



Faculty and Student Policies Committee Minutes

TO: Jennifer Underwood, Chair
FROM: Patrick Newell, Secretary (in rotation)
DATE: September 21, 2020
SUBJECT: FASP Minutes – September 17, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING: [Zoom Link](#)
Meeting ID: 985 9539 4337
Password: 752886

Attendees: Jennifer Underwood, Kathy Kaiser, Danielle Hidalgo, Marianne Paiva (+proxy for Elizabeth Betsy Boyd), Timothy Sistrunk, Adam Irish, Alexander Smith, Bre Holbert, Brian Oppy, Brooke Banks, Ellie Clifford Ertle, George Thompson, Jeff Trailer, Jenna Wright, Kendall Leon, Laura Sparks, Michelle Borges, Nicholas Burke (proxy for Jennifer Brundidge), Rachel McBride-Praetorius, Rebecca Ormond, Susan Green (guest).

Called to order: 2:34pm

1. Approve minutes of [08/27/20](#)

After correction of attendees listed, motion to approve. Newell moved, Kaiser seconded. Approved without objection.

Approve minutes of [09/10/20](#).

After corrections, motion to approve. Kaiser moved, Tim S. seconded. Approved without objection.

2. Approve Agenda.

With no comments, changes, or additions, the Chair approved the agenda without objection.

3. Ethnic Studies Requirement – [Email from the CFA](#), [Ethnic Studies Plan with Enclosure](#) - Information Item

Committee was encouraged to review the email from CFA that was distributed with the agenda, which is a response to the efforts of the Chancellor's Office (C.O.) Sistrunk provided historical background and perspective on the documents; Paiva mentioned that this is still a very fluid situation with clarification ongoing by the Senate. This is looking to be implemented very quickly (in 2021-2022 academic year). ASCSU Senator Boyd will have more information at next FASP meeting (and possibly at the next Senate meeting).

Kaiser voiced concerns that there was no opportunity for involvement by the Academic Senate, and there is a lack of clarity among implementers about the diversity of Native

American groups, creating concern about how an ethnic studies course would be able to represent the scope of Native American interests.

Irish noted that the ASCSU had taken a position on this and expressed concern about the turning over of curriculum to administrators; Irish agrees with Kaiser's concerns that how this is implemented may create more confusion (since the Academic Senates at the institutions were bypassed).

McBride-Praetorius stated the American Indian studies program was reviewed in the past two years and courses changed/renewed; she stated that the Chico State community is in a good place to implement the changes directed by the law (crediting the work of MCGS over the past years). Additionally, explained that in recent years a curriculum review process led by Dr. Cooper and constituents of the community was conducted, resulting in addition of new courses, two in particular being taught by Native American faculty. McBride-Praetorius emphasized the importance of students taking these courses as foundational and exposing them to Native American faculty and the different perspectives these faculty provide.

Susan Green (recognized by Smith) stated that Betsy Boyd and Daniel Grassian have reached out to her about this issue, the students and community are involved in the conversations, and Susan feels that the effort is moving forward collegially. Green provided background information on other efforts, especially AB330 and the starting of the Ethnic Studies core curriculum for K-12 schools (which is being redesigned, after recent conversations, by the Dept of Education).

Ertle clarified that it sounds like we're removing the American Institutions course and assumed that. This understanding was confirmed by Paiva and Underwood. Kaiser pointed out that the law does not require that the Ethnic Studies requirement falls within GE and provided background information.

Irish asked if ASCSU had completed the draft of their proposal that this committee had discussed previously; Paiva confirmed that ASCSU had a proposal but it was superseded by the Legislature's work. Irish mentioned that the local document included the results of hours of discussion and debate and that it would provide a good guiding document that could serve as a response for local implementation of the law.

Smith commented that the ethnic identities that were identified were included because of historical actions against these four ethnic groups.

Sistrunk commented that this new law *is* the law and ceded his time to Green; Green expressed concern with the hastily written adoption letter but recognizes that this implementation should take place on the campus (and would allow for a variety of courses for students) and that these courses should be coordinated with Community Colleges (and that this coordination could include graduate studies courses). Paiva commented that this law seemed to come quickly due to our political climate; clarifying that while it does seem to have arrived quickly, it seems to be fast tracked because of the political climate. The Chico campus seems well positioned to respond to this situation.

4. [Subcommittees](#) – Discussion item

Chair updated information on the subcommittee roster for each committee, confirmed information on which faculty would be available for each committees, and encouraged the subcommittee groups to each elect a chair and begin their work. Requests were made for additional members for subcommittees. Various members of the subcommittees discussed important aspects of the subcommittees and suggested potential members.

5. Announcements

- a. [Global Conference on Sustainability in Higher Education \(GCSHE\)](#), [AASHE Keynote Announcement](#), [AASHE Free Registration Instructions](#)

Paiva relayed that Boyd wanted to share the information about the AASHE Keynote presentation with each of the standing committees. This keynote presentation provides a no-cost opportunity to hear a presentation by Kendi X. Ibram, the author of this year's Book in Common, *How to Be An Antiracist*.

Ertle announced that Dr. Nandi Crosby will be speaking on "Walking the Talk: Anti-Racist Work in Our Everyday Lives" on Thursday, September 24th at 4:30pm and encouraged all to attend.

Irish mentioned that the Political Science Honor Society is going to be putting together a free online talk about the Electoral College. An expert will be speaking about some of the implications and hopefully the event will be set up prior to the election.

Kaiser announced that the League of Women Voters (LOWV) of Butte County is organizing candidate fora sequentially via webinar software. The 10 candidates for four seats will be interviewed and the interview posted Monday the 21st (with the interviews posted sequentially). Anyone relocated because of the fire will need to correct their address with the Clerk of Record to assure their ballots arrive. LOWV will be tabling at the Saturday Farmer's Market to register voters.

6. Other

7. Adjourned at 3:57pm

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