



Summary of Actions from the Senate Meeting of January 14, 2014

Passed Action Items	
13-14 CAH 1	Data Integrity Policy amended
13-14 BAS 2	Resolution in support of the recognition of the Faculty Diversity and Equity Committee (FDEC) as a standing committee of the Academic Senate
13-14 BAS 3	Interpretation of the University Constitution to include the chair of FDEC on the Academic Senate
Reports	
Chair	Senate Chair Watnik's report was distributed by email before the Senate convened on 1/14. In addition to his report, Chair Watnik sought advice on how to proceed on various constitution and bylaws issues, including the President's veto of 12-13 FAC 9 and the status of FDEC as a standing committee.
President	President Morishita welcomed faculty back. On the constitution and bylaws issues, he stated he would leave it to the Senate to decide how to proceed. He stated that he does not have an up or down approval on bylaws changes, but he does on the constitution, and he feels that the bylaws should not be without a minimum voting threshold. In response to a question regarding the \$50 million proposed to go to the three segments of higher education, the President noted that it would be one-time money. In response to a question regarding quarter-to-semester conversion, he stated that at East Bay it would happen in Fall 2018 at the earliest. Asked whether there would be a need to undergo conversion at the same time as another campus (as is occurring with Bakersfield and Los Angeles), his response was that it would be easier to undergo conversion at the same time as another campus. Asked for reassurance that FDEC will continue to be recognized as a standing committee, the President stated it's something the Senate needs to do and, "I will support a decision to grandfather those things in the past, if the Senate decides that." In response to a question, the President clarified the intent of his rejection of changes to the administrative appointment and review document in 12-13 FAC 13. In response to a question, he clarified that he is not seeking a minimum voting threshold for changes to the Constitution, just an appropriate minimum for changes to the Bylaws. Noting that there was an executive directive that only came to light when it was cited in 12-13 FAC 13, Watnik proposed that executive directives be posted more prominently; a mechanism already exists to post Presidential responses to Senate actions. The President stated it was a reasonable proposal. Watnik noted that directives do not override Senate policy.
Provost	Provost Houpis reported that IREE funds are being allocated and that requests for faculty searches for 2014-15 are due this week. He stressed the importance of increasing diversity on campus and improving retention and graduation rates.
Statewide Academic Senators	ASCSU Senator Gubernat reported that the ASCSU will be meeting next week and that she will attend the Chancellor's state of the university address. She emailed the link to the Legislative Analyst's Office review on Early Start to the Senate list.
Student Government	Student Senator Kathleen Halpin gave the report. ASI is working with AACE and the Alumni Association on a job panel for February. Covered California will have representatives on campus to assist students, faculty, and staff.
CFA	CFA East Bay Chapter Vice President Pat Jennings reported that membership is at 70%. Bargaining was held last week and meetings are scheduled through June. Signs

	are available to support bargaining. To keep informed, check CFA Headlines and contact campus representatives.
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