

**Approved ARF Board Minutes**  
**CSUN ARF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, April 14, 2023**  
11:00 AM -12:30 PM (via ZOOM)

Board members present: Daniel Blake, Pamela Bourgeois, John Clendenning, Cynthia Desrochers, Timothy Fox, Robert Kiddoo, Ron McIntyre, Patricia Miller, Pat Nichelson, Ann Perkins, Cynthia Rawitch, Karen Robinette, Diane Schwartz

Board members excused: Catherine Jeppson, Sharon Klein, Eugene Turner

**Monthly Business**

1. Call to Order: Board President Ron McIntyre called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.
2. Formal Adoption of the Agenda: **MSP** (Moved, Seconded, Passed) to adopt the agenda.
3. Approval of the Minutes, February 17, 2023. **MSP** to approve the minutes.
4. President's Announcements: Ron McIntyre reminded the Board that the Honored Faculty Reception will be held on Monday, May 22 from 12 – 2 p.m. in the Orchard Conference Center. Ron will attend and give a presentation about ARF at the reception.

**New Business**

1. Executive Board Nominating Committee Report: The committee ( R. McIntyre, C. Rawitch, J. Clendenning) presented a full slate of nominees for the 2023-2024 ARF Executive Board. The current Board approved the ARF election slate and recommended the slate of nominees be sent to the general ARF membership. Below is the **2023/2024 Proposed ARF Executive Board Election Slate**  
*Nominating Committee – John Clendenning, Ron McIntyre, Cynthia Rawitch*  
**President:** Cynthia Rawitch ( Previously Elected)

**Vice-Pres/President-Elect:** Diane Schwartz (Nominated)

**Immediate Past President:** Ronald McIntyre ( Previously Elected)

**Secretary:** Patrick Nichelson (Nominated)

**Treasurer:** Daniel Blake (Nominated)

**Program Chair:** Patricia Miller (Nominated)

**ARF Notes Editor:** Ann Perkins (Nominated)

**Membership Chair:** Tim Fox (Nominated)

**Historian:** Karen Robinette (Nominated)

**Webmaster:** Eugene Turner (Nominated)

**Member-at-Large, 2-Year Term:** Michael Barrett (Nominated)

**Member-at-Large, 2-Year Term:** Sharon Klein (Nominated)

**Member-at Large, 2-Year Term:** Cynthia Desrochers (Nominated)

**Member-at-Large, 1-Year (replacement):** David Fox (Nominated)

**Member-at-Large, 1-Year (continuing):** Catherine Jeppson (Previously Elected)

**Member-at-Large, 1-Year (continuing):** Robert Kiddoo (Previously Elected)

2. ARF Memorial Graduate Project Awards Committee Report: Tim Fox announced the four recommended awardees for the ARF Memorial Graduate Project Awards, with two alternate awardees. The Board approved the awardee selections. Each awardee will present a summary of their research at the ARF Memorial Awards brunch in May. The names of the awardees will be forwarded to the Honors Convocation committee. The names of the awardees with their biographies will be printed in the ARF newsletter.

3. Discussion of whether to raise ARF annual dues: The Finance Committee presented their ideas about the possibility of raising ARF dues from \$36/year to \$48/year or \$60/year. Dan Blake provided a written memo showing ARF surpluses from 2015 – 2022. Surpluses have been decreasing over the last few years. There may be a near zero surplus this coming year. Our ongoing expenses are rising, particularly the cost of our monthly meetings and the cost of some special events for the ARF membership. Here are major comments on these issues from the Board.
  - a. We need to make a particularly good case regarding the need to raise ARF annual dues.
  - b. Are there ways to reduce ARF expenses?
  - c. A suggestion was made that we bring up the ARF dues issue at the ARF General Meeting in June 2023.

The committee will continue to consider the ARF dues issue. They will give a report at the May Board meeting and will bring a proposal to the ARF General Meeting in June. Diane Schwartz was invited to join the committee for their discussion on raising ARF dues.

## **Reports**

1. Treasurer: Daniel Blake sent a written Treasurer's Report for April 2023 to the Board members. At the meeting he discussed a technical adjustment to our checking balance for April 2023. There were no further questions.
2. Program Chair: Sharon Klein could not attend the April 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. She sent the Program Committee Report via email. She said that the April 12<sup>th</sup> trip to the Academy Motion Pictures Museum was a successful event. She also said that we are still looking for a venue for the May Brunch event . Currently we are investigating the Sierra Center Colleagues Room, but we will need to check on the AV capabilities of that room. Pat Miller continued giving the Program Report for this meeting. Pat touched on a couple of ideas for ARF programs for next

year, including a visit to the Norton Simon Museum or the Observatory. Ron McIntyre suggested that we may be able to set up a panel of people involved with the CSUN Annual Conference on Disabilities for our ARF Speaker Series for next year. It is possible that some CSUN administrators such as Vice President William Watkins , Vice President Colin Donahue or Provost Meera Komarraju will be invited to speak at the ARF Speaker Series in 2023-2024.

3. Membership Chair: Timothy Fox reported that we need to explore increasing ARF membership; he also said that finding a backup person for the ARF database manager is a priority.
4. Remembrance Chair: John Clendenning reported that they have not been busy lately. Ann Perkins will write a remembrance article for Michael Reagan.
5. Newsletter Editor – Ann Perkins said that the deadline for articles for the May ARF newsletter is April 18. Ann would like to put the 2023-2024 ARF program schedule in the September/October ARF newsletter. Ron reported that he sent the ARF newsletter describing the ARF Board meeting with Nichole Ipach and Shellie Hadvina to Nichole and Shellie. It was well received. Shellie would like to share the ARF In Memoriam section with the alumni. Ron recommended that we send a link to the ARF newsletter to Nichole Ipach and Shellie Hadvina.
6. Webmaster – Gene Turner. Gene was absent and so there was no report from the Webmaster.
7. 2022-2023 Representative to Faculty Senate: Ron McIntyre reported on the highlights of the March 30, 2023 Senate meeting.
  - President Beck reported that CSUN enrollment is 3% below target but that Fall 2023 applications are trending upward.

- Provost Komarraju reported that the campus is hiring 20 new Academic Advisors. There was concern expressed in the Senate that advisement is becoming less tied to, and integrated with, the academic departments.
- The Senate passed a Resolution in Support of Transgender and Nonbinary Equity, Inclusion and Justice at CSUN. A *partial summary* of the resolution include: Resolved that the Faculty Senate calls on campus leaders to (1) affirm the personhood and dignity of trans and nonbinary people ; (2) develop mandatory training, for new and longtime members of the campus community, on the use of correct names and pronouns; (3) improve software systems that allow users to specify their name and pronouns, in particular information sharing between systems; (4) articulate a comprehensive policy that opposes misgendering and deadnaming; (5) expand health resources for trans and nonbinary students, staff, and faculty; (6) expand gender-inclusive facilities, including increasing the number of all-gender restrooms and providing safe and affirming residential housing options for trans and nonbinary students.

8. ERFSA Report: Tim Fox reported that the next ERFSA meeting is on April 27<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM. He encourages retired faculty to join ERFSA. He mentioned that long-term care is an important issue with ERFSA and that ERFSA lobbies the State Legislature on issues important to the retired faculty and staff.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting: Friday, May 12 , 2023 at 11:00 am via Zoom.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Schwartz, ARF Board Secretary