

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 9/23/2010
Minutes of Meeting of May 13, 2010
Oviatt Library Presentation Room

Faculty President Matos called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Wendy Birky (excused), Catherine Coyle-Thompson, Paula DiMarco, Nicholas Dungey, Angie Giordano (excused), Florence Kyomugisha, Marta Lopez-Garza, Bradley McAuliff (excused), Breny Mendoza, Theresa Montano, Ken Ng, Abel Pacheco (excused), Beth Phillips (excused), Martin Pousson (excused), Judy Schmidt-Levy (excused), Mary-Pat Stein (excused)

The Faculty Senate [Minutes for April 15, 2010](#) were approved as distributed.

1. Announcements

- a. The Honored Faculty Reception will next Monday, May 17, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Grand Salon, University Student Union.
- b. The Faculty Governance Reception, hosted by President Koester at the University House, will be this evening, Thursday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m.
- c. Retiring Senators (Swerkes and McIntyre) were asked to stand and were applauded for their many years of service.
- d. Spector presented an appreciation plaque to Faculty President Matos for her outstanding leadership and service while Faculty President, 2006-2010. The Senators gave her a standing ovation.

2. Introduction of New Senators

The newly elected Senators were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves.

3. Election of 2010-11 Senate Executive Committee

The following faculty were elected to serve on the 2010-11 Senate Executive Committee: Shane Frehlich (Kinesiology), Michael Hoggan (Cinema and Television Arts), Cathy Jeppson (Accounting and Information Systems), Terri Lisagor (Family and Consumer Sciences), Judy Schmidt-Levy (Counseling Services), and Diane Schwartz (Computer Science). The following faculty serve as Ex-Officio members: Sandra Chong (Secretary of the Faculty), Provost Harry Hellenbrand (non-voting), Jennifer Matos (CSU Statewide Academic Senator), Cheryl Spector (Vice President of the Faculty) and Steven Stepanek (Faculty President).

4. **Election of General Education Council Members (senate-elected positions)**

Sharon Klein (3-year term), Eric Garcia (2-year term) and Cecile Bendavid (1-year) term were elected by the Senate to serve on the newly formed General Education Council. Terms will begin in Fall 2010.

5. **President's Report** – Harry Hellenbrand

In President Koester's absence, Provost Hellenbrand gave a brief report. The Senate held a moment of silence for Vice President Terry Piper who is gravely ill with cancer.

We are waiting to see the Governor's May Revised budget. Provost Hellenbrand responded to questions and asked the Senators to e-mail him with any budget related questions.

6. **Policy Items – Educational Policies Committee**

Hillary Hertzog, Chair

Action Item – [Major and Minor Policy](#)

Hertzog reported that the feedback from the last Senate meeting was taken back to EPC and a number of changes were made to the policy. The Administrative Graduation Policy was separated from the Major and Minor Policy, the Appeals Board membership was increased from three to five with provisions for a student representative and an additional faculty member, and some of the language was revised for clarity.

A request was made that the appeals process clearly inform the students of their right 1) to consult faculty/advisors for advocacy, 2) to bring faculty/advisor advocates to appeals process, and 3) to obtain their letters of support.

A lengthy discussion about maintaining quality and excellence in our programs and balancing access to the university followed. Some Senators expressed an interest in seeing data about why our students accrue high numbers of units.

MSP requesting EPC to report to the Senate twice per semester next academic year on the impacts of this policy.

The motion to approve the policy, with the amendment mentioned above, was approved.

Action Item – [Administrative Graduation Policy](#)

As recommended by the Senate at the last meeting, the Administrative Graduation policy came forward as its own policy separate from the Major and Minor policy.

Discussion on the policy focused on whether this policy would affect existing students or only the new students entering in Fall 2010. Provost Hellenbrand clarified that this policy would affect all students, current and new, beginning in Fall 2010.

MSP to make two amendments to the policy (see underlined text):

Upon review by the Office of Undergraduate Studies, students who accumulate over 140 earned units may be graduated administratively if they have completed all of the degree requirements in any major, whether or not they have declared that major. Enrollment beyond the 140 units will be restricted to courses required to graduate in the major for which the student has accomplished the highest percentage of requirements. The decision on administrative graduation will be made in consultation with the Associate Dean, Department Chair or designee, and the student.

The motion to approve the policy, with the two amendments, was approved.

7. Senate Reports

a. **Provost's Report** – Harry Hellenbrand

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/provostsreport041310.pdf>

In addition to the Provost's written report, he mentioned the following:

- 1) The Senators were congratulated on having the ability to compromise and get things done.
- 2) We are in good shape on the permanent budget for the university; we have about \$3.7 million dollars of one-time federal stimulus money that will be primarily spent to open up additional class sections to help students advance toward their degree and to hire 50 full-time faculty next year and the year after. Provost Hellenbrand will distribute a report on how this money will be spent.
- 3) We are expecting an increase in 2010-2011 of transfer students; Freshman enrollment, however, is hard to read at this point in time.

b. **CFA Report** – Dave Ballard, Co-President of CFA

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/cfareport051310.pdf>

Ballard pointed out that the CSU's proposals are very generic mainly about salary with no specifics. The CFA proposals are somewhat clearer. Both sides are waiting to see what the Governor's revised budget looks like. He expects a very contentious fight with the Chancellor. Ballard said that this was his last report as co-president as he will be stepping down after six years.

c. **Statewide Academic Senate** – Steven Stepanek, CSU Statewide Senator

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/sasreport051310.pdf>

Stepanek summarized his written report and briefly pointed out a few items:

- 1) Stepanek reiterated what Provost Hellenbrand said about our campus displaying shared governance at its best. He added, that this type of interaction does not happen with the legislatures.
- 2) AB 2656 – (oppose): this bill would prohibit activities such as design clinics and sponsored research projects.
- 3) SB 1440 – if passed, this would mandate CSUs accept the AA degrees and 60 units from community colleges. If transfer degrees are degree specific, it could potentially cause a major problem with some of our programs, as the CSUs will not be able to require more than the total number of units required for the major. We are trying to establish a working relationship with the community college system to deal with curriculum development.
- 4) Barbara Swerkes received a commendation from ASCSU for her outstanding contributions to CSUN, to the ASCSU, and towards improving the statewide community college transfer process. She was applauded by the CSUN Faculty Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

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