

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 2/16/17**Minutes of Meeting of December 8, 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: Andrew Ainsworth (excused), Sevag Alexanian (excused), Michael Bennett, Jeff Campbell, Francesco Chiappelli (excused), Sheila Grant, Virginia Huynh (excused), Sarah “Vicky” Jaque, Virginia Kennedy (excused), Young Sun Lee (excused), Coleen Martin, Mario Ontiveros (excused), Jill Razani (excused), Khanum Shaikh (excused), Freya Rojo, Christian Tedeschi, Paula Thomson (excused) Beth Wightman (excused)

The Faculty [Senate Minutes for October 27, 2016](#) were approved as distributed.

1. Announcements

- a. The Faculty Retreat will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. The registration deadline is December 9th.
- b. Swenson notified the Senate of two resolutions that will be considered in February: 1) a resolution in support of Associated Students' (AS) opposition to the proposed student fee increase, and 2) a resolution in support of our undocumented students.
- c. Kenya Lopez, Vice President for AS, announced that AS passed a resolution against the potential tuition increase. AS hopes to get the support of the Faculty Senate, by also passing a resolution. Lopez also announced that AS has partnered with the CSUN Food Pantry (FP) and the Campus Store. Those making a donation to the CSUN Food Pantry will receive a 20% discount at the Campus Store. Donations can be dropped off at the AS Office, Matador Involvement Center, the Campus Store, or the CSUN Food Pantry.
- d. Chong announced that Dr. Charles Reed, the former CSU Chancellor, recently passed away.
- e. Swenson announced that Dr. Sandra McGuire will come to campus on Thursday, December 15, 2016, from 4 – 5 p.m. to speak about *One Simple Way You Can Help Your Spring 2017 Student Succeed*, in Manzanita Hall 130. Senators were sent the flyer.

2. Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Report (QRTF)

Kate Stevenson, Director of Developmental Mathematics

Link to QRTF report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/QRTF-final-report120816.pdf>

In 2015–16, the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) convened a Quantitative Reasoning Task Force to review the CSU's expectations for student proficiency in quantitative reasoning upon high school and college graduation, and to recommend changes to existing policies and practices. Kate Stevenson and Steven Filling (former chair of the ASCSU) co-chaired this Task Force, which included faculty and administration representing the CSU, the University of California, the California Community Colleges, the California Department of Education, employers, and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Task Force conducted an extensive literature review, met with invited advisors, and participated in a national forum programmed by the U.S. Department of Education, which was hosted at the CSU Office of the Chancellor. The report (link above) details the final recommendations of the QRTF. These recommendations were a consensus of all forty members who served on the Task Force. The first recommendation provides a general definition for Quantitative Reasoning. Stevenson briefly went

on to describe each of the recommendations. She said that this is a project that will need representation from every CSU campus, from every discipline to be successful.

3. **Senate Reports**

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

President Harrison reported on the following items:

1. **NCAA** – The NCAA Committee on Infractions provided a ruling on an allegation of academic misconduct by student athletes from October 2014. It involved the former director of operations for the men's basketball team and ten student athletes, alleged to have cheated in online courses. The matter is finally resolved and the NCAA agreed with us on our self-imposed sanctions and corrective action; they additionally imposed a three-year probation for the men's basketball team, a fine of approximately \$25,000, and the vacation of nine wins from the 2015-16 season. These sanctions recognized the swift and decisive actions upon learning of the allegations and the new leadership, processes, and practices in place to prevent something like this from reoccurring.
2. **Post-election Campus Climate** – President Harrison said that attendance was good at the recent Campus Climate Town Hall meeting. She said that many of our students are facing fear, anxiety, and disappointment, so she encouraged Senators to acknowledge and recognize these feelings and to try to have meaningful discussions with their students. Tools collected by the committee would be available to support their efforts.
3. **Commission on Inclusion and Diversity Initiatives** – The Commission recently had their first meeting and reports have been very positive.
4. **GI 2025 Update** – AVP Elizabeth Adams will oversee the GI2025 efforts on this campus, but everyone has an active role to play. Adams has a dual reporting to the Provost and VP Watkins and will report monthly to President Harrison. Regular reports will be made to the Chancellor's Office on our progress.
5. **Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault/Sexual Misconduct Prevention** – In Spring, under Senator Schutte's leadership, CSUN will conduct our 2nd student survey on sexual assault/sexual misconduct prevention. This survey is a very valuable tool, so Senators were asked to encourage their students to complete the survey. President Harrison said that with efforts to prevent sexual violence and misconduct on college campuses, it is normal to see an increase in the number of cases being reported as students begin to feel safe and confident to report an incident. We will continue aggressively with education and training to prevent incidents from occurring in the future.
6. **Fundraising** – The David Nazarian College of Business and Economics reached their \$25 million goal for their campaign at the Gala with the \$5 million gift from CSUN alum, Harvey Bookstein and his wife Harriet. President Harrison thanked the University Advancement team for their efforts and progress. CSUN faculty and staff have also played an important role by making generous donations.
7. **Holiday Celebration** – President Harrison encouraged Senators to attend the annual holiday celebration next Thursday, December 15th, from 5 – 7 p.m., at the Valley Performing Arts Center. She wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

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

Provost Li reported on the following items:

1. **Faculty Hires** – Departments are starting to make offers to hire new faculty. There are 52 searches underway and 2 cluster hires. This Fall, sixty-eight 2nd-year faculty are up for review.
2. **Institute for Community Health and Wellbeing** – Provost Li met with the Advisory Committee and said it was good to hear about what they are doing to help the community.
3. **Associate Vice President for Student Success** – AVP Elizabeth Adams was appointed to a new position to lead and coordinate our efforts with the Student Success initiatives.
4. **Visiting Offices** – Provost Li visited with the Psychology department faculty and staff. He hopes to visit more offices in the Spring.
5. **Student Success** – Provost Li has received the Student Success plans from the Colleges. There was a retreat to discuss and brainstorm about things we can do to help our students. Provost Li will meet with the College deans to provide feedback on their plans.
6. **Chancellor's Office Visit** – Executive Vice Chancellor Loren Blanchard and his staff visited CSUN last week to discuss GI2025. They are reviewing 4 areas: 1) graduation policies, 2) non-payment fee policies, 3) high demand courses, and 4) high DFW courses.
7. **Student Unit-Load** – Since last year, the student unit-load has increased from 11.3 to 11.8 units. This is a 6% increase, which is a good start.
8. **Thank You** – Senators were thanked for their hard work and wished a restful holiday break.

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

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/sasreport120816.pdf>

Schutte reported on the following items:

1. **Resolutions Passed** – Schutte summarized the resolutions recently passed. They are listed on page 4 of the written report. He encouraged Senators to read the QRTF resolution, particularly the part about the Center they will set-up to oversee the process. With regard to a tuition increase, the CSU does not have a proposal to increase tuition. However, because of the Family and Students Transparency Act, we would have to announce a tuition increase by January 2017, even if we don't go through with it. A final decision won't be made until the May budget revise. The Faculty and Governmental Affairs Committee (FGAC) is also working on a comprehensive resolution.
2. **Academic Freedom Resolution** (first reading) – Schutte asked Senators to contact him should they wish to provide feedback.
3. **Lactation Resources Resolution** (passed) – Schutte asked Senators to let him know if they wish to see this resolution.
4. **FGAC** – In addition to the resolution mentioned above, the FGAC is working on a resolution reinforcing their position on DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). Since this is one of our core values, we should support this resolution.
5. **ASCSU Student Success Conference** – The ASCSU is hosting a comprehensive conference on February 9-10, 2017 to discuss student success and graduation rates.
6. **Meeting with Legislators** – Schutte will be meeting with legislators to discuss graduation rates, tuition, etc. He would be happy to share any concerns from CSUN Senators.

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

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfareport120816.pdf>

Thomas provided a written report. He said that CFA is working to increase membership, to present a strong front, and to fight the attack on public sector unions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

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