University Senate Chair Report
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Hi Folks,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the fall season. It is an exciting time for sports fans like myself, with baseball, football, hockey, and basketball all going on at the same time. Holy smokes!

I have some brief updates on our work reviving the Campus Safety and Police Committee (CSPC). After deep-diving into previous minutes, agendas, and resolutions, we will be taking a slightly different route than previously discussed. We discovered a 2006 policy that created a committee called the Public Safety Committee (PSC) with a similar charge to the CSPC. Notable differences between these committees are membership and subcommittees, and the PSC, I believe, will be more straightforward to organize. In the last call-out for nominations this semester, we will ask for faculty, student, and staff representatives (2 each) so that we may get the committee activated and meeting. From there, I will encourage the new committee members to take a look at the existing committee charge in comparison to the CSPC committee charge and make adjustments as they see fit. Once they've had a chance to do that, I'll ask the CoC to get involved so that we may discuss what to do with the CSPC, as well as reviewing any bylaws changes to the PSC that the committee deems necessary.

In other news, seven campus representatives, including myself, attended the CSU Student Success Symposium in San Jose last week. The group will report out what was discussed and presented at a future meeting, as there is a lot to unpack; however, I will provide an initial summary here. There was an overwhelming presence of AI movers and shakers in the field of higher ed as plenary and keynote speakers on both days. Some of the presentations were what I would describe as student/faculty-driven (i.e., engaging with AI in the classroom), and some were what I would describe as workforce-driven (i.e., how the state envisions an AI-powered workforce). I must admit that, at times, things that were being said regarding the future of AI felt dystopian, and I do have some concerns regarding how the CO and our Trustees envision the future of our workforce *augmented* by AI. Now more than ever, knowledge matters, and if you have not started exploring AI, in any capacity, now is the time. I am not advocating for AI one way or another, but I think it will be important for all of us to do some research on what is being done with AI in higher-ed and how our state and national leaders envision the future of our workforce. More on that to come at future meetings.

Last, as we embark on discussions today on what will be a difficult topic for many of us, please remember our Senate Norms and Expectations. Additionally, please remember that people whose lived experiences differ from those of people in power are often marginalized, silenced, and made to feel lesser, even if done unintentionally. I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we navigate difficult topics.

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