

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 2/11/2010
Minutes of Meeting of December 10, 2009
Oviatt Library Presentation Room

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

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Catherine Coyle-Thompson, Irma Good, Hillary Hertzog, Michael Hoggan, Cathy Jeppson (excused), Patricia Juarez-Dappe, Florence Kyomugisha (excused), Ronald McIntyre, Breny Mendoza, Kristy Michaud, Theresa Montano (excused), Ken Ng, Mary-Pat Stein, Jeff Wiegley

The Faculty Senate [Minutes for October 22, 2009](#) were approved as distributed.

1. Announcements

- a. Faculty Retreat registration forms were placed on the back table for those who wanted to attend the Retreat on January 12-13, 2010. Newer faculty were encouraged to attend.
- b. University Service forms were placed on the back table for faculty interested in being considered for committee positions beginning in Fall 2010. Elections will be held in Spring 2010.
- c. Veda Ward, AS Faculty Advisor, submitted a written report; it was distributed to the Senators by email. Ward encouraged the Senators to attend AS meetings or to let her know if they have anything to share with them.
- d. Judy Schmidt-Levy's term on the USU Board of Directors will end in Spring 2010 and she announced that there is an open position on the Board and to let her know if anyone is interested.
- e. Nancy Owens from the Association of Retired Faculty (ARF) announced that ARF is sponsoring three scholarships for graduate students to help them with their research. The Graduate, Research and International Programs office will send out an announcement in the Spring. She also noted that a speaker from CALPERS will be speaking to ARF in January and she invited the Senators to attend.
- f. The Senate Executive Committee held a special meeting earlier in the week to discuss the fiscal crisis in California and in the CSU and to share concerns about the turning away of students; resolutions addressing these concerns may be drafted and come to the Senate.

2. President's Report – Jolene Koester

President Koester reported the following:

- a. IPEDS (the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System) publishes statistical data comparing institutions of higher education. President Koester shared data comparing

California State University, Northridge with other similar institutions nationwide with regard to ethnicity, fees, financial aid, graduation rates, degrees awarded, expenditures, and salaries. She elaborated on the fact that Cal State Northridge has 13,000 Pell Grant recipients, which is the highest number in the CSU System and 5,000 more than in the entire Ivy League. These data will be posted on the Faculty Senate website – www.csun.edu/senate.

- b. There is no new news regarding the budget. We are waiting for the release of the Governor's budget recommendation in January for the 2010-11 budget.

3. **Senate Reports**

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

Link to written report: www.csun.edu/senate/reports/provostsreport121009.pdf

Hellenbrand briefly mentioned the following:

1. He will begin looking at the College plans next week.
2. There is an initiative to drive up the graduation rate. The Enrollment Management Committee is working on this piece.
3. This year has been the best in the history of CSUN on grants and contracts.
4. A very limited number of new faculty will be hired in 2010-11.
5. All summer 2010 classes will be offered through the Tseng College of Extended Learning.

- b. **Statewide Academic Senate Report** – Steven Stepanek

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/sasreport121009.pdf>

An official summary of the resolutions passed and discussed at the November 5-6, 2009 Academic Senate meeting was distributed (see link above). Stepanek briefly highlighted the 5 resolutions that were passed at the plenary meeting, presentations made by Ben Quillian regarding the budget, and John Travis on layoffs, summer session, and faculty rights.

- c. **CFA Report** – Dave Ballard

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/cfareport121009.pdf>

Ballard brought attention to items 2 and 3 of his written report on “Deliverology” and the “White paper” which both examine ways to transform the CSU to face the future. His report also included things that faculty can do to fight back during these uncertain times. He also noted an e-March is being planned for March 4th, 2010.

4. **Policy Item – Personnel Planning and Review Committee**

William Whiting, Chair

Action Item – [Statement on Professional Responsibility Policy](#)

Whiting highlighted the changes that were made by PP&R based on the suggestions that were made at the October 22nd Senate meeting. The revised policy comes from the Senate Executive Committee with a “do-pass” recommendation. A few questions were raised about engaging in “political activities.”

The motion to approve the policy was unanimously passed.

5. General Education Council Presentation and Open Forum

Diane Schwartz, Member of GE Governance Task Force

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/gecouncilreport121009.pdf>

Schwartz explained the reasons for establishing a General Education Council and said that the Faculty Senate endorsed the recommendation and asked the GE Governance Task Force to consult with the campus community about the structure, membership, and authority of the council. The Task Force visited Colleges, Administrative Councils, Associated Students, and the Council of Chairs and received positive and constructive feedback. The Open Forum at today's Senate meeting is the last of the consultation before submitting a final report to the Senate Executive Committee.

Questions were raised about the authority and oversight of the GE Council given the possibility of it becoming a subcommittee of EPC. The Task Force plans to work out these details. A question regarding advocacy of GE courses was raised. More specifically, will the Council or the Director of General Education serve as an advocate for general education courses?

The final decision to form a GE Council will come to the vote of the Senate in the Spring.

6. New Business

A Senator asked that in light of President Koester's positive 5-year review from the Chancellor, should the Faculty Senate acknowledge her leadership and superior performance? Matos said she will bring this suggestion to the Senate Executive Committee for their advice.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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