



Vice President for Academic Governance Committee Report

Faculty Policy Committee (FPC):

During FPC, Dr. Villalpando discussed his efforts to understand the enrollment numbers for African American students, which are low (only 3% of our students). Every year Cal State LA admits 600-700 African American students but only about 17% accept and attend. He discussed initiating a campus-wide campus climate survey, including assessments of individual well-being. Provost Lynn Mahoney met with the committee as well and indicated the significant increase in the 2-year graduation rate of transfer students. She indicated that national data supports the claim that first-time freshmen students who take 15 units on semester system have higher graduation rates than students who start with fewer units per term. She also clarified that the second writing intensive (wi) requirement for transfer students has been temporarily suspended, mainly because of the lack of (wi) courses in the undergraduate GE and the lack of (wi) courses being offered. She indicated that money earned by Departments in the summer through PaGE is now considered state money, so there are now more rules on how it may be spent, including on hospitality services.

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Fiscal Policy Committee (FiPC):

The committee discussed how students are impacted by the pre-paid tuition policy in which many students who do not receive any form of financial assistance struggle to pay for classes. Also, a question was raised: What are student needs after tuition, if our school is 70% free tuition with FASFA then what do we need to do to get the number to 100%. The library expansion should be happening soon; as far as the process itself, the process is still in the blueprint phase but with the intentions of creating more spaces for students and faculty lounge areas. From the library masterplan discussion, more questions were raised, such as: How is University Auxiliary Services (UAS) using their money and how is their administration being run? Furthermore, when Cal State LA has donations, who oversees collections and where is money being allocated or spent within our school? The question then led the committee into the discussion of possibly using the donated money for different purposes. There was an update for the EPass, in which the pass itself is coming soon as it is meant to be a UPass but for specifically faculty.

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Academic Information Resource Subcommittee (AIRS) :

The AIRS subcommittee is working to create a culture of training and workshops mandated for professors who would like to teach online courses. As of now, there are no mandated trainings or workshops for professors to take before starting to teach online courses. As a result, faculty suffer in developing effective online courses which results in inadequate learning outcomes for students.

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Library Subcommittee:

The subcommittee looked at language changes for “Graduate program learning outcomes”. They noted that last spring, only 100 faculty members participated in zero cost learning materials. After the suggestion brought by ASI to extend book reservations for more than 2 hours, the Chair of the subcommittee suggested that the committee keep the reservation to 2 hours. The reason being is that the library generally has only one copy of the book and they want to ensure all students have access to use them as needed. However, the Chair did take the recommendation of offering book scanning into account, and the library will now place a “free scanning” note in each book; thus, letting students know that they can scan the books for free and that they do not need to reserve the book for more than 2 hours, but can scan the chapters quickly. Update: print magazines and newspapers will be available to students for distress, ASI’s recommendation (date not specified).



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Cal State LA Foundations Board

During the Board's meeting, President Covino gave a cursory analysis of the state of the university, stating the usual statistics along with the construction projects on campus. The committee then went over its audit by MGO, which they passed with flying colors. The final opinion of the audit will be approved at the next board of trustees in January. The foundation withdrew 1.1 million dollars from its trust fund despite only receiving 200k in gifts. The Investment and Finance subcommittee stated that their accounts with Morgan Stanley only grew 1.5 percent year to date (YTD), which is much lower than the Foundation's goal of 7% annual growth is. The investment subcommittee will reconvene and consider other options if performance does not improve. The Foundation is continuing its successful WE ARE LA fundraising initiative, and despite this year's lack of growth, it is still well on track of its goals.

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