

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 9/11/14
Minutes of Meeting of May 8, 2014
Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room

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

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Michael Bennett, Dale Conner (excused), Kenya Covington (excused), Matthew DesLauriers, Marcella DeVeaux (excused), Nina Golden, Cathy Jeppson (excused), Taehyun Kim (excused), Peri Klemm (excused), Greg Knotts (leave), Amy Levin (excused), Debra Malmberg (leave), Pat Miller (excused), Ani Nahapetian (excused), Mario Ontiveros, Rosa Rivera Furumoto, Gary Victor, Christopher Woollett

The Faculty Senate [Minutes for April 17, 2014](#) were approved pending revisions to Item #4a.

1. Roll Call and Introductions of New Senators

New Senators were welcomed and introduced themselves.

2. Announcements

- a. The Honored Faculty Reception will be on Wednesday, May 21st at 1:30 p.m. in the USU Grand Salon. Award winners, new emeritus faculty, and faculty reaching milestone service years will be honored.
- b. Faculty award winners were congratulated. Sheila Grant and Jennifer Romack won the Outstanding Faculty Award; David Wakefield and Wendy Yost won the Distinguished Teaching, Counseling, or Librarianship Awards; Charles Hatfield won the Preeminent Scholarly Publication Award; Martin Pousson won the Exceptional Creative Accomplishments Award; Dianne Philibosian won the Extraordinary Service Award; and Merav Efrat won the Visionary Community Service-Learning Award.
- c. The following groups were thanked and commended for their service: Senate Standing Committee chairs, 2013-14 Senate Executive Committee members, and Heidi Wolfbauer (Senate Office staff).
- d. Minge announced that the Teaching Excellence Program will offer a summer intensive workshop during the first week of June 2014. It is sponsored by Faculty Development and focuses on aligning course objectives to lesson plans and syllabi. The sign-up sheet was available on the back table.
- e. Frehlich encouraged the faculty to attend commencement.

3. Introduction of Thor Steingraber, new Executive Director of the Valley Performing Arts Center

Frehlich and the Senate welcomed Thor Steingraber, the new Executive Director of the Valley Performing Arts Center. Steingraber said that he plans to take a look at the programmatic mix and look for ways to integrate the VPAC with the work of the faculty.

4. **Election of 2014-15 Senate Executive Committee**

Seven Senators were nominated to serve on the 2014-15 Senate Executive Committee. An election was held and the following faculty were elected to serve: Sheila Grant (Psychology), Kristy Michaud (Political Science), Diane Schwartz (Computer Science), Merrill Simon (Educational Psychology and Counseling), Cheryl Spector (English), and Steven Thachuk (Music). The following faculty serve as Ex-officio members: Sandra Chong (CSU Statewide Academic Senator) Shane Frehlich (Faculty President), Provost Harry Hellenbrand (non-voting), Terri Lisagor (Secretary of the Faculty), and Adam Swenson (Vice President of the Faculty).

5. **ePif Report**

Kathy Dabbour, Member of the Personnel Planning and Review Committee

Link to ePif Report: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/epifreport050814.pdf>

Dabbour stated that an ePIF Subcommittee of PP&R was tasked with exploring the implementation of optional electronic Professional Information Files (ePIFs) at CSUN. The subcommittee performed an informal scan of other CSUs and UCs about their experiences, and sought CSUN faculty and administrator input as a first step toward a more formal feasibility study. An ePIF survey was conducted at CSUN (specific results are contained in the ePIF report above). The Subcommittee recommends that there is sufficient interest among CSUN faculty, as well as outside expertise, to begin exploring the feasibility of an ePIF option here at CSUN. She said that the next steps will be to form an ePIF committee that is broader than PP&R. This committee will be tasked with investigating ePIFs more in depth (explore costs, software, etc.) and to present the results to the faculty and administration.

6. **Resolution on the Electronic Submission of Classwork**

Link to Resolution:

<http://www.csun.edu/senate/resolutions/electronic-submission-of-coursework-resolution050814.pdf>

Chris Sales, Chair of the Academic Technology Committee (ATC)

Jerald Schutte, Chair of the Educational Resources Committee (ERC)

Frehlich reminded the Senators that this resolution was tabled from the last meeting. Since the last Senate meeting, Sales and Schutte had time to share feedback with their respective committees and other faculty. It was also brought back to SEC for further discussion. Based on this feedback, revisions were made to the resolution. The Senators agreed to accept and consider the resolution as new. There was a lengthy discussion and requests for edits to the final RESOLVED (last section) were made.

MSP to approve the resolution with the final RESOLVED to read:

RESOLVED: that the Faculty Technology Center continue to offer support and specific instruction to faculty who wish to become more proficient in electronic grading of submitted papers and other assignments. The Senate encourages the allocation of resources (including reassigned-time) in support of faculty who seek such instruction.

7. **Faculty Athletics Report**

Tina Kiesler, Faculty Athletics Representative

Link to FAR: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/far-report050814.pdf>

Kiesler gave highlights from her written report (link above). She said that sand volleyball was added this year for a total of 19 Athletic teams. Two teams won their conference championships and went on to the NCAA tournament: Women's Volleyball and Women's Basketball. The Varsity N awards honor academic excellence for student athletes who have a 3.2 GPA across the previous Fall and Spring semesters. There were 72 honorees this year, up from 61 the previous year.

The Big West Conference honors two scholar athletes who excel in their sport and in the classroom. Our female winner was Casey Hinger (Women's Volleyball) and the male winner was Yarden Azulay (Men's Soccer). The NCAA Accelerating Academic Success Grant (\$900,000) was used this year to increase space for tutoring and mentoring in the Matador Achievement Center. More tutors and mentors have been hired as well.

8. Senate Reports

a. **President's Report** – President Diane Harrison

President Harrison reported on the following items:

1. **Ticketing Process for Commencement** – President Harrison said that the ticketing process for commencement is reported to be going very smoothly and that we were able to increase the number of tickets per graduate to 10 tickets. William Watkins was commended for his work with the commencement changes.
2. **Dean Stella Theodoulou** – Dean Theodoulou will be out for several months on medical leave. President Harrison wished her a speedy recovery and said that her thoughts and well wishes were with her.
3. **Goals and Metrics for the Institution** – The Chancellor's office has asked each university president to provide a self-evaluation, an individual work plan and a report of the institution's achievements and goals for the next two years as part of a new process termed President's Annual Conference. We will provide metrics for our goals and priorities. This is due in August; there will be opportunities for campus leadership to provide input.
4. **Discussions on Civility** – President Harrison encouraged the Senators to continue their discussions about civility on campus among colleagues. She said this is very important work.
5. **White House Visit** – President Harrison attended a meeting with Vice President Biden to discuss the recent legislation on sexual violence support for victims and compliance for colleges and universities. Vice President Biden is committed and passionate about this topic. Federal agencies have targeted what campuses need to do with regard to support systems and reporting requirements. President Harrison said that the process is now being driven by victims and victim advocates. Campuses will be asked to do a campus climate study for students, and training will be required.
6. **American Colleges and Universities Presidents' Climate Commitment** – A subgroup (Alliance for Resilient Campuses) is working with campuses around the implications of future extreme weather conditions and how universities can serve as models to their

students and the community. We are one of three CSU campuses that have signed this commitment, including Chancellor White for the CSU and Chico State.

7. **Thank You to Senators** – President Harrison thanked the Senators for working very hard towards meeting the University’s priorities this past year.
 8. **Undergraduate Research** – Undergraduate students involved in research has increased from 500 to 1200 students. Senators were encouraged to engage undergraduates in their research.
 9. **Presidential Scholars** – President Harrison said that the presentations this year were outstanding and the quality of their work and their presentation skills were very impressive. She thanked the faculty mentors who support these students.
 10. **Eileen Tosney Award** – Provost Harry Hellenbrand was congratulated and applauded by the Senators for receiving this award. It is a lifetime achievement award from the American Association of University Administrators. Provost Hellenbrand was recognized for his outstanding, long-term experience as an administrator in the field of higher education.
 11. **Campus Picnic** – A campus picnic is being planned for CSUN employees and their families for this summer on June 26th.
 12. **2014-15 Annual Convocation Address and Leadership Reception** – President Harrison encouraged the Senators to attend the annual convocation address on Thursday, August 21st. That same evening, the Senators and new faculty will be invited to a reception at the University House.
 13. **Governor’s Budget** – President Harrison said that it’s very important for the Governor to add the extra \$90 million to our budget. The final budget should be released on June 30th.
- b. **Provost’s Report** – Vice Provost Michael Neubauer
- Vice Provost Neubauer thanked the Senators for a great year. We had a record freshman class (5800 students), a record transfer class (5200 students), and are graduating almost 10,000 students. The Senators were encouraged to attend commencement; the students really appreciate having their professors there.
- c. **CFA Report** – CFA President Nate Thomas

There was no CFA report.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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