ARF Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2026

Date: March 13, 2026 **Time:** 10:30 AM **Location:** In Person and via Zoom

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

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

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

4. Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes from the February 13, 2026 Meeting was approved by all.

5. President's Announcements:

1. Cynthia R. mentioned a change in the April Board Meeting date, from April 10 to April 17 on ZOOM. Board Meeting only. No Program. 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 (See belowin New Business).

2. The Honored Faculty Event will be on Friday, May 1, from 12:00-2:00PM.

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

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

Old Business

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

1. **Faculty Club**: Dan Blake and Pat Miller met with Heather. She talked about lunch price points and development. *A suggestion was made at the Board Meeting, to talk to Department Chairs and Deans about holding their meetings at the future Faculty Club. A discussion ensued among Board Members regarding various aspects of the suggested Club.

2. **Campus Communications** Barbara G. reported that she could use more letters, to make a stronger case for retired emeritus faculty involvement. She will handle this action, when she returns in May.

3. **Zoom Meetings**: Steven S. continues to gather information for a dedicated ZOOM Account for ARF Meetings.

New Business

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

1. **ARF Election and Nominating Committee:**
Members: C. Jeppson, S. Stepanek, C. Saetermoe and D. Fox
In response to Cynthia's request that the elections nominating committee begin its work earlier than usual, Cathy Jeppson and David Fox volunteered to serve. In addition, Steven Stepanek and Carrie Saetermoe will serve on the committee (Steven S and Carrie S. volunteered). Cynthia also emailed those who could not attend the February Board meeting, asking if they would wish to participate. The hope is that the recommended slate could be brought to the April 17, Board, nearly complete. There was a spirited discussion on the need to get more participation from ARF members, not just elected Board members. While the Member at Large nominations appear to be covered, we still need nominations for two major positions: Program Chair and Membership Chair. There is also a new Data Manager position needed.

2. Ad hoc Committee
Members: C. Rawitch, B. Lasky, B. Gross, P. Miller, and Diane Schwartz.
A great deal of discussion at the February 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.

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Cathy Jeppson

ARF TREASURER'S REPORT: As of February 28, 2026				
	Submitted by Cathy Jeppson			
	ACCOUNT BALANCES			
	2/1/26		2/28/26	DIFFERENCE
Matador Primary	$46.33		$36.33	($10.00)
Chase Checking	$27,493.80		$27,526.80	$33.00
Matador CD 46	$158,648.12		$ 159,138.59	$490.47
TOTAL	$186,188.25		$ 186,701.72	$513.47
Chase CD	$12,000.00		$12,000.00	
	February 1 - 28, 2026			
Interest Income		Amount		
Dividend CD 46		$490.47		
Chase CD	**Note 1**			
	Total Interest Income	**$490.47**		
Scaarf donation		$33.00		
	Total Inflows			
Outflows		Amount		
MCCU Service fee		$10.00		
	Total Outflows	**$10.00**		

Note 1. Chase does not show interest on their CDs until maturity. The accrued interest YTD was $94.60					

2. **Program Report Pat M.**
   Nothing new to report.

3. **Membership Report Tim F.**
   Tim F. sent in the following report:
   Two new members joined ARF.
   The deadline for input into the Graduate Student Awards is 3/20/2026. There is a large number of potential applicants. Martin Saiz volunteered to participate in the process. * A question came up regarding a student who had already graduated and wanted to participate in the awards. It was judged that the student was no longer eligible and her participation was denied.

4. **Remembrance Report Diane S.**
   It is my sad duty to let ARF members know about the recent deaths of ARF members and other members of our community:

   > Michael Barrett, Librarian Emeritus in the Social Sciences, died on March 8, 2026. There will be a memorial service for Michael Barrett at the Congregational Church of Northridge on Saturday April 18 at 7 pm, which will also be streamed online at https: //www.facebook.com/NorthridgeUCC/ .
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   > John R. Swanson, Emeritus Faculty in Biology, died on January 27, 2026.

   Remembrance articles for these faculty will be published in the May 2026 issue of ARF Notes.

5. **Newsletter Editor Ann P.**
   Nothing new to report. A suggestion was made to send all newsletters online.

6. **Historian Dan B.**
   Dan wanted the Board to know that "history is *still* being made."He also asked for any documents that Board members feel should be archived.

7. **Webmaster Gene T.**
   Nothing new to report.

8. **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. Martin's Report: Faculty Senate Meeting, March12, 2026:

Results of the Faculty Senate elections were announced. There will be a run-off vote for Faculty President.

Faculty President Jeff Wiegley announced that the Resolution of Declaration of No Confidence in the Provost did not pass.

Provost Meera Komarraju provided a written report and was present to summarize it and take questions. Provost Komarrajureported that the Chancellor's Office has increased CSUN's enrollment target for 2026-2027 by 125 FTEs because CSUN exceeded its target in 2025-2026. Enrollment for Spring 2026 exceeds enrollment for Spring 2025, aided by extending the application deadline. For Fall 2026, applications and admissions for first-time freshmen and graduate students are down compared with this time last year. Applications for first-time transfer students are up and admissions are down. Efforts are being made to improve yield. Twenty-eight faculty searches are underway for Fall 2026 and additional faculty hiring is anticipated for Fall 2027. Searches are underway for the Senior Director of University Advising and for the Dean of Science and Math.
Provost Komarraju read the following statement which was included in her written report:

> "Regarding the resolution, I want to acknowledge that while it did not pass, the process itself reflects real concerns from colleagues I deeply respect. This has been a difficult period for many of us—myself included. At a personal level, it was deeply painful for me.
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> I've heard the issues raised, and I recognize there is work ahead of us. I'm fully committed to moving forward in a spirit of collaboration and healing. Our faculty are extraordinary, and I look forward to continuing to work alongside you, our faculty, in service to our students and our shared mission. I have truly enjoyed connecting with our faculty since I arrived. I will continue to do so and welcome the conversations."

Senators asked to be informed of actions to address issues raised in the resolution and the Provost agreed to do so.

A written report was provided by Associated Students and the AS President was present to summarize it. The report includes notes on an AI Task Force and survey, and results of the survey will be shared with the Faculty Senate.

The Educational Equity Committee (EEC) presented three policy proposals for a first reading: Policy on Revisions to the Tenure-Track Faculty Hiring Toolkit (new policy); Proposed Amendment to the Faculty Bylaws Section 6.2, Educational Equity Committee Charge; and Institutional Support for Neurodivergent Students (new policy). The proposals were discussed, recommendations were made by Senators, and all will be brought back in April for a second reading.

The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) brought two proposed policy revisions for a second reading: Academic Integrity Policy and Withdrawal Policy. Both policy revisions were approved by a vote of the Senate. EPC also brough two policy proposals for a first reading: a revision of the Basic Skills Policy and a new Artificial Intelligence (AI) Course Policy. The Senate waived second readings for both, and both were approved by a vote of the Senate.

The Personnel Planning and Review Committee (PP&R) brought one proposed policy revision for a second reading,Section 622.3, Appointment and Evaluation of Designated Academic-Administrative Employees. The revision was approved by a vote of the Senate. PP&R brought three proposed policy revisions for a first reading: Section 621.2.5, Appointment and Evaluation of Academic Employees (Consultation); Section 622.5.1.a, Appointment and Evaluation of Associate Deans of Colleges and Library; and Section 622.6, Appointment and Evaluation of Department Chairs (Term of Office). The proposals were discussed, recommendations were made by Senators, and all will be brought back in April for a second reading.

The recently formed Large Grant Task Force was convened in December 2025 and has met multiple times. A representative from the Task Force read a written report which will be linked to the Faculty Senate minutes. CSUN's former Large Grant Program was discontinued in July 2025 following receipt of a Chancellor's Office memo delineating areas of noncompliance. The Task Force is not satisfied with the bridge program that replaced the discontinued program. The Task Force revised the original and discontinued program to rectify compliance issues. It is not yet known if the Chancellor's Office will find the revised program in compliance. If approved by the Chancellor's Office, it will be considered an interim program. The Task Force will then work to create a long-term program that is more inclusive and equitable.

The CFA Northridge Chapter President reported that in contract bargaining sessions so far, the CSU has not responded to CFA's proposals and CFA has rejected the CSU's proposals. The next bargaining session is in late March.

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

Adjourned.