

Minutes

of the Academic Senate Meeting August 14, 2024

- PRESENT: Barding, Blumenfeld, Cayer, Gad, Gekara, Givens, Guerrero, Hanink, Hoikkala, Husain, Jones, Kumar, Monemi, Myers, Newman, Osborn, Pacleb, Puthoff, Quinn, Sharma, Sotoudeh, Sung, Valentine, Vallejo, Wachs, Welke, Wheeler
- Proxies: Senator Gad for Senator Fallah Fini, Senator Moore for Senator Shen, Senator Gekara for Senator Yoo
- GUESTS: A. Baski, H. El Naga, T. Gomez, C. Koos, L. Massa, E. Questad, L. Rotunni, O. Sawyerr, M. Shadrick, C. Wyrick,

Chair Kumar welcomed everyone to the first Academic Senate meeting of the new academic year.

1. Academic Senate Meeting Minutes – [April 24, 2024](#) and [May 8, 2024](#)

The April 24, 2024 Academic Senate Meeting minutes are located on the Academic Senate website at https://www.cpp.edu/senate/documents/packets/2024-25/08.14.24/academic_senate_minutes_04.24.24_posted.pdf.

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

The May 8, 2024 Academic Senate Meeting minutes are located on the Academic Senate website at https://www.cpp.edu/senate/documents/packets/2024-25/08.14.24/academic_senate_minutes_05.08.24_posted.pdf.

M/s/p to approve the May 8, 2024 Academic Senate Meeting minutes.

2. Information Items
a. Chair's Report

Chair Kumar commented that during the Leadership Retreat, there were discussions on how the Academic Senate can partner with campus administration. She looks forward to the upcoming academic year.

Chair Kumar conveyed that General Education (GE) changes will be significant this academic year. There is a GE Town Hall planned for September 12, during U-hour, in the SSB MPR. This will be an opportunity for the campus to discuss the upcoming changes to GE. Additionally, there is an event on September 5, during U-hour, in the SSB MPR, with the Ombuds from UC (University of California) Riverside. She added that the Academic

Senate played a major role in advancing the role of the University Ombuds at Cal Poly Pomona. This event will provide an opportunity to engage with an ombuds person from another university.

Another focus for the Academic Senate this year is emerging technologies. Faculty will have the opportunity to join a committee that will be looking at governance for emerging technologies. She also mentioned that the Academic Master Plan is due for an update, and the Senate will have the chance to participate in that process.

b. [Vice Chair's Report](#)

Vice Chair Hanink reported.

NEW REFERRALS: (0)

SENATE REPORTS FORWARDED TO PRESIDENT: (1)

AS-3088-234-FA Revision of the Misconduct in Research Policy

PRESIDENT RESPONSES TO SENATE REPORTS: (11)

AS-3077-234-GE	Review of Policy 1419 Concurrent Enrollment in Postbaccalaureate Programs – APPROVED
AS-3078-223-EP	Re-Evaluate Process for Selecting Staff Senator – DELAY REQUESTED
AS-3079-234-AP	Amendment to the Blended Programs Policy – APPROVED
AS-3080-234-AP	Program Review for BS and MS Mathematics – APPROVED
AS-3081-234-AP	Program Review for MS Computer Sciences – APPROVED
AS-3084-234-AA	Elimination of Blanket Requirements for Mandatory Writing Assignments – APPROVED
AS-3085-234-FA	Review of Policy 1391 Granting Emeritus Status to Faculty – APPROVED
AS-3086-234-FA	Policy on Market Salary Increase – APPROVED
AS-3087-234-AP	Program Review for BA History – APPROVED
AS-3088-234-FA	Revision of the Misconduct in Research Policy – APPROVED
AS-3089-234-EP	Academic Senate Representation for Part-Time Lecturer Faculty – DELAY REQUESTED

c. [ASCSU \(Academic Senate of the California State University\) Report](#)

Senator Wachs announced that there is a vacancy for an ASCSU Senator and encouraged faculty to apply. She added that she is still learning, but the role of the ASCSU Senator is crucial in shared governance.

She mentioned a few things to watch for: the potential merging of two CSU (California State University) campuses, upcoming GE changes, and ongoing challenges with the Board of Trustees. There have been complaints about their treatment of a former ASCSU Senate Chair. She also noted that people should keep an eye on the legislature, as it impacts what happens at the university.

d. CFA Report

Senator Puthoff reported.

Faculty across the CSU voted on and approved the new contract last academic year. One component of that contract included a five percent increase for last year, which should have appeared in paychecks around July. The other five percent increase was contingent, but it was approved. There was a lot of behind-the-scenes work by the CFA to make sure the second five percent increase was approved. The second five percent raise started in July but will not be reflected in paychecks until the next check and there will be a separate paycheck for retroactive pay from July.

Plans are in the making for an all-faculty union meeting towards the end of October. This will provide an opportunity to discuss the current state of the union.

Senator Wachs asked if the union was still looking into a 9-3-3 workload. Senator Puthoff responded that that initiative came through the Academic Senate in the 2022-23 academic year as a [resolution](#) which recommended a reallocation of faculty workload, and it will continue to be a priority for the CFA.

e. Staff Report

The Staff Report is located on the Academic Senate website at <https://www.cpp.edu/senate/documents/packets/2024-25/08.14.24/8.14.24-staff-report.pdf>.

Senator Valentine reported.

Fall Conference begins on Monday, August 19th starting at 10:00 a.m. with Convocation and President Coley's address. This event will be held in the Kellogg Arena.

The Years of Service Awards Ceremony is on Tuesday, August 20th, at 8:00 a.m. in Ursa Major. Senator Valentine congratulated all who will be receiving a service award.

3. Discussion

a. Academic Senate Training and Refresher

The Academic Senate Training and Refresher presentation is located on the Academic Senate website at https://www.cpp.edu/senate/documents/packets/2024-25/08.14.24/as_training_08.14.24_final_08.13.24.pdf.

Chair Kumar went over the Academic Senate Training and Refresher presentation in detail. There were no questions or comments.

b. Academic Senate Priorities for the Academic Year

Chair Kumar commented that during the leadership retreat, challenges and opportunities for the academic year were discussed. She requested suggestions on what the Academic Senate can work on this academic year. Index cards were handed out to all in attendance to write down comments, suggestions, and priorities for the academic year. She added that input can always be sent to senate@cpp.edu. The index cards were collected, and a list will be compiled to discuss at a later date.

August 14, 2024 Academic Senate Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.