

Student Academic Senate

Oct. 6th, 2023

12pm-1pm

Academic Information Resources Center (AIRC), Room 1009

Minutes

- I. Call to Order (12:02 PM)**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Minutes for 09/22/2023 Meeting**
 - a. Motion to approved – passed; approved
- IV. Public Comment**
 - a. No public comment
- V. Announcing Names of Vice Chair and Secretary**
 - a. Sidra Nawaz – Vice Chair
 - b. Mai Lam – Secretary
- VI. Faculty Senate Agenda**
 - a. Last day for students to withdraw from classes has been moved to the census date
 - b. Change in grading policy
 - c. Tenure evaluation will include a commitment to diversity
 - i. Diversity will be evaluated when hiring faculty
- VII. Discussion Items**
 - a. EBT is not accepted on campus. Ideas and considerations to implement places where EBT is accepted, which can lead to an increase of Cal Fresh applications.
 - b. Safety on campus remains a concern, especially with ongoing cases of sexual assault. Suggestions for action moving forward:
 - i. Distribute a survey to see how people feel/concerns
 - ii. Push for more lights around campus, especially in parking lots
 - iii. Discussion of increasing police patrol
 - c. Students need to feel prepared to act in emergency situations
 - i. Current safety tutorials could include video demonstrations
 - ii. Advocate for professors to address safety protocols such as in their syllabus or in their modules

- d. Concerns with the lack of security at the dorms.
 - i. Suggestion to bring a representative from Housing to speak at committee regarding this issue
- e. Student parents do not have sufficient resources on campus despite making up 1/3 of the student population.
 - i. Connect with Parent Children center to accommodate student parents who take evening classes
 - ii. Potentially meet with library staff to reserve a study space for student parents
- f. Expand food services on weekends for grad students who have weekend classes.
- g. Expand transfer center to provide more resources

VIII. Announcements

- a. Ami Bera presentation on 10/9
- b. Civic Engagement Fair

IX. Adjournment (1:00 PM)