

Start Time 8:31am

Land Acknowledgement- AR begins with Land Acknowledgment

Mission Statement- AR mentions mission of SC to attendees

POLL FOR QUORUM:

Somone Washington has offered to help with Teams if you need tips. Teams Calling is coming soon to campus, so this is a great way to get familiar with the platform.

Jeff got tickets for Basketball tickets for Cherishing the Children families and brought out Elbee at the party --a big hit for the kids.

Passed RTP (Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion) policy & got concurrence from President Conoley

Resolution opposing the Equitable Textbook Access Program (now called Day 1 Textbook Access Program) due to concerns and feedback from faculty regarding the cost and the opt in / opt out feature. Academic Senate discussed for over an hour and passed the resolution to oppose.

2 other policies under review now (Certificate Policy and Departmentalization Policy)

Thank you for your contributions to Academic Senate!

9:00 am (time certain) President Jane Conoley:

- o Happy Holidays!
- o News from 2-day meeting that Chancellor called: our process for enrollment has been capped since President Conoley arrival at 1% enrollment increase each year to keep within the 5% funding guarantee by the state; this past year we exceeded the 1% (311 students approx.) slightly

- o New website/ new name for the Equitable Textbook Access Program – now called Day-1 Textbook Access Program <https://www.csulb.edu/beach-shops/day-1-textbook-access>
- o Innovative approach in higher ed to solve textbook affordability issue; some students choose to go without textbooks because they can't afford; pandemic made it worse;
- o This program is voluntary; flat fee of \$250 full time students; \$165 part-time; guarantees they will have all the textbooks they need on the first day of class; students can opt out easily. Students who don't have any textbook requirements will automatically be opted out of the fee.
- o Campaign will be launched in Spring 24 to begin to inform the campus the launch of Day 1 Textbook Access program to begin in Fall 2024
- o Rico: Some stats to consider: 65% students don't purchase textbooks due to affordability; the Day 1 program at other CSU campuses have seen, 75% -78% of students are participating; 65% of CSULB faculty opposed the program in Senate meeting this week (see Special Guest report, above); 100% Approval by ASI for the Day-1 Textbook Access Program;
- o Students can still do comparison shopping and see prices on Amazon and other sources through the Bookstore website so they don't have to participate in the program.

Q from audience: Why are faculty opposed?

We have been engaged with faculty all along the process of creating this program. We respect shared governance and Academic Senate, but this may not represent all faculty. Please read the resolution to inform yourself of what faculty concerns are. We will continue to talk to Academic Senate to address issues and will strive to find the best solution for students.

Q from audience: What do you need from us who are ordering books?

Doesn't affect the textbook requisition process. We can get digital books almost immediately. However, physical books take a bit longer.

AK ; no new members this month

In Spring, we are planning another Meet & Greet tabling event on upper campus – keep an eye out for notifications

Thanks to Heather in

Next Meeting: January 12, 2024

Submitted by: Secretary, Laura Emery