

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 3/7/2013
Minutes of Meeting of February 7, 2013
Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room

Faculty President Stepanek called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Chhandak Basu, Michael Bennett (excused), John Bruton (excused), Tracy Buenavista (excused), Vincentiu Covrig (excused), Abel Franco, Nicholas Habib, Amy Levin (excused), Susan Love (excused), Jennifer Matos (excused), Kathleen Rowlands (excused), Barbara Swerkes (excused), Steven Thachuk, Gary Victor, David Wakefield (excused), Jeff Wiegley, Dianah Wynter

The Faculty Senate [Minutes for November 29, 2013](#) were approved as distributed.

1. Announcements

- a. Nominations are being accepted for 2013 Faculty Awards. Nomination forms are on the Senate website and due in the Senate Office by February 22, 2013.
- b. John Travis, a Political Science professor at Humboldt State, who was deeply involved in CFA and the Academic Senate CSU, passed away last night.
- c. A Symposium on the “Evolution of Knowledge – the Digital Order of Things” will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, from 9:30am – 4:00pm in the Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room.
- d. Brandon Martin, a candidate for the Athletics Director, is on campus today from 5:00-6:00pm in the Colleagues Room. Two additional candidates will be on campus next week – Torre Chisholm (2/11) and Derrick Ramsey (2/14).
- e. The Second Annual Terry Piper Lecture speaker will be Vincent Tinto; on Monday, February 25, 2013, from 8:30-10:00am, he will speak about student success. All faculty and staff are invited.
- f. Veda Ward is the current faculty advisor to Associated Students. Faculty interested in succeeding her in this position should contact her. Senators were invited to attend an AS meeting; they are at 9:00am on Friday mornings.
- g. AS President Sydni Powell announced that they are now accepting applications for the Student Trustee position on the CSU Board of Trustees. She asked Senators to inform their students of this important position. More information is on the AS website.

2. Policy Items – Personnel Planning and Review Committee

Magnhild Lien (Chair), Matt Cahn, Member of PP&R

First Reading – [Accelerated Promotion Review Process](#)

Lien explained that this policy change would require a faculty member to notify the Department Chair, and the College Dean, in writing prior to the start of the departmental-level review, if they wish to be considered for accelerated promotion. This will ensure that the necessary documents are included in the Professional Information File and will avoid confusion about what is to be evaluated from the beginning of the review process.

A few questions were raised; no changes to the policy were recommended.

First Reading – [Contributions to the Field of Study](#)

This policy was previously discussed by the Senate in Spring 2012 and was sent back to PP&R for re-consideration of the language. PP&R changed the language to make it clear that it is the department's responsibility to define what a signification contribution to the field is. In the rare situation when a department doesn't provide a definition for signification contribution, then the university standard would apply.

Questions had to do with the process for approving the definition of peer review and the implementation plan. It was suggested that PP&R make it clear in the policy statement that a Department's definition of significant contribution need not be subject to approval by the College Personnel Committee and the Personnel Planning and Review Committee.

One correction was suggested to Section 632.4.2.b.:

. . . 1) the candidate's academic discipline or closely-related field; ~~and~~ or 2) to pedagogical research and/or teacher education in the candidate's academic discipline or closely-related field.

3. Faculty Elections: Nominations for Faculty Officers, Statewide Academic Senator and Senators-at-Large; recommendations for Standing Committee representatives

The following nominations were made by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) and/or the Senate:

Vice President: Shane Frehlich

Secretary: Terri Lisagor

Statewide Academic Senator: Shane Frehlich, Wayne Smith

Senators-at-Large: Shan Barkataki, Lawrence Becker, Cecile Bendavid, Yi (Tom) Cai, Eric Garcia, Aimee Kachingwe, Sharon Klein, Terri Lisagor, Majid Mojirsheibani, Janet Oh, Bruno Osorno, Beth Phillips, Jared Rappaport, Boris Ricks, Cheryl Spector, Carol Shubin, Wayne Smith, Steven Thachuk

The Senate also made recommendations for the Senate standing committees. Faculty can make additional nominations by a petition signed by 15 members of the faculty due in the Senate Office by February 20th.

4. **CSU EO 1083: Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect**

Jill Smith, Associate Vice President for Human Resources

Smith reported that as a result of amendments to the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and the issuance of Executive Order 1083 (Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect), all CSU employees now have an obligation to report suspected or known incidents of child abuse and neglect to campus police services. However, we are now in a holding pattern until concerns regarding the implementation of the process are worked out.

Soon there will be mandatory online training and a form (all CSU employees will be required to sign and return) to acknowledge review of the information and an understanding of the obligation to comply.

Many concerns, scenarios, and questions were raised by the Senators. Smith said she will relay information and answers back to the Senate.

5. **Senate Reports**

a. **President's Report** – President Dianne Harrison

President Harrison reported on the following topics:

- 1) **2013-14 Budget** – Governor Brown's January budget proposal is expected to closely resemble the final budget outcome, as the governor's January budget proposal has historically.

Under the Governor's proposal, in return for the student tuition roll back, the CSU is to receive \$125 million. This is not new money and does not fully compensate for the \$132 million in foregone tuition revenue. Also, the CSU is to receive \$125 million in new money. \$10 million of this new money is to be directed for online strategies for "bottleneck" courses. \$48 million must be used for mandatory costs (health insurance, utilities, etc.). This leaves only \$67 million in flexible new money. There will be deliberation over how this money is spent, with the first conversation to occur at the Council for Presidents meeting next week. The Chancellor will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval at the March meeting.

The Governor's budget recommendation further proposes that debt service on capital projects be moved to the CSU budget. In the past the state covered this expense. Under the proposal, if interest rates increase, the CSU will be responsible for the higher payments without new money. Similarly, the CSU will be responsible under the Governor's proposed budget plan for salary and pension increases for employees hired after January 1, 2013.

The Governor proposed four years of no tuition increases. In return, the CSU will be given a five percent budget increase per year for two years and a four percent increase per year for the following two years. This represents \$530 million. However, this does not fully compensate for the foregone tuition revenue (approximately \$750 million).

- 2) **President's Priorities** – President Harrison restated her key priorities – student success as the top priority, developing alternative revenue sources to make us less dependent on state funding, increased focus on applied research and sponsored programs, the reputation and visibility of the university, athletics as a way to engage students and the community, a focus on employees for success, and sustainability efforts.
 - 3) **Searches** – President Harrison provided a brief update on the following searches: Director of Athletics (in progress), Vice President for Administration and Finance (beginning), Vice President for University Advancement (in progress), and the Director of Equity and Diversity (beginning).
 - 4) **Chancellor Visit** – Chancellor White plans to visit all 23 CSU campuses in the next year. President Harrison requested our visit to be in September 2013. In preparation, we are summarizing the contents of planning documents (WASC, college plans, division plans) into an executive summary to present our campus priorities and tell our story.
- b. **Provost's Report** – Provost Harry Hellenbrand and Vice Provost Cynthia Rawitch
Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/provostreportdocs020713.pdf>

Provost Hellenbrand reported on the following topics:

- 1) The College Plans were included in the written report (see link above).
- 2) Our average student load is at 12.1 units; this is the highest unit-load recorded.
- 3) We have 32,500 students enrolled this Spring and are at 97% of our FTES target. We will annualize at 104% of our FTES target.
- 4) Senators were invited to attend the President's Investiture set for Friday, May 17, 2013, at 11:00am.

- c. **Academic Senate CSU Reports** – Michael Hoggan
Link to written reports: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/sasreports020713.pdf>

Two written reports were distributed (November 2012 and January 2013). There were no questions raised.

- d. **CFA Report** – Nate Thomas
Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/cfareport020713.pdf>

Thomas highlighted the following topics:

- 1) Chancellor White had a very productive one hour meeting with CFA President Lillian Taiz.
- 2) Next year, CFA we will begin looking at the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Submitted by:
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