January and February ARF Board Meeting Minutes

ARF Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM **Location:** via Zoom

1. Call to Order Cynthia Rawitch called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

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

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

4. Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes from the November 14, 2025, Meeting were approved by all.

5. President's Announcements 1. Faculty Senate Rep: We can have rotating Representatives from ARF, for Faculty Senate Meetings. **2**. Cynthia R. suggested a change in the April Board Meeting date, from April 10 to April 17. The April 17 meeting was approved by the Board, if needed. Tim F. will send out winners of the ARF Scholarships during April. In addition, the Slate of new Board Member Nominations is normally approved in April. **3**. MacKenzie Scott gave a second Grant to CSUN for $63 Million. At this point nothing is designated for the money. It is earning interest.

Reminder: Volunteers needed for Standing Committees (Program, Membership, Remembrance, Fiscal). Current Chairs will retire next year.

6. Board Members' Announcements: Cathy J. mentioned that Kurt Webb has passed away.

7. 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 another message to Colin. Suggestion by Dan B. to adopt the name University Faculty Club. Pat also mentioned there have been some changes at the Orchard with staff.
Campus Communications Barbara G. reported that her queries regarding campus communications and emeritus faculty have been elevated to the Vice President for University Relations and Advancement. The Vice President wrote to Barbara in December to say she is reviewing and will circle back in the new year.

Zoom Meetings: Steven S. said the big test will be the February Board Meeting.

9. New Business 1. After a discussion regarding Dates and process, Tim F. said he will send out the Memorial Awards Finalists to the Board. 2. There was a discussion on the proper procedure for removing a Board member for non-attendance.

10. Reports

Treasurer's Report
Submitted by Cathy Jeppson

See income//expense spreadsheet in appendix.

- Cathy J. suggested a membership invite for a non-faculty person – Cathleen Faegar.
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Program Report Pat M.
Pat mentioned there was still some confusion whether people were going to dinner at the Orchard and Soraya or just Soraya. She is finding it difficult to get people to RSVP for this event. RE: Nethercutt Collection field trip in April – bus transportation is all set. RE: February CPR training – Pat will speak to the local Fire Department.

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

Membership Report Tim F.
REMINDER: 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 expected 188 this year and may not reach that number. Tim was disappointed that he sent letters to 47 retirees and only received 20 back.

Remembrance Report Diane S.
Nothing to report at this time.

Newsletter Editor Ann P.
Nothing new to report.

Historian Dan B.
Dan is looking for a September Newsletter.

Webmaster Gene T.
Gene mentioned that the Board needs to insure that it is aware of which members are on the <u>different committees.</u>

Faculty Senate Representative
Barbara G. attended the recent Faculty Senate Meeting. Barbara G. and Martin S. will attend future Faculty Senate Meetings. If they are not available, another Board Member will fill in. Barbara's Report: **Faculty Senate Meeting, December 4, 2025**

Provost Meera Komarraju reported that the Chancellor's Office provided a one-time allocation of more than $1 million because CSUN exceeded its 2024-25 enrollment target, chiefly because of improved retention. Spring 2026 applications are down due to fewer international applications, but first-time transfer applications are up. Meeting future enrollment targets will largely depend on improving yield.

University Student Union and Student Affairs staff made a presentation about the Valera NEST (Nurturing Environment for Students to Thrive) which will open on the first day of the Spring 2026 Semester in the USU complex. It will house an expanded Food Pantry which will provide a "grocery store" experience including fresh produce; Matty's Closet for gently used professional clothing; Ila's Kitchen (containing cold food storage, microwave ovens and other cooking equipment); and the basic needs office which assists those requiring housing assistance, food assistance, and the like. The $20 million project to address basic needs under one roof was largely funded by major donations from Milt and Debbie Valera and Rick and Barbara Levy as well as other funding partners.

The Educational Policies Committee Chair and the AVP for Undergraduate Studies presented a first reading of proposed revisions to the existing Academic Integrity Policy and Withdrawal Policy. Both revisions aim to improve clarity and use more positive and student-centered wording.

The AVP for Research and Sponsored Programs discussed funded research activity and expenditures at CSUN and presented current and historical data. Research expenditure grew from $29.1 million in 2020-21 to $46.0 million in 2024-25 and is on track for additional increase this year. Many who have been awarded research grants are junior faculty. The interim bridge program to handle large grants has worked well and the work of the recently convened Large Grant Program Task Force will seek to further improve it.

The CFA President shared that CFA has made "aggressive proposals" for the next contract, including a stand-alone article on AI, a stand-alone article on academic freedom, and proposals to expand fee waiver, institute automatic cost-of-living adjustments, compensate for research, provide post-promotion increases for full professors, and further address salary inversion and compression.

The Senators engaged in a lengthy discussion of a draft Resolution of Declaration of No Confidence in the Provost. In response, in her Provost's Report, the Provost addressed issues pertaining to budget, research, and faculty hiring. She excused herself from the meeting prior to the Faculty Senate discussion. Discussion largely focused on seeking clarification, and senators were invited to confer with other faculty and submit suggestions for revision. Further discussion will occur at the next Faculty Senate meeting

ERFSA Steven S. Steven mentioned the State Council will meet in April.

Adjourned.

ARF TREASURER'S REPORT: As of November 30,2025						
	ACCOUNT BALANCES					
	11/1/25		11/30/25	DIFFERENCE		
Savings	-$3.67		$ (13.67)	($10.00)	Matador	

Checking	$23,997.16		$ 25,224.18	$1,227.02	Chase	
CD 46	$157,047.44		$ 157,567.64	$520.20	Matador	
CD	$11,389.49		$ 11,428.13	$38.64	Matador	
TOTAL	$192,430.42		$ 192,430.42	$1,775.86		
	November 1 - 30, 2025					
Interest Income		Amount				
Dividend CD 46		$520.20				
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	Total Interest Income	**$558.84**				
INFLOWS		Amount				
Cash from Nov. Bd meeting		$440.00				
Memorial Awards		$579.00				
Dues		$816.00				
	Total Inflows	**$1,835.00**				
OUTFLOWS		Amount				
Monrhly Service fee Matadors		$10.00	Matadors			
ARF Bd. & Lunch proceeds (11/14/25)		$607.98	check #1001 Dan Blake			
Check 1002 Quick Copies not inc. was reversed						
		$617.98				
	Total Outflows					
Note.						
This was due to changing checking acct. to Chase from						
Matador Community Credit Union to Chase Bank. Includes $32 from SCAARF to Mem. Fund						

ARF TREASURER'S REPORT: As of December 31,2025				
	Submitted by Cathy Jeppson			
	ACCOUNT BALANCES			
	12/1/25		12/31/25	DIFFERENCE
Matador Primary	$ (13.67)		$ 56.33	$70.00

Chase Checking	$ 25,224.18		$ 27,550.13	$2,325.95
Matador CD 46	$ 157,567.64		$ 158,106.96	$539.32
TOTAL	$ 182,778.15		$ 185,713.42	$2,935.27
Note 4:				
Chase CD	$11,428.13		$ 12,000.00	
	December 1 - 31, 2025			
Interest Income		Amount		
Dividend CD 46		$539.32		
Chase CD	**Note 3**			
	Total Interest Income	**$539.32**		
Checking INFLOWS				
Deposit from CD #45		$11,408.13		
Memorial Awards donation		$4,150.00		
Deposit		$813.85		
	Total Inflows	**$16,371.98**		
Checking Outflows		Amount		
CD new to Chase from CD 45 Matador		$12,000.00		
#1003 US Post Office for box rental		$318.00		
#1004 Matador Com. Cr. Union to checking for monthly fees		$60.00		
#1005 Quick Copies		$1,668.03	**Note 2**	
	Total Outflows	**$14,046.03**		
Note 1: #1002 to quick copies $1840.44. Bank didn't honor check written but deposited the				
amount back in ARF account.				
Note 2: Since Chase didn't honor check #1002, The $40 CSUN fee requested reimbursement from Chase.				
Note 3. Chase does not show interest on their CDs until maturity. The accrued interest was $36.29				
Note 4: the original maturityof CD 45 was $11408.13.Matador took				

$20.00 out of Primary 1 to bring the savings acct to $6.33.Deposited $60 (#1004)				
Matador charged $10.00 service fee from Primary 1. Total Matador primary $56.33				

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February 13, 2026

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

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

4. Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes from the January 9, 2025 Meeting was approved by all, with one correction. Corrected.

5. President's Announcements

1. Faculty Senate Rep: We can have rotating Representatives from ARF, for Faculty Senate Meetings: Remainder of this year - Martin S. February and April, Barbara G. March and May

2. Cynthia R. mentioned a change in the April Board Meeting date, from April 10 to April 17. The April 17 meeting was approved by the Board, if needed. **Reminder**: Tim F. will send out winners of the ARF Scholarships during April. In addition, the Slate of new Board Member Nominations is normally approved in April.

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6. Board Members' Announcements: None at this time.

7. Old Business

Updates: Faculty Club (Miller), Campus Communications and Emeriti (Gross), Zoom meetings (Stepanek).

Faculty Club: Pat M. is working on the project. Bob Gostaddrafted a letter to Colin and met with him. Colin agreed that some sort of University Club should be thought about. He also agrees with our continued dealing with the Orchard. Pat said she will meet with Heather.

Campus Communications Barbara G. reported that she requested letters from ARF members, regarding individual interest in staying connected to the University. She continues to work on this project, with Board support. *Please see more information about this subject under New Business.

Zoom Meetings: Steven S. continues to gather information for a dedicated ZOOM Account for ARF Meetings. **Issues**: 1. ARF needs to be under the umbrella of Academic Affairs or some other major university entity, according to Steven; 2. At least one person, preferably two, must be associated with that ZOOM account. Suggestion was President and incoming Vice President.

8. New Business - Cynthia R. encapsulated the New Business discussions and tactical planning objectives for the next few months:

1. Good morning, Colleagues:
I think three "action items" came out of yesterday's ARF Board meeting and I just want to ensure that all board members are aware of them. I hope each of us is thinking about what role(s) we can play.

1. In response to my request that the elections nominating committee begin its work earlier than usual, Cathy Jeppson and David Fox volunteered to serve. In addition, either Steven Stepanek or I will serve on the committee (Steven S and Carrie S. volunteered). I have also emailed those who could not attend the Board meeting, asking if they would wish to participate. My hope is that the recommended slate could be brought to the March 17 Board, nearly complete.

2. Barbara Gross continues to work on the issue of University communication with emeriti faculty about events/ announcements and such. There is still time for you to compose a letter to President Beck asking that the president's office re-institute an earlier policy of sharing such info with emeriti faculty, especially invitations to events such as the convocation/Fall welcome back. **If you are writing, please send the letter to Barbara, who will present them as a package.**

In the course of her report, Barbara also noted that there are a number of "perks" for emeriti faculty delineated in Section 600. I am asking that we all review that section and, perhaps pursue it further. Please have your ideas/response for the next board meeting.

3. A lot of discussion at the Board meeting revolved around changes that may need to be made in ARF documents, forms, procedures and follow-up practices, both to update them and/or make change. Toward that end, we established an ad-hoc committee to carry out a review of our Constitution and By-laws, forms such as membership renewal/application, our website, and practices in place that do not represent us well.

   To accomplish this work, the membership of the ad-hoc committee so far is Barbara Gross, Pat Miller and C. Rawitch. **More minds are needed.** Work will commence this summer.

   In all of this work, I am hoping we think BIG: That is, look to our membership for help and participation—on the board, in the committees, in generating ideas. Reach out. I assume that each of us wound up in our current positions because someone asked us to participate.

Thanks. Be well and enjoy the weekend.

Cynthia

10. Reports

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Cathy Jeppson

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Chase Checking	$27,550.13		$27,493.80	($56.33)			
Matador CD 46	$158,106.96		$158,648.12	$541.16			
TOTAL	$185,713.42		$186,188.25	$474.83			
Chase CD	$12,000.00		$12,000.00				

	January 1 - 31, 2025			
Interest Income		Amount		
Dividend CD 46		$541.16		
Chase CD	**Note 1**			
	Total Interest Income	**$541.16**		
INFLOWS				
Memorial Awards donation		$377.00		
Dues		$96.00		
Chase fee reversal	**Note 2**	$95.00		
Scaarf		$70.00		
	Total Inflows	**$638.00**		
Outflows		Amount		
#1006 Quick Copies		$694.33		
MCCU Service fee		$10.00		
	Total Outflows	$704.33		
Note 1. Chase does not show interest on their CDs until maturity. The accrued interest was $73.75				
Note 2. Chase charges a $95.00 service fee and then reverses it. Service fee will be accessed on 2/4/26				

*Memorial Awards money is still at Matador.

Program Report Pat M.

1. December – Soraya Event was wonderful. The luncheon did not work. Too few people were interested, It was canceled.
2. February – CPR Class was canceled. Pat called the Fire Department, never heard back. University did not approve for an on-campus event.
3. March – Joyce Linden Presentation on Hearing.
4. April – Nethercutt Collection. Donation $5. Field Trip on Thursday, 4/16/26. Parking, if driving. Bus arranged. More information closer to Event.

*Pat wants to invite the Alumni Association on our field trip to the Nethercutt. ** Alumni Association will be invited to the Field Trip.

Membership Report Tim F.

Tim F. sent in the following report:

In the past I have not been involved with the Board Election process, except for suggesting that we need some new "blood". From that perspective, last year I identified "new members" from the last 5 years and will do so again for this year's election committee.

For those not familiar with the election process, the association rules call for the Board to share with the ARF membership an election slate 60 days before the annual meeting, scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2026. With that in mind, we could schedule a ZOOM meeting near the end of April, to approve the slate to be delivered to the ARF membership.

Kristen Pichler was approved for membership in ARF, as a non-faculty member.

Remembrance Report Diane S.
Nothing to report, at this time.

Newsletter Editor Ann P.
Nothing new to report. *The deadline to send information and news to Ann P. is February 28. Ann mentioned she is always interested in Member News!

Historian Dan B.
Dan wanted the Board to know that “history is being made.”

Webmaster Gene T.
Gene mentioned that when it comes to various interest groups within ARF, there are no responses to queries in some cases.

Faculty Senate Representative
Martin S. attended the recent Faculty Senate Meeting. Barbara G. and Martin S. will attend future Faculty Senate Meetings. If they are not available, another Board Member will fill in. Martin’s Report: Faculty Senate Meeting, February 12, 2026

Report from Faculty Senate Meeting, February 12, 2026
1. President’s Report: President Erika Beck has heard concerns relating to the resolution of no confidence but supports the provost. She reported that current enrollment is 2.2% above targets. She announced that CSUN has been designated as a Black serving institution of higher education – kick=off will be on February 26th.She reported that 125 million has been raised, the highest single year total. The governor’s budget looks promising at 14% higher that analysts projected. Some federal government funding is still in jeopardy, but the indirect costs cap is being negotiated.

Federal loans to students may be subject to a cost-benefit analysis showing that earning after graduation are higher than just high school diploma.

2. Provost's Report: Provost Meera Komarraju also reported that enrollment is 2.2 % above CU target and is cautiously optimistic because funding is also based on enrollment. Announced that student advisement may be moving to caseload basis. 28 searches will be underway for faculty and several deans.

3. Large Grant Program: Mariappan "Jawa" Jawaharial, Associate Vice President of Research and Sponsored Programs, reported that $31.7 million has been raised this year and that the 10-year data shows that research spending has grown by 58% and averages more than $5 million per year.

4. Faculty Senate Elections: Several nominations were made and accepted.
5. Second Reading Resolution: Declaration of No Confidence was discussed raising issues of a culture of fear and retribution, but others suggested that some of the grievances are beyond the control of the provost. Several speakers suggested amendments to the resolution. After extending the meeting to hear more discussion, the questions were called and voting via canvas commenced. After several members expressed concern that their votes were changed electronically, Faculty President Weigley called for the vote to take place asynchronously.

ERFSA Steven S. mentioned the State Council will meet on April 2, 2026.

Adjourned.