

**CSUN ARF BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THE ORCHARD CONFERENCE CENTER
OCTOBER 11, 2024**

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MONTHLY BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER

President-Chair Diane Schwartz called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m. in the CSUN Orchard Conference Center.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA. MSP

PRESENT.

Diane Schwartz, Cynthia Rawitch, Patrick Nicholson, Patricia Miller, Ann Perkins, Dan Blake, Eugene Turner (zoom), Cynthia Desrochers (zoom), Michael Barrett (zoom), Steven Stepanek (zoom), Robert Kiddoo (zoom), David Fox (zoom)

EXCUSED: Cathy Jeppson, Sharon Klein

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. ARF ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 01, 2024

MSP UNANIMOUS.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ARF BOARD “MINI-MEETING” OF JUNE 07, 2024

MSP UNANIMOUS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

MSP UNANIMOUS.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Diane Schwartz announced that on Monday, October 21, there will be a sponsored lunch at the Orchard center to meet with statewide ERFSA Executive Director Mary Pawlowski. Spouse/guest welcome.

- b. Diane announced that today's speaker at the Orchard is Pam Nagami, M.D. Doctor Nagami -- recruited for ARF by Pat Miller -- is an expert in infectious diseases and geriatric medicine who has made appearances on CNN and NPR. She has written and published two books.
- c. Diane noted that for upcoming events Pat Miller needs RSVPs from participants as early as possible. Campus staff (at the Orchard and other venues) require information well ahead of time. The correct email address for Pat is pmiller@csun.edu

4. MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. On November 14 there will be a memorial event at the Soraya for Marcella Tyler. More information to come.
- b. Upcoming events include one on Artificial Intelligence and another on Leonardo da Vinci. More information to come.

3. REPORTS

- a. TREASURER. Cathy Jeppson, on vacation/excused.
- b. Program Chair. Patricia Miller

Pat noted that overall, the schedule for the remainder of 2024-2025 has not changed. Watch for reminders on February's Valentine's Day, the Field Trip to the Norton Simon (transportation provided by L.A. Councilman John Lee), and other activities.

- c. Membership Chair. Chair Tim Fox

Tim reported that letters for membership renewal have gone out. As of now, 123 renewals have been received. Also, members' donation to the Student Awards program are coming in. Tim also reminded board members about the (optional) ARF-ERFSA membership program.

- d. Remembership Chair. Cynthia Rawitch

Cynthia said that two recent colleagues' obits are soon to be published. She also noted that ARF needs more representatives from each CSUN college who will contact and recruit writers in their college for the (brief) '*in memoriam*' essays about recently deceased colleagues. There ensued a conversation, led by Stephen Stepanek

and others, about the puzzling lack of obtainable information from offices such as Human Resources and Faculty Affairs.

e. ARF Notes. Editor Ann Perkins

Ann reported the deadline for submissions for the November newsletter is October 27.

f. Historian. Daniel Blake

Dan has been working successfully with immediate-past ARF historian Karen Robinette and Oviatt Library Archivist Michael Barrett (ARF board member) on finding materials relevant to the history of the Association of Retired Faculty at CSUN. More reports will be coming.

g. Webmaster. Eugene Turner

Eugene remarked that he needs final materials for recent student awards. Tim Fox reported that he will send Gene an updated copy of that material.

h. Faculty Senate. ARF Senate representative Michael Barrett

Michael reported on the previous day's Faculty Senate meeting. Mike passed along meeting highlights including the Senate announcement that student enrollment figures are up for CSUN. This should positively affect the campus budget; CSUN has endured a 2.5% cut for this year and a 7.5% estimated cut for next year. Also, in early October there were significant student demonstrations in Sierra Quad and in the Matador Square, but they were peaceful. There were Senate salutes to Student Affairs for helping maintain civility at these large events. CSUN is applying to be an African-American Serving University; while numbers are hard to perfectly assess, it is estimated that there are currently 1,956 African American CSUN students. There are several new bachelor's degree programs. There were many reports at the Senate session, including from the California Faculty Association Representative. (CFA is the labor union that represents all CSU faculty, librarians and counselors.)

i. ERFSA Representative. Tim Fox

Tim reported that the Fall meeting of statewide ERFSA will be October 22. The statewide ERFSA headquarters is at CSUN in Santa Susana Hall.

NEW BUSINESS.

There was a continued conversation, including handouts, about the recovery of a New Faculty Center for CSUN.

ARF member Robert Gohstand, who has been encouraged by the ARF Board, reported on his ongoing work toward the establishment of a new faculty center at CSUN. (The “old” Faculty center was closed several years ago.) Bob expressed great appreciation for ARF board member Patricia Miller who has been working with Bob in this effort. Bob and Pat have discovered several old documents from 1972 and forward showing, for example, four (!) approvals for such a center at CSUN by the Trustees of the California State University System.

The Board received the following Motion and unanimously approved it for consideration at the NEXT ARF Board Meeting.

“MOTION.

WHEREAS,

THE INSTITUTION OF A CAMPUS UNIVERSITY CLUB WHICH PROVIDES AND ATTRACTIVE SETTING FOR FACULTY AND STAFF TO GATHER AND SHARE INFORMATION, IDEAS AND OPINIONS WHILE ENJOYING THE SERVICE OF MEALS IS AN IMPORTANT AND VALUABLE ELEMENT OF UNIVERSITY LIFE,

BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTOS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY SUPPORTS THE PROMPT RESTORATION OF CAMPUS UNIVERSITY CLUB AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE.”

The Motion was discussed and then TABLED by the Board, as the Board ran out of time for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Diane Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted **by** ARF Board Secretary, Patrick Nichelson with thanks to ARF President and Board Chair Diane Schwartz for her fine assistance. P.N.)