Monemi, Moore, Myers, Newman, Pacleb, Puthoff, Quinn, Roy, Sharma, Shen, Sung, Urey, Valentine, Vallejo, Wachs, Welke, Yoo
- Proxies: Senator Barding for Senators Gad and Fallah Fini, Senator Givens for Senator Osborn, Senator Gekara for Senator Dabas
- Absent: Senator Aragon, Senator Guerrero, Senator Husain, Senator Suzer
- GUESTS: A. Baski, N. Chaturvedi, J. Chong, A. DeRosa, K. Forward, T. Gomez, J. Hargis, C. LaMunyon, L. Preiser-Houy, B. Quillian, L. Rotunni, C. Santiago-Gonzalez, J. Wagoner

1. Academic Senate Minutes – April 10 and April 24, 2024

The April 10, 2024 Academic Senate Meeting minutes are located on the Academic Senate website at https://www.cpp.edu/senate/documents/packets/2023-24/05.08.24/academic_senate_minutes_04.10.24_posted.pdf.

M/s/p to approve the April 10, 2024 Academic Senate Meeting minutes.

M/s/p to postpone the April 24, 2024 Academic Senate Meeting minutes.

2. Academic Senate Committee Reports

a. FA-007-234, Review of Policy 1207 – SECOND READING

The second reading report for FA-007-234, Review of Policy 1207, is located on the Academic Senate website at <https://academic.cpp.edu/senate/docs/fa007234sr.pdf>.

The marked-up version of Policy 1207, Misconduct in Research, is located at https://academic.cpp.edu/senate/docs/FA007234sr_3.pdf.

The clean version of Policy 1207, Misconduct in Research, is located at https://academic.cpp.edu/senate/docs/FA007234sr_2.pdf.

Senator Barding presented the report.

M/s to adopt FA-007-234, Review of Policy 1207, Misconduct in Research.

Recommendation:

The Faculty Affairs Committee unanimously recommends approval of the changes to Policy 1207, Misconduct in Research.

Discussion:

This referral was submitted by Dr. Craig LaMunyon, Interim Associate Vice President, Research and Innovation, to make changes so that the campus is in compliance with the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) within the US Department of Health and Human Services, and eligible for federal funds.

There have been no comments or questions since the first reading.

The motion to adopt FA-007-234, Review of Policy 1207, Misconduct in Research, passed unanimously.

3. Informational Items

a. ASCSU Report

No report presented.

b. [Results of Part-Time Lecturer Constitutional Referendum](#)

The results of the Part-Time Lecturer Constitutional Referendum are located on the Academic Senate website at https://www.cpp.edu/senate/documents/packets/2023-24/05.08.24/referendum_results.pdf.

Chair Kumar announced that the referendum passed with 73.4 percent (of those who voted) voting in the affirmative. She added that this is historic for the campus and thanked everyone who voted. The constitutional amendment will be sent to the President for approval and will be effective upon the President's approval.

4. Emeritus Awards

Chair Kumar recognized Senator Greg Barding, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Senator Barding announced that the Faculty Affairs Committee has unanimously approved nominating resolutions for the award of Emeritus to twenty-one distinguished members of the Cal Poly community.

Senator Barding moved that the resolutions be received and filed as a permanent part of the Academic Senate Archives. The motion received a second.

M/s that the resolutions be received and filed as a permanent part of the Senate Archives.

M/s that the resolutions be adopted, and with adoption, they are proclaimed to the entire University community.

Chair Kumar reminded the body that only senators vote on the motions.

The motions passed unanimously.

Chair Kumar congratulated all retiring faculty and reminded everyone that Senator Barding will be presenting, in alphabetical order, the Emeritus Designees for the 2023 -2024 academic year at the Faculty Emeritus Ceremony immediately following today's Academic Senate meeting.

5. Honoring Retiring Senators

Academic Senate Chair Kumar recognized and appreciated the exemplary service of the following six senators and stated that she hoped that they would consider serving on the Academic Senate in the future:

Corwin Aragon – College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences
Laura Chase – College of Science
Chitra Dabas – Don B. Huntley College of Agriculture
Ruth Guthrie – College of Business Administration
Dewey Hall – College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences
Ilke Suzer – ASI

6. Seating of New Senators

Chair Kumar recognized the following senators who were re-elected to serve their constituencies for another three years:

- Ghada Gad – College of Engineering
- Alex John – College of Science
- Sean Monemi – College of Engineering
- Dennis Quinn – College of Education and Integrative Studies
- Alex Small – College of Science
- Jessie Vallejo – College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences
- Gerd Welke – College of Business Administration

Chair Kumar welcomed the following new senators and stated that she looks forward to their participation in the Academic Senate:

- Aaron Cayer – College of Environmental Design
- David Edens – Don B. Huntley College of Agriculture
- Victor Jones – College of Environmental Design
- John Korah – College of Science
- Brian Newman – College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences
- Kang Hoon Sung – College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

7. Voting on Degrees

M/s that the Academic Senate, on behalf of the Faculty at this University, recommend to President Coley that the degree candidates listed in the Registrars' List be awarded the appropriate degrees this May.

The motion passed unanimously and enthusiastically.

8. Election of Executive Committee

Chair Kumar recognized Senator Sean Monemi, Chair of the Elections and Procedures Committee. Senator Monemi stated that the body must decide who is going to serve on the Executive Committee for the 2024-2025 academic year. The Elections and Procedures Committee received the following nominations to constitute the Executive Committee for 2024-2025:

a. Candidates to date

- College of Agriculture | Ondieki Gekara
- ASCSU | Faye Wachs
- College of Business Administration | Gerd Welke
- College of Education and Integrative Studies | Dennis Quinn
- College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences | Vice Chair Elect Hanink serves as the CLASS representative
- Collins College of Hospitality Management | Michelle Yoo

- College of Engineering | Jonathan Puthoff
- College of Environmental Design | Kevin Moore
- Library | Julie Shen
- College of Science | Berit Givens and Bharti Sharma

Senator Monemi opened nominations from the floor and no additional nominations were received.

M/s/p unanimously elect all single candidate nominees for the 2024-2025 Executive Committee by acclamation.

An election for the College of Science Executive Committee representative was conducted.

The two candidates for the College of Science representative were Berit Givens and Bharti Sharma. Each candidate provided a short statement on their view of shared governance.

Senator Sharma was elected to the Executive Committee for the 2024-25 academic year.

9. New Business

[Resolution on Affirming ASI's Leadership in Stewarding Conversations About Ceasefire in Gaza](#)

The *Resolution on Affirming ASI's Leadership in Stewarding Conversations About Ceasefire in Gaza* is located on the Academic Senate website at <https://www.cpp.edu/senate/documents/packets/2023-24/05.08.24/resolution-affirming-asi-leadership-in-conversations-about-gaza-draft-may-6-2024.pdf>.

Chair Kumar recognized Senator Urey.

M/s to approve the following *Resolution on Affirming ASI's Leadership in Stewarding Conversations About Ceasefire in Gaza*.

Whereas, The [vision](#) of Cal Poly Pomona states: “Cal Poly Pomona will be the model for an inclusive polytechnic university that inspires creativity and innovation, embraces local and global challenges, and transforms lives”; and

Whereas, In a [letter](#) to the campus community on November 7, 2023, Interim Provost Gomez, Vice President of Student Affairs Gonzalez, and Presidential Associate for Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer Pickett wrote: “Cal Poly Pomona affirms the importance of free speech and expression in fostering the intellectual life of our community”; and

Whereas, Across the United States, college students have been in the vanguard of those calling for a ceasefire in Gaza; and

Whereas, Cal Poly Pomona students have joined that vanguard, engaging in peaceful demonstrations and protests; and

Whereas, In a [letter](#) to the campus community on May 2, 2024, President Coley wrote: “I commend the protesters at CPP for their courage and conviction in bringing issues of importance to the attention of the community”, and affirmed that “Cal Poly Pomona is committed to free expression as essential to its educational mission, and we will continue to support and promote civil discourse”; and

Whereas, At Cal Poly Pomona, student elected leadership, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI), has facilitated discussions among disparate student constituencies with an aim towards passing a Ceasefire Resolution; therefore, be it

- Resolved, That the Cal Poly Pomona Academic Senate applauds the courage and temperance of students exercising their rights to articulate their beliefs and engaging in peaceful protests on campus; and be it further
- Resolved, That the Cal Poly Pomona Academic Senate recognizes the courage and persistence of ASI's leadership in trying to find a consensus about calling for a ceasefire among disparate views; and be it further
- Resolved, That the Cal Poly Pomona Academic Senate calls on university leadership to continue to respect and protect students' rights to free speech; and be it further
- Resolved, That the Cal Poly Pomona Academic Senate encourages faculty to consider flexibility for students who have been impacted by the conflict; and be it further
- Resolved, That this resolution be distributed to Cal Poly Pomona Faculty, Staff, and Students, Cal Poly Pomona President, CSU Chancellor, CSU Board of Trustees, Academic Senate of the CSU, CSU Campus Senate Chairs, Cal Poly Pomona ASI, and California State Student Association

Senator Urey encouraged her colleagues to adopt this resolution. This resolution is not asking the Academic Senate to take a stand on the conflict. This resolution recognizes students and their engagement from student government to protests in the context of the landscape where some campuses are not respecting students right to protest.

Senator Vallejo recognized the ASI student leadership. She added that many of her constituents support finding ways to have peaceful protest and freedom of speech. She feels honored to work with students and colleagues who support developing conversations, prioritizing learning, and transforming lives for the better rather than destroying them. Senator Vallejo stated that she is completely dismayed by what is going on at UCLA and other campuses and urges that this type of situation does not happen on the campus. She added that she knows that some of the agitators at UCLA were not students and went to campus with the intention of inciting violence and were not interested in having a conversation about the issues. Senator Vallejo acknowledged that Cal Poly Pomona is a minority serving institute and the campus, at some time, must acknowledge that many of the students, and members of staff and faculty, come from families that have recently experienced displacement through genocide, force, or other types of violence, especially but not limited to the events that have occurred in the last century in places like Latin America and Asia. Please keep this in mind as we find ways to boldly support students in the community who are advocating for peace for everybody, including the release of all hostages. It is important that the CSU adheres to ethical investment of dollars and knowledge to avoid inflicting the harm that many families have experienced. Cal Poly Pomona states that it values among many things community well-being, resiliency, inclusivity, reflection, and ethical citizenship; Senator Vallejo stated that she would like to hear from campus administration and Academic Senate members on how the campus can move forward while still modeling these values and addressing the realities of the world we live in and the roles that Cal Poly Pomona and the CSU have played in these global issues.

Chair Kumar commented that ASI is still working on their resolution and the draft that was previously distributed is not the current working document. Currently, we do not know what the final document contains. This resolution is about supporting the ASI student government process.

The motion to approve the *Resolution on Affirming ASI's Leadership in Stewarding Conversations About Ceasefire in Gaza* passed with two (2) abstentions.

Chair Kumar introduced and read the following resolution for Vice Chair Quinn:

WHEREAS, Dr. Dennis Quinn served as Vice Chair of the Academic Senate from 2023 to 2024; and

- WHEREAS, He has served the Academic Senate as a Senator representing the College of Education and Integrative Studies since 2017; and
- WHEREAS, He has served on the Academic Senate Faculty Affairs Committee from 2017 to 2018; and
- WHEREAS, He has served on the Academic Senate General Education Committee from 2018 to 2021, including as Chair of the Committee from 2019 to 2021; and
- WHEREAS, He has served on the Academic Senate Executive Committee from 2021 to 2024; and
- WHEREAS, He has effectively, passionately, and tirelessly represented the interests of the faculty, staff, and students of Cal Poly Pomona; and
- WHEREAS, He has embodied the principles of collegiality, collaboration, and mutual respect, while consistently fostering the principles of shared governance in translating academic goals and values into university policy or action; and
- WHEREAS, He has been a strong advocate of the role of the Academic Senate, sharing his wisdom and institutional knowledge in matters that affect the interests of the faculty, staff, students, and administration; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Dennis Quinn for his leadership and concern for faculty, staff, and students; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That this resolution be permanently recorded in the Minutes and Archives of the Academic Senate in recognition of Dr. Quinn's service to Cal Poly Pomona and the Academic Senate.

M/s to adopt the resolution in recognition of Vice Chair Quinn's contributions to the Academic Senate.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. Closing Comments

Chair Kumar thanked the body for their part in the Academic Senate's work and success this academic year. She emphasized that the main work of the Academic Senate happens in the committees and thanked the committees for their work to advance the university's goals. There have been significant successes thanks to the efforts of the committees. She added that she is particularly thankful for the committee chairs; Senators Vallejo, Small, Monemi, Barding, Aragon, and Osborn. She thanked her Executive Committee colleagues who "kept her on her toes" and added that she has learned so much from their interactions. She thanked the parliamentarian, Senator Hanink, for helping untangle the web of parliamentary procedure. Chair Kumar thanked the Academic Senate Office staff and went on to thank Vice Chair Quinn for his partnership this academic year and for helping her keep things in perspective. And finally, she thanked all the Academic Senate guests for participating and for the opportunity to engage. She stated that she is looking forward to working with everyone next year.

The May 8, 2024 Academic Senate Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.