

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 9/22/16
Minutes of Meeting of May 12, 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: Christina Ayala-Alcantar (excused), Nanci Carr, Sandra Chong (excused), Fred Ginsburg, Ray Hong, Taeyhun Kim, Ben Mallard (excused), Nathaniel Mills, Mario Ontiveros, Jose Paez (excused), Jorge Reyes, Freya Rojo, Joshua Schwartz, Whitney Scott, Kouros Sedghisigarchi (excused), Steven Stepanek (excused), Steven Thachuk, Gina Umeck, Shad Willingham

The Faculty [Senate Minutes for April 14, 2016](#) were approved as distributed.

1. [A Resolution Honoring José Luis Vargas](#) – Adam Swenson and Boris Ricks

The Senators took a moment of silence to remember five CSUN faculty and staff who passed away this past academic year: Amy Denissen (Sociology), Shane Frehlich (Kinesiology), Kyriakos Pontikis (Family and Consumer Sciences), Jennifer Romack (Kinesiology), and José Luis Vargas (Educational Opportunity Program).

Swenson and Ricks read a resolution honoring the memory of José Luis Vargas, former Director of the Educational Opportunity Program. The Senate passed the resolution by acclamation by standing and applauding.

2. **Announcements**

- a. Swenson introduced Dr. Raji Rhys, the campus's first Chief Diversity Officer.
- b. 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.
- c. Michaud invited everyone to attend the Academic Innovation Showcase, a collaborative opportunity for faculty to present the work they are doing. It will be on Friday, May 13th from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the USU Grand Salon. A film screening of, *All the Difference*, will be shown from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The film traces the path of three students from a low income community during their high school and college years.
- d. Bendavid announced that there will be a Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Amy Denissen, Sociology Department. The ceremony will be on May 28, 2016, in Northridge Hall at 1:30 p.m.
- e. Sales announced that there will be a 5th District Candidate Forum with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Saturday, May 14, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the Plaza Del Sol Performance Hall. The moderator will be Warren Olney of KCRW.

3. **Election of 2016-17 Senate Executive Committee**

The 2016-17 Faculty Senate was convened for the purpose of electing the 2016-17 Senate Executive Committee (SEC). The Faculty Secretary called role and the new Senators stood and stated what department they are in. Swenson then gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of the Senate Executive Committee.

Eleven Senators were nominated to serve on the SEC. The following six Senators were elected: Nazaret Dermendjian (Civil Engineering and Construction Management), Sheila Grant (Psychology), Kim Henige (Kinesiology), Judy Schmidt-Levy (University Counseling Services), Wayne Smith (Management), and Cheryl Spector (English). The following individuals serve as ex-officio members: Adam Swenson (Faculty President), Mary-Pat Stein (Faculty Vice President), Terri Lisagor (Faculty Secretary), Jerry Schutte (CSU Statewide Academic Senator) and Yi Li (Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs).

4. **Policy Item** – 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 \(Rights and Privileges Extended to Surviving Life Partners\)](#)

Since the last Senate meeting, Grant said that PP&R consulted with the Association of Retired Faculty, Information Technology, and the Library to get clarification on questions having to do with the rights and privileges extended to Emeritus faculty and their surviving life partners.

MSP to approve the policy revision with one correction.

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

Action Item – [Graduate Institutional Learning Outcomes](#)

Stein reminded the Senators that the CSU Chancellor's Office and WASC are requiring that CSU campuses establish Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILO) for their graduate programs. One amendment was made to delete the word "required" in #2 and #3, and to replace it with the word "appropriate."

MSP to approve the policy revision with the amendment stated above.

6. **Policy Item** – Educational Policies Committee Larry Becker, Chair of EPC

Action Item – [Basic Skills Policy](#)

Due to the short timeline, SEC forwarded this to the Senate with a do-pass recommendation without a first reading.

Becker reminded the Senators that they recently passed the policy revision requiring students to get a "C" or better grade in all four Basic Skills courses. Per coded memo ASA-2016-08, issued on April 13, 2016, the CSU considers the grade of "C" a requirement in a general sense and

permits various forms of the grade (C-, C, C+) as the minimum grade for Basic Subjects courses. Permitting the grade of “C-” as a minimum passing grade for Basic Subject courses makes us in compliance with the CSU minimum grade requirement.

Campuses will be expected to comply with the uniform policy regarding the use of the grade of “C-” in basic subjects for admission to the Fall 2017 term, and for graduation purposes with the 2016-17 catalog year. Since we are expected to have this in place for Fall 2016, SEC concluded that it was necessary to send this to Senate for a vote at this meeting.

MSP to approve the policy revision.

7. Senate Reports

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

President Harrison reported on the following items:

1. **The Passing of Two Esteemed Professors** – President Harrison extended her condolences on the passing of Professor Amy Denissen and Professor Jennifer Romack, who both fought valiant battles with cancer.
2. **Commencements** – We have approximately 11,000 students graduating this year, which is a record high number. President Harrison urged the Senators to attend Honors Convocation and the commencement ceremonies. Mr. Harvey Bookstein will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the David Nazarian College of Business & Economics’ commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 22nd. Rev. James J. Lawson, Jr. will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the College of Humanities’ commencement ceremony on Monday, May 23rd. Jim Berk, a past Distinguished Alumni Award winner, will speak at the Honors Convocation.
3. **Presidential Scholars’ Exhibit** – Five students gave inspiring and uplifting presentations about the research they are doing with faculty. She expressed her thanks to their faculty mentors for their contributions.
4. **Appreciation** - President Harrison thanked the Senators for taking the time to work in a mentor capacity with students, and for writing letters of recommendation and reference; these efforts truly help our students.
5. **Congratulations to Professor Maria-Elena Zavala** – Professor Zavala was named the first Latino Fellow for the American Society of Plant Biologists. This is significant and we are very proud of her.
6. **Fourth Annual PI Recognition** – This event was held at the VPAC this year. We now have 500 students, a record number for CSUN, who are supported by grants. We need to keep the number growing because this is a great way to give students experience and to pay them while they learn.
7. **Campus Dining Services** – President Harrison asked the Senators to read the results of the “Help Make CSUN Shine Bright Topic 7 Report on Campus Dining.” The University Corporation will consider the feedback when making decisions about what food is served on campus.

8. **Aspen Ideas Festival** –President Harrison said she will be presenting on two topics at the Festival: The future of university presidency and sexual assault on college campuses.

b. **Provost's Report** – Provost Yi Li

Provost Li reported on the following items:

1. **Condolences** - Provost Li expressed his condolences on the passing of Professor Denissen and Professor Romack. He attended the memorial service for Jose Luis Vargas and he was truly moved to hear about the impact he had on our students and across the campus.
2. **Searches** - They are planning to do a search for both an interim and a permanent Director for the Educational Opportunity Program. He hopes to have an interim Director by this July and a permanent Director by January 2017. This will be a Section 600 search and he will consult with the EOP staff and students during the process. The AMC Dean search is still ongoing. They just started the search for a new Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs.
3. **Bettina Huber Retirement** - Provost Li said there will be a retirement party for Bettina Huber on Monday, May 16th at 4:00 p.m.
4. **Impaction** - The Intent to Register deadline was May 1, so they will adjust accordingly, targeting a 1% reduction. They are trying to manage the incoming students and to ultimately manage the FTES. Li said that if they can manage the unit load, then we could more easily manage the head count.
5. **New HHD Dean** - Dr. Farrell J. Webb has accepted the position of Dean in the College of Health and Human Development. Dr. Webb brings over 21 years of public and academic administrative experience to the position, with the most recent two years at our sister CSU campus in Los Angeles. His appointment will begin in July 1, 2016. Provost Li thanked the search committee for their work.
6. **Retention, Tenure and Promotion** – Provost Li said it is very rewarding to learn about the achievements of our faculty. He is just completing the RTP review process.
7. **University Counseling Services** – Provost Li visited UCS and said they are heroes; he is very appreciative of their services.
8. **Budget** - There is no budget news at this time.
9. **Thank You** - Provost Li thanked the Senators and SEC for their work.

c. **Faculty Athletics Report** –Edward Jackiewicz, Faculty Athletics Representative
Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/far-report051216.pdf>

A written report was distributed. Jackiewicz said they are working with the students on meeting the basic skills requirements. A Senator thanked Jackiewicz for taking an active faculty role in working with the student athletes on their academic achievement.

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

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfareport051216.pdf>

A written report was distributed. Thomas said that there is a tool to estimate the SSI. 97% of CFA members ratified the new agreement. The Board of Trustees will vote at their May 24th meeting.

8. **Matador Momentum: Re-imagining the First Year of College at CSUN**

Cheryl Spector, Academic First Year Experiences

Spector said that Matador Momentum is an initiative to reimagine the first year of college. The goal is to give first-year CSUN students a forward motion that will carry them on through to graduation. Our local CSUN team consists of 20 people from across the campus. This effort is cross-divisional and includes faculty, staff, and students.

They have proposed many strategies in four areas: 1) Institutional Intentionality, 2) Curriculum, 3) Faculty and Staff, and 4) Students. Spector described the difference between a Meta-major and Mata-major, and encouraged Senators to visit the website below if they wish to learn more about this initiative.

<http://www.csun.edu/undergraduate-studies/academic-first-year-experiences/matador-momentum-re-imagining-first-year>,

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Terri Lisagor, Secretary of the Faculty

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