

**ANNUAL REPORT
2012-2013
FACULTY SENATE ACTIVITIES
California State University, Northridge**

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MEETINGS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

September 20, 2012	March 7, 2013
October 18, 2012	April 4, 2013
November 29, 2012	May 9, 2013
February 7, 2013	

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

December 20, 2012*	November 1, 2012
May 31, 2012*	January 24, 2013
June 29, 2012*	February 21, 2013
July 27, 2012*	February 28, 2013
September 6, 2012	March 21, 2013
October 4, 2012	April 25, 2013

*Special Meeting

SENATE-SPONSORED EVENTS

Faculty Retreat – January 14-15, 2013
 Faculty Elections – March 6-20, 2013
 Faculty Awards – Spring 2013
 Honored Faculty Reception – May 21, 2013
 Faculty Governance Orientation for new Executive Committee members and Standing Committee chairs – May 24, 2013

SENATE OFFICE ASSISTED EVENTS

Funding the Future of the CSU Symposium: Part II – October 11, 2012
 Media/Spokesperson Training (Bob Rawitch) – February 28, 2013

POLICIES PASSED IN THE FACULTY SENATE

Procedures for Evaluating Teaching Effectiveness

Personnel Planning and Review Committee/ Passed October 18, 2012; Approved October 25, 2012. (The Faculty Senate recommended unanimously to maintain the student evaluation policy as currently listed in Section 600 that requires written student questionnaire evaluations be administered in a minimum of two (2) classes annually by all faculty members who teach.)

Procedures for Evaluating Teaching Effectiveness (Lecturers)

Personnel Planning and Review Committee/ Passed November 29, 2012; Approved December 4, 2012. (The Faculty Senate recommended unanimously to maintain the student evaluation policy as currently listed in Section 700 that requires written student questionnaire evaluations be administered in a minimum of two (2) classes annually by all faculty members who teach.)

Accelerated Promotion Review Process

Personnel Planning and Review Committee/ Passed March 7, 2013; Approved March 14, 2013. (This policy change requires a faculty member to notify the Department Chair and the College Dean, in writing and prior to the start of the department level review, if they wish to be considered for accelerated promotion.)

Contributions to the Field of Study

Personnel Planning and Review Committee/ Passed March 7, 2013; Approved March 25, 2013. (This policy change makes it clear that it is the department's responsibility to define what a "significant contribution" to the field is.)

Peer Class Visits Report

Personnel Planning and Review Committee/ Passed May, 9, 2013; Pending approval by the President. (This policy change adds a timeline (14 calendar days) for placement of the peer visit report in the candidate's campus mailbox. This will assure that peer class visit reports, and responses to the reports, are in the PAF before the personnel cycle begins.)

RESOLUTIONS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Resolution of Appreciation for Provost Harry Hellenbrand in Appreciation of His Service as Interim President. Passed on September 20, 2012

(This resolution commends Provost Hellenbrand for his extraordinary service to the university as Interim President and in his continuing role of Provost.)

A Resolution in Honor of Darrick Danta. Passed on March 7, 2013.

(This resolution acknowledges and honors the outstanding contributions by Darrick Danta as a friend, mentor, teacher, scholar and administrator. Associate Dean Darrick Danta passed away on February 15, 2013.)

OTHER SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Retreat Rights for President Dianne Harrison. SEC approved the process used by the Department of Social Work in arriving at their decision regarding retreat rights for President Dianne Harrison to the Department of Social Work.

Search Approvals. Meeting as the Personnel Planning and Review Committee in Summer, 2012, the Executive Committee considered and approved a report from the Search and Screen Committee for Interim Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies, Research and International Programs and for the Associate Dean of the College of Arts, Media and Communication.

General Education Governance Task Force. This task force was set up in October 2012 to review the operation of the GE Council and recommend possible organizational changes.

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. It was later determined by the Chancellor's Office legal counsel that the amendment could not go forward to the Board of Trustees because of a language issue; a slightly revised version was later passed by ASCSU. We held another special election in October 2012; this time the amendment failed on this campus.

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.

REPORTS ON CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

Ashley Skylar (Campus Communication Liaison for Cal State Online) visited SEC (September 6, 2012) to provide an update on Cal State Online. Cal State will launch in Spring 2013 starting as self-support with five complete fully online programs.

Deone Zell (Director for Academic Technology) visited SEC (October 4, 2012) and Senate (October 18, 2012) to present seven technology tools that are now available for faculty.

Joyce Feucht-Haviar (Dean of the Tseng College of Extended Learning) attended SEC (November 1, 2012) to share the accomplishments that have contributed to CSUN being considered the premier Extended Learning College in the CSU. Dean Feucht-Haviar and Karen Girton-Snyder (Director of Distance Learning for Tseng College) reported to the Senate (November 29, 2012); they shared information on their self-support programs and (via video) two faculty members gave testimonials about their experiences teaching online.

Mark Stover (Dean of the Library) presented to the Senate (September 20, 2012) the Learning Commons Redesign Plans for the Oviatt Library.

William Jennings (Interim Vice President for University Advancement) and VISCOM students presented the new “CSUN Shine” Positioning Platform Initiatives to the Senate (November 29, 2012). “CSUN Shine” will become a communication platform and be used to identify all the great things that the campus is doing.

Jill Smith (Associate Vice President for Human Resources) reported to the Senate (February 7, 2013) that as a result of amendments to the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, and the issuance of Executive Order 1083, all CSU employees have an obligation to report suspected or known incidents of child abuse and neglect to campus police services.

Deone Zell (Senior Director of Academic Technology) gave an update on the myCSUNtablet Initiative to SEC (April 25, 2013). Six programs will participate this coming Fall 2013 with other programs rolling out later. The intent is to reduce the cost and increase the quality of learning materials for our students.

Tina Kiesler (Faculty Athletics Representative) attended Senate (May 9, 2013) to present the 2012-13 Faculty Athletics Report; a written report was distributed. The new Athletics Director, Dr. Brandon Martin was introduced to the Senate.

William Jennings (Interim Vice President for University Advancement) attended SEC (April 25, 2013) and Senate (May 9, 2013) to inform the Senate that a monument will be placed near the existing earthquake memorial, and the area will be designated as the Blenda Wilson Courtyard.

Thomas McCarron provided a report of the Valley Performing Arts Center Financing Status to SEC (April 25, 2013) and to the Senate (May 9, 2013). President Harrison approved a plan to pay off the last \$5 million of debt by June 2015.

Helen Cox (Institute for Sustainability) shared the CSUN Sustainability Plan with SEC (April 25, 2013) and Senate (May 9, 2013). There are ten action plans included in the plan. The goal is to develop a campus leadership position on the areas that the campus will begin to focus.