

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 4/14/16**Minutes of Meeting of March 10, 2016**

Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room

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

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Larry Becker (excused), Monica Garcia (excused), Fred Ginsburg, Steve Holle, Jamie Johnson, Daniel Katz (excused), Taeyhun Kim (excused), Rodica Kohn, Florence Kyomugisha (excused), Debbie Ma, Regan Maas (excused), Debra Malmberg, Nathaniel Mills, Jose Paez, Freya Rojo, Chris Sales, (excused), Joshua Schwartz, Whitney Scott, Kourosh Sedghisigarchi, Elizabeth Sussman (excused), Steven Thachuk, Saimir Thano, Holli Tonyan (excused), Gina Umeck, Veda Ward (excused), Shad Willingham

The Faculty [Senate Minutes for February 18, 2016](#) were approved as amended.

1. Announcements

- a. Swenson reminded the Senators to cast their vote in the Faculty and Senate elections. Elections will conclude on March 23, 2016.
- b. Elizabeth Adams, AVP for Undergraduate Studies, announced that there is an article in BuzzFeed, (an online social news site). BuzzFeed mentions a website called Presto Experts, where they found a CSUN exam from Spring 2015. Adams said that there is a strong market online, whereby students can buy work, so she wanted to bring attention to this as a cautionary warning.

2. Policy Item – Educational Policies Committee

Cheryl Spector, Member of EPC

Elizabeth Adams, Undergraduate Studies

Action Item – [Basic Skills Policy](#)

EPC made one small revision to the policy. Adams said that this policy revision is a result of CSU Executive Order (EO) 1100. EO 1100 requires that students earn a "C" or better in all of the Basic Skills courses (Analytical Reading and Expository Writing, Critical Thinking, Mathematics, and Oral Communication) at every CSU campus. In addition to the changes required by EO 1100, the revised policy also allows freshmen who are GE ready in writing to choose to take their GE writing class in either the first or second CSUN semester. We need to have this policy in place by Fall 2016.

MSP to approve the policy revisions.

3. **Policy Item** – Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Sheila Grant, Chair of PP&R; Judy Schmidt-Levy, Member of PP&R; Penny Jennings, Special Assistant to the Provost for Academic Personnel

First Reading – [Section 650.3.5 \(Emeritus Status – Rights and Privileges\) and Section 650.4 \(Rights and Privileges Extended to Surviving Life Partners\)](#)

At the November 19, 2015 Senate meeting, the Faculty Senate approved a revision to this policy to include Emeritus status for Lecturers with the equivalent of ten (10) years of full-time service at CSUN. PP&R is bringing forward additional changes related to the rights and privileges of Emeritus faculty and extension of specified rights and privileges to surviving life partners. Some of the questions/concerns raised by Senators are as follows: 1) Emeritus faculty having the “opportunity” to participate in public ceremonies rather than being “invited,” 2) Will Emeritus faculty still be included in the University Catalog?, 3) Will Emeritus faculty have less access to library resources since the word “full” is being deleted?, and 4) Are the rights and privileges unique to Emeritus faculty versus to retired faculty?

First Reading – [Section 650.3.1 and 650.3.2 \(Faculty Emeritus Criteria and Procedures\)](#)

Jennings pointed out that in reviewing Emeritus policies at other CSU campuses, many had other criteria in addition to a minimum number of years of service. PP&R proposes that there be criteria for the award of Emeritus status based both on the minimum ten years of full-time service and on a standard that is consistent with the expectations of professional conduct and criteria for evaluation for faculty at our campus. The proposed criteria reflects our Section 604 policy on “Professional Responsibility.” In addition, PP&R is also proposing that the list of those who may nominate a faculty member for Emeritus status be expanded, and to set forth a process for review of nominations by a department-level committee, the College Dean, and PP&R. Emeritus status may only be granted by the University President.

A few Senators recommended editorial revisions to the criteria and procedures in an attempt to strengthen the policy.

4. **Senate Reports**

- a. **Provost’s Report** – Provost Yi Li

Provost Li reported on the following items:

1. The importance of treating one another with respect and civility
 - a. We will continue to work on this at CSUN.
2. The impaction plan
 - a. Now finalized and being implemented.
 - b. We need to achieve a 1% reduction.
 - c. The Admissions Planning Committee will monitor enrollments weekly.
3. The Math Department’s course redesign of Math 140 (Statistics) to help improve the pass rate
 - a. In one special track (for S&BS), there was a 16% increase in students receiving a “C” or better.

- b. He will work with other departments to help increase pass rates in high DUF courses (classes with high failure rates).
- 4. The Transportation Summit
 - a. We will work to improve public transit access to CSUN and the surrounding community.
- 5. The Visit with the Chicana/o Studies Department
 - a. They are working with the National Forestry Service to build a pipeline to increase students in their workforce.
- b. **Statewide Academic Senate CSU Report** – Senator Jerald Schutte
Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/sasreport031016.pdf>

Schutte distributed a written report (link above) and highlighted four major issues. 1) Tenure Density (continuing issue): We are hiring faculty at high rates but are losing them at a far greater rate. A task force is being formed to develop an action plan for getting the tenure density up; 2) Shared Governance (another problem): ASCSU Chair Filling conveyed a number of issues to the BOT. There was a discussion about the campus Presidents sending a message regarding the CFA strike and asking faculty to not speak about it in their classes; 3) The Sustainable Financial Model was revised, divided into short, medium, and long-term issues, and was discussed and debated and 4) Advocacy: The CSU Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee went through 5268 bills and found 105 bills to be directly relevant. Schutte provided a [link](#) in his report that includes a complete list of bills being reviewed by the ASCSU. A few themes are related to student access, student success, conflict of interest, and teaching credential issues. There are two first reading resolutions needing feedback: 1) Resolution Regarding Evaluation of Online Teaching, and 2) Support of Increased Funding for the Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Program.

Schutte will be going to Sacramento in April to meet with legislators. He asked the Senators to send him any issues they may have.

- c. **CFA Report** – CFA President Nate Thomas
Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfareport031016.pdf>

A written report was sent by email.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Submitted by:

Terri Lisagor, Secretary of the Faculty
Heidi Wolfbauer, Recording Secretary