

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2011-2012  
FACULTY SENATE ACTIVITIES  
California State University, Northridge**

**OFFICERS OF THE FACULTY**

President: Steven Stepanek, Department of Computer Science  
 Vice-President: Shane Frehlich, Department of Kinesiology  
 Secretary: April Taylor, Department of Child and Adolescent Development

**MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE**

Sandra Chong, Elementary Education  
 Shane Frehlich, Kinesiology  
 Harry Hellenbrand, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (Fall 2011)  
 Cynthia Rawitch, Vice Provost (Spring 2012)  
 Cathy Jeppson, Accounting and Information Systems  
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 Kristy Michaud, Political Science  
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 Judy Schmidt-Levy, Counseling Services  
 Diane Schwartz, Computer Science  
 Steven Stepanek, Computer Science  
 April Taylor, Child and Adolescent Development

**MEETINGS OF THE FACULTY SENATE**

September 22, 2011	March 8, 2012
October 27, 2011	April 19, 2012
December 1, 2011	May 10, 2012
February 9, 2012	

**MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

June 1, 2011*	November 10, 2011
June 15, 2011*	January 26, 2012
August 4, 2011*	February 23, 2012
September 1, 2011	March 1, 2012
September 15, 2011*	March 22, 2012
October 13, 2011	April 26, 2012

\*Special Meeting

## **SENATE-SPONSORED EVENTS**

Faculty Retreat – January 17-18, 2012  
 Faculty Elections – March 7-28, 2012  
 Faculty Awards – Spring 2012  
 Funding the Future of the CSU Symposium – April 2-3, 2012  
 Honored Faculty Reception – May 21, 2012  
 Faculty Governance Orientation for new Executive Committee members and Standing Committee chairs – May 25, 2012

## **POLICIES PASSED IN THE FACULTY SENATE**

### ***Basic Skills Policy***

Educational Policies Committee / Passed March 8, 2012; Approved April 11, 2012  
 (This policy change makes it clearer to students about continuous enrollment in the appropriate writing and mathematics courses until the requirements are satisfied; this will improve the chances of passing the courses and graduating.)

### ***Undergraduate Academic Internship Policy***

Educational Policies Committee / Passed March 8, 2012; Approved April 11, 2012  
 (The policy changes are designed to maximize the educational experience of internships while mitigating the risks to participants and minimizing the university's liability exposure.)

### ***Policy on Reappointment***

Personnel Planning and Review Committee / Passed May 10, 2012; Approved May 22, 2012  
 (These policy changes will clarify Section 600, and provide both candidates under review and evaluating agencies with clearer criteria for making assessments during the RTP process.)

## **RESOLUTIONS OF THE FACULTY SENATE**

### ***Resolution of Protest Concerning the Development and Implementation of Mandatory Early Start Programs in Writing***

Passed on March 8, 2012  
 (This resolution protests the development and implementation of Mandatory Early Start Programs in writing. It registers the Faculty Senate's concerns given they do not have the power or authority to not implement the Executive Order mandated by the Chancellor.)

## **OTHER SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

***Search Approvals.*** Meeting as the Personnel Planning and Review Committee in Summer, 2011, the Executive Committee considered and approved a report from the Search and Screen Committee for Associate Vice President Student Life and for the Interim Associate Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

***University Presidential Search Process.*** On September 15, 2011, the Senate Executive Committee voted unanimously that the process for filling two faculty member slots on the presidential advisory search committee be accomplished by accepting applications and having the Senate Executive Committee select the two best qualified faculty members. Members of the SEC wishing to apply were excused from the SEC deliberations to fill the

two faculty positions. On October 4, 2011, two faculty members were selected by SEC to serve on the presidential advisory search committee.

***Elections.*** A special faculty election was held in September 2011 to amend the Constitution of the Academic Senate CSU to include a statement upholding academic freedom; the amendment passed by 96 percent in favor.

In accordance with the Faculty Bylaws, the Committee set the calendar for Faculty and Senate elections; made and received nominations for Faculty officers, representatives to the CSU Statewide Academic Senate, Senators at-large, and Senate representatives on the Standing Committees; finalized election slates; and certified election results.

***Meetings with CSU Board of Trustees.*** Members of the SEC met with Trustee Robert Linscheid, Trustee Debra Farar on October 12, 2011 and Trustee Bernadette Cheyne on May 23, 2012.

## **REPORTS ON CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS**

Tina Kiesler (Faculty Athletics Representative) visited SEC (September 1, 2011) to present the 2010-11 Faculty Athletics Report. The report was sent to the Faculty Senate.

Chris Olsen (Senior Director IT Infrastructure Services) provided an update to SEC (October 13, 2011) and to the Senate (March 8, 2012) on information security policies and the integration of CSU Information Security Policies with local campus policies.

Steven Stepanek (Faculty President/Advisory Committee on Academic Technology) reported to the Senate (December 1, 2011) that beginning Spring 2013, the new online and hybrid course definitions will be available to designate courses in SOLAR. Sue Cullen (Universal Design Center) shared the online Syllabus Generator.

Vice President Tom McCarron and Dean Stella Theodoulou provided an overview of the 10 Year Resource Study to the Senate Executive Committee (March 1, 2012).

Sheila Grant, a former member of the Educational Equity Committee, presented to SEC (March 1, 2012) and Senate (May 10, 2012) the results of a Campus Climate Survey that was conducted online in Spring 2011. Statistical data on the composition of respondents and their responses to questions about personal experiences and perception of campus climate were presented.