**CLA Senate Agenda**

Monday, May 12, 2025 | 2:30-4:00pm | Zoom

 Call to order: 2:35pm

1. Approval of April meeting minutes (5 min)
	1. Approved
2. Moderator’s report (10 min)
	1. Faculty Satisfaction Survey Update
		1. No update from Faculty Council
		2. Senator asked what could be done to ensure Faculty Council moves forward with the Survey in the fall
			1. Nothing concrete yet, but new slate of FC members might volunteer to move it forward
		3. Another Senator said it was brought up during the Dean’s search, so there might be renewed momentum to take it up in the fall
	2. Motions
		1. Senator asked if we could push back on space resolution committee and bring it to the Faculty Council and have better representation on the committee
	3. Update from Dean Srikanth
		1. Suggested that we speak to Dean to discuss survey results with the Provost
		2. Re: Dean’s search, she said that he will carefully consider the input he receives from the surveys and base his decision on who he feels will make a good thought partner and advance the college most effectively. He will rely on the college and university’s feedback in his decision
3. Dean’s report  (30 min)
	1. Process for filling Associate Dean position
		1. David Pantalone is leaving his position
		2. Dean appoints the Associate Dean, not through search usually, and given time constraints, someone will be appointed
	2. Visas
		1. All visas have been returned
		2. Current concern for international students: VISA approval rate for the fall is going to be lower; was at 364, now 371 undergrads, but more challenging for international graduate students
4. Finances for next year
	1. Deans still don’t have their budgets
	2. $10-15 million deficit anticipated
	3. State appropriations haven’t been affected or changed
	4. University leadership is going to DC to get lay of the land; Consultant is going to DC with possibly vice chancellor and chancellor; grad assistantships canceled for 5 grad students
	5. University says there will not be layoffs; if they do, it will be more in the form of furloughs
5. Provost wants us to communicate through the Dean regarding the Faculty satisfaction survey instead of coming to meeting
6. Not concerned about titles for classes or effects on academic freedom or need to modify course descriptions to take out DEI focus
	1. Biggest concerns for university are loss of funding/grants/focused on getting appeals; Requesting that Senate send foundation grant information to create list for alternate sources of funding
7. One Senator asked about the $10-15 million deficit
	1. Response: We need to continue to boost enrollment and retention as before; enrollment numbers are decreasing as other liberal arts schools are
8. Senator asked about discussing the faculty survey
	1. Response: Deans respond to senators, Provost will respond to Deans
	2. Another option is to work with CSM with careful considerations
	3. Dean said she will talk to Provost about the survey findings and what they can do to respond to the outcome of the survey
9. Senator asked about what they heard at a performing arts meeting, it was said that many NTTs were going to be cut
	1. Dean says no “massive” NTTs cut will happen; Music 181 and 184 course offerings will be reduced
	2. No surprises; Dean wants to meet with chair and Provost when person will be let go
10. Senator asked when we will know about hiring in the fall
	1. New hires/hiring plan info should come soon
11. Senator said that at the OGS meeting, it was said that GEO was heard and grad student stipends will increase. Does this mean fewer GAships or is it coming out of the NTT budget?
	1. Response: shouldn’t affect number of GAships; shouldn’t impact NTT budget
12. Senator asked about shared governance
	1. Departmental bylaws for shared governance; can have specific department request to get helpful input from outside of department
13. Course approvals (10 min)
14. APLING 891- Qualifying Paper Seminar
15. COMM - 300 - Information Technology and Human Communication
16. MLLC - 262 - MLCC 262 The Moroccan Experience
17. POLSCI - 393 - Latino/a/x/e Politics
	* + 1. Moved to vote as a block, Second, and approved
			2. Moved to approve, Second, and approved
18. HIST - 155 - Propaganda in History
	* + 1. Moved to approve, Second, and approved
19. Sociology PhD- Substantial change
	* + 1. Moved to approve with wording change (adding “minimum” to credits), Second, and approved
20. ART - 320 - Graphic Design Workshop
	* + 1. Not enough time to review
			2. Table to next meeting
21. New business (20 min)
	1. Committees/Senators for Next Year—Please respond
		1. Thank you for confirming return next year or for finding a replacement for Senate positions
		2. Some committees are filled; Still need to fill positions on Budget committee; Maria Brincker will reach out
	2. Senator Items?
		1. Suggestion that maybe Senators can attend Faculty Council meeting to request discussion of Faculty Satisfaction survey
22. Adjourn 4:00