

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 5/12/2016
Minutes of Meeting of April 14, 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: Jodi Brown (excused), Nanci Carr, Jimmy Gandhi (excused), Michael Hoggan (excused), Steve Holle, Sharon Klein (excused), Rodica Kohn (excused), Florence Kyomugisha (excused), Debbie Ma (excused), Doug McLaughlin (excused), Nathaniel Mills, Mario Ontiveros, Jose Paez, Jorge Reyes, Freya Rojo, Cristina Rubino (excused), Judy Schmidt-Levy (excused), Joshua Schwartz, Kourosh Sedghisigarchi, Barbara Swerkes (excused), Saimir Thanu, Gina Umeck, Shad Willingham

The Faculty [Senate Minutes for March 10, 2016](#) were approved as amended.

1. Announcements

- a. Swenson announced that the Honored Faculty Reception will be on Monday, May 23, 2016, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the USU Grand Salon.

2. Graduate Studies Committee Run-off Election

During the recent on-line Senate election, there was a tie vote between Julia Heinen (Music) and Sami Maalouf (Civil Engineering and Construction Management) for the third position on the Graduate Studies Committee. A paper ballot was distributed at the Senate meeting and Julia Heinen was elected to fill the position.

3. Policy Items – Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Sheila Grant, Chair of PP&R

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

There is still some work to be done on this policy so it was withdrawn from the agenda.

Action Item – [Section 650.3.1 and 650.3.2 \(Faculty Emeritus Criteria and Procedures\)](#)

Grant and Jennings explained the reasons for revising the Emeritus criteria and procedures.

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

(or Faculty Emeritus Committee), the College Dean, and PP&R. Emeritus status may only be granted by the University President.

MSP to re-insert “or other equivalent administrator” to the list of those who can make a nomination for emeritus status.

MSP to approve the policy revisions.

4. **Policy Item** – Graduate Studies Committee
Mary-Pat Stein, Chair of GSC

First Reading – [Graduate Institutional Learning Outcomes](#)

Stein said that the Chancellor’s Office and WASC are requiring campuses to establish Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILO) for their graduate programs. The GSC worked to identify and prepare Graduate ILOs. They are trying to keep the model very simple so assessment can be done more easily. Stein suspects that departments will now be asked to fit their programs into these three outcomes.

Suggestions were given to improve on the language.

5. **Senate Reports**

- a. **President’s Report** – President Dianne Harrison

President Harrison reported on the following items:

1. **Passing of Jose Luis Vargas** – President Harrison expressed her profound sadness over the loss of Jose Luis. She and Provost Li will do everything that they can to maintain and support the Educational Opportunity Program. She said that Jose Luis’ legacy will live on in the lives of our students and graduates. President Harrison encouraged the Senators to attend his memorial service scheduled for Friday, April 29th, at 2:00 p.m. in the VPAC.
2. **CSU and CFA Agreement** – President Harrison expressed her gratefulness and happiness that a settlement was reached. If the proposed contract is ratified by the faculty, it will be presented for approval by the CSU Board of Trustees in late May. She said that we will continue to do what we can on campus and to advocate with the state and others to ensure that our employees are adequately compensated.
3. **Faculty Election** – President Harrison congratulated Adam Swenson on his re-election to Faculty President. She also congratulated the other faculty leaders who were nominated and elected.
4. **Commencement** – President Harrison encouraged faculty to attend the commencement ceremonies. To help ensure safety, all persons entering the commencement venue this year will be required to go through a security check point that includes a metal detector screening and bag check. She said that it will take a bit longer for everyone to enter the site, so all attendees should plan accordingly.

5. **Honorary Doctoral Degrees** – A CSUN alum, Mr. Harvey Bookstein, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the David Nazarian College of Business & Economics' commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 22. Rev. James J. Lawson, Jr. will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the College of Humanities' commencement ceremony on Monday, May 23rd. Our Honor's Convocation on Friday, May 20th will feature CSUN alum Jim Burke, a past Distinguished Alumni Award winner.
 6. **Campus Visits** – Chancellor Tim White, Executive Vice Chancellor Loren Blanchard and Trustee Rebecca Eisen recently visited the campus. President Harrison thanked all those who participated in these meetings.
 7. **New Chief Diversity Officer** – Dr. Raji A. Rhys will start on Monday, April 18th. She will meet with many groups on campus in the coming weeks.
 8. **AppJam** – President Harrison praised the AppJam event and said it was very enlightening and inspiring.
 9. **Varsity 'N Honor Roll** – On March 29th, 95 student athletes were celebrated for their academic success. The number of students was a record high.
 10. **Annual Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference** – CSUN hosted this conference and it was very impressive. President Harrison stressed the importance of all campus websites being accessible.
 11. **Lobbying** – President Harrison spent time in Washington D.C. for Hill Day and in Sacramento to lobby for more money to serve our students, and to adequately compensate our employees.
 12. **Test Banks** – It is a challenge to keep on top of cheating sites across the Internet. President Harrison encouraged the Senators to go online to see if their course is on any of these sites, and to have a conversation with their students about the consequences of using information obtained from these sites.
 13. **Mass Transit** – We have made some headway in expanding the transportation options available to our students, but not enough. President Harrison said she will keep working to improve transportation to our campus and in the community.
 14. **CSUN Innovates** – Our entrepreneurship is really flourishing and there are increasing partnerships occurring on campus.
 15. **Hollywood Foreign Press Association** – President Harrison congratulated Nate Thomas and the department of CTVA for receiving two million dollars from the Hollywood Foreign Press to be used for new state-of-the-art equipment and to support our students.
 16. **Aspen Ideas Festival** – President Harrison was asked to be a presenter at this festival. Her remarks will focus on the future of university presidency.
- b. **Provost's Report** – Provost Yi Li

Provost Li reported on the following items:

1. Provost Li expressed his condolences on the loss of Jose Luis Vargas and said we will continue his legacy and the vision Jose Luis had for our students.
2. Provost Li said he was very happy that CFA and the CSU reached an agreement and that we avoided a strike.
3. He shared the good news that he bought a new home close to the campus.

c. **Statewide Academic Senate CSU Report** – Senator Jerald Schutte

As a member of the CSU Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee, Schutte spent two days in Sacramento advocating for the CSU. He was involved in discussions with the many legislators and Senators and shared some enlightenments and epiphanies about how the legislature works. He said that the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) does not work together proactively with the Department of Finance. The LAO acts mainly as an after-the-fact consultant to the legislature to provide factual information for the legislature to debate. He learned that there are two people in the Department of Finance who are instrumental in framing the conversation with the Governor. Our liaison, who heads up the higher education group, is involved in framing the conversation with the Governor. Schutte is very interested in hearing from us on these four main topics: 1) Tenure density, 2) Enrollment-based funding, 3) Alternatives to enrollment-based funding, 4) Capital Reserves, and 5) Student Success. Schutte said there seems to be a disconnect between the faculty, the Chancellor's Office, the Board of Trustees, and the Department of Finance; he plans to resolve this disconnect. The Department of Finance and the Governor don't believe we should be financed per FTES, but that we should receive a block of money just like they give the UC system. He shared a few other conversations that he had with Senators on these topics.

d. **CFA Report** – CFA President Nate Thomas

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfareport041416.pdf>

Thomas was applauded for his part in the CSU and CFA settlement and for avoiding the strike. There will be an information session on May 19th to answer questions and to go over the details of the new contract. Within 14-15 months, all faculty will get a 10.5% pay increase.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Submitted by:

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