ARF Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 14, 2025 **Time:** 10:30 AM **Location:** In person and via Zoom

1. Call to Order Diane Schwartz called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

2. Attendance In Person: Schwartz, Jeppson, Saetermoe, Saiz, Blake, Gross, Stepanek, Miller, Lasky, T. Fox **On Zoom:** Kiddoo, Turner, D. Fox **Absent:** Perkins, Rawitch, Su

3. Adoption of the Agenda: Agenda was adopted by all present.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes from the October 10, 2025, Meeting were approved by all.

5. Corrections Board member Patricia Miller's email address is incorrect. Her email is: pmiller@csun.edu

6. President's Announcements Faculty Senate Rep: Board still needs a Faculty Senate Representative.
Reminder: Volunteers needed for Standing Committees (Program, Membership, Remembrance, Fiscal). Current Chairs will retire next year.

7. Board Members' Announcements Pat M. announced a screening of the film La Bamba on Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00 PM on campus.
Discussion about Faculty Senate Representative; suggestion for a rotating group of ARF members.

8. Old Business Updates: Faculty Club (Miller), Campus Communications and Emeriti (Gross), Zoom meetings (Stepanek).
Faculty Club: Pat M. is working on the project and will send a letter to Colin after Thanksgiving.
Suggestion by Dan B. to adopt the name University Faculty Club or University Club.
Campus Communications: Barbara G. will report at the next meeting.
Zoom Meetings: Steven S. stated one meeting ID seems to work; only problem may be the Speakers Series.

9. New Business No new business to report.

10. Reports

Treasurer's Report
Submitted by Cathy Jeppson
Account Balances (as of October 31, 2025):
Savings: $6.33 → -$3.67 (Difference: -$10.00)
Checking: $24,869.90 → $23,997.16 (Difference: -$872.74)
CD 46: $156,511.74 → $157,047.44 (Difference: +$535.70)
CD 45: $11,349.29 → $11,389.49 (Difference: +$40.20)
Total: $192,737.26 → $192,430.42 (Difference: -$306.84)

Interest Income: $575.90
Inflows: $798.00 (Reversed Monthly Fee, SCAARF rebate, ARF Lunch proceeds, Dues, Memorial awards)
Outflows: $1,680.74 (Bank fee, Quicken Acct. Fee, ARF luncheons)

** Table of financial numbers after Adjournment below.

Premier Credit Union unable to process checks; Chase Bank will handle processing with a Check Machine, which we will have.

Program Report Pat M.
February 14, 2026 – CPR Program Committee - Search for new Chair and members ongoing.

OCC Lunch – Membership Attendance.

Upcoming events:

November 14 Guest Speaker Leigh Kennicott,
January 31, 2026 – Glad the Holidays are over Banquet,
CPR class pending,
March film screening,
April 10 field trip to Nethercutt Collection.

Speaker Series

***Pat M.** Pat M. mentioned there would be two events on January 31. The Holidays are Over Lunch will be at the Orchard. People will have an option to walk to the Soraya after Lunch or just go to one event - Lunch or Soraya. Pat is working on a Menu and expects between 40-45 people. There will be No Bar but there will be a bottle of white wine on the table. If we bring our own bottle, Orchard will give us a break on the corkage fee. She is hoping for a $60 range for Lunch.

The Time changed: it will be 11:00-11:30 for lunch; then, walk to the Soraya for a 2:00 Show.

*Pat wants to invite the Alumni Association on our field trip to the Nethercutt.

Membership Report Tim F.
Tim stated there was some unusual activity regarding Membership. He did not get the list of Retirees from HR, in a timely manner. Then, the letters were sent, and it appears that the Portal System lost them. Some current members have not replied. We expect 188 this year and are not quite there yet.

Remembrance Report Diane S.
In Memoriam List being prepared. Three member passings reported: Betty Jean Bauml, Dianne Philibosian, Alan MacDonald. Diane will provide Articles for January 26 ARF Notes.

Newsletter Editor Ann P.
Nothing new to report.

Historian Dan B.
Working on archiving minutes, agendas, ARF Notes.

Webmaster Gene T.
Nothing new to report.

Faculty Senate Representative
Interim report by Martin S. (see full Faculty Senate Report below).

Faculty Senate Report (Nov 6, 2025)

2. • President Erika Beck's report:

3. 1. Research operations are "significantly constrained," with grant reviews, renewals, competitions, and awards on hold, some projects have received stop-work orders.
4. 2. SNAP food assistance benefits was terminated or cut in half. In response, the CSUN Foundation provided food support to CSUN students receiving SNAP benefits.
5. 3. The university is contending with a 3% budget cut for 2025-26, with concerns about a potential mid-year cut
6. 4. The Chancellor's Office has accepted a one-time, zero-interest state loan to bridge a $144 million reduction to the CSU's ongoing base budget
7. a. The president projected 29% decline in California high school graduates over the next decade threatening enrollment. Overall applications are down 6.5% forSpring 2026 driven by a 60% drop in international applications.
8. 5. A proposal for a no-confidence vote on the Provost was submitted to the president following a whistleblower investigation that found the Large Grant Program was improperly using state funds. A contentious discussion followed.
9. 6. Further discussions highlighted concerns over campus policing

10. • **AI Task Force:**
11. 1. Plans for the academic year include developing CSUN-specific AI principles, expanding AI training workshops, and hosting an "AI Day" or symposium in Fall/Spring 2026.
12. 2. A grant-funded project is developing custom GPTs in Physics was presented.

13. 3. A project is underway to develop a conversational chatbot for Japanese language students was presented.

14. • **CFA Report**
15. 1. Northridge Chapter President Nate Thomas reported that CFA Statewide has established a strike fund, starting with $500,000
16. 2. Bargaining sessions are scheduled for November 20-21. All articles of the contract are open for negotiation, including FERP. Key faculty priorities include academic freedom and workload

ERFSA Representative Steven S. (Interim)
Steven attended the most recent meeting of ERFSA. It was the Statewide Council Meeting. They met in person. The structure was similar to the ARF Board.

a. Previously checking could only be signed by one person. This was changed to a few people.
b. A new committee was formed – Program Committee.
c. Request for faculty and staff that could extend to the whole CSU system.

Adjournment.

ARF TREASURER'S REPORT: As of October 31, 2025				
	Submitted by Cathy Jeppson			
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	October 1 - 31, 2025			
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	Total Interest Income	**$575.90**		
INFLOWS		Amount		
Reversed Monthly Fee		$10.00		
SCAARF rebate		$32.00		
ARF Lunch proceeds (10/10/25)		$440.00		
Dues		$96.00		
Memorial awards		$220.00		
	Total Inflows	**$798.00**		
OUTFLOWS		Amount		
Bank fee to close checking acct		$10.00		

Quicken Acct. Fee		$77.81		
ARF luncheon (9/12/25)		$796.50		
ARF luncheon (10/10/25)		$796.43		