

Senate President Kumar welcomed senators and thanked them for their service, noting that most of the standing committees have full rosters, but some volunteers are still needed. Other topics included in his report touched on:

The Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) review is ongoing.

As CSU 2.0 continues moving forward, Faculty Senate has an important role in communicating faculty concerns to the administration.

Five-year trends of enrollment decline are a concern at the University, and could affect overall financial viability. The administration is working to address the issue through a number of initiatives. Faculty and staff should also be aware and consider how they may contribute to assisting efforts or recommending ideas. A number of factors have impacted enrollment including lack of staffing in student-facing offices, the pandemic overall, and relaxed academic standards during the pandemic.

Student success is integral to the mission of the university, and faculty play an integral role.

Global CSU has made a positive impact on enrollment, however, there are areas where deeper understanding of the program should be studied. Recruitment and retainment; number of faculty who teach in-demand classes, and the campus environment for international students.

Class attendance is one area that is impactful for student success, see the article in the Chronical of Higher Education.

While financial stress is a concern and the University must have a student-centered approach, it is wise to also recognize that a faculty-centered approach is also necessary.

The location of future Faculty Senate meetings will be changing, and information will be sent as soon as it is finalized.

V. University Curriculum Committee

Committee chair Jacqueline Jenkins (Civil Engineering) reported that curriculog is open now and accepting new proposals

VI. Admissions and Standards Committee

José O. Solá (History) is returning as committee chair and reported the group will soon be holding their first meeting.

VII. University Faculty Affairs Committee

Linda Quinn (Math and Stats) was elected to chair the committee and reported that the group will continue to review the green book this year. The committee decided to withdraw the second reading of changes to the bylaws that were presented at the April, 2022 meeting. She anticipates having a re-submission of changes soon.

VIII. Undergraduate Student Success Committee

Dr. Gatica reported that he is representing the committee, he is not chairing the committee, and that the group will meet soon to plan the upcoming year.

IX. Budget and Finance Committee Report

Tatyana Guzman (Urban) is the committee chair and welcomes questions and/or ideas from faculty colleagues; the committee has met amongst themselves and will be meeting with the University CFO, David Jewell, soon.

X. Student Government Association Report

XIII. Question Time

Faculty participated in question time with the Provost.

XIV. New Business

There was no new business.

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business, Senate President Kumar adjourned the meeting at 4:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dana Hubbard, Faculty Senate Secretary