

**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**February 15, 2024, 2:00 to 4:30 pm**

**Zoom**

**1. Call to Order**

Faculty President Neubauer called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Secretary of the Faculty Senate Yoko Mimura called the roll. Senators not present were: Alyssa Arentoft (excused), Tim Black, Elizabeth Blakey (excused), Tissyana Camacho, Karin Crowhurst, Abel Franco, Matthew Jackson, Nafiseh Khoram, Shyrea Minton (excused), Theresa Montaña, Aglaia Mortcheva, Stevie Ruiz, and Suzanne Spear (excused), Kyle Simpson, Maryam Tabibzadeh (excused), Monica Turner (excused).

**3. Approval of the Minutes of December 7, 2023**

The Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2023 were approved.

**4. Announcements**

The CFA provided opportunities for faculty to participate in discussions regarding the tentative agreement. CFA Northridge Chapter President, Nate Thomas, is on the agenda today to provide further updates.

Senator Tonyan announced the Office of Institutional Research received a grant to gamify engagement in professional development around racial equity. A pilot program, Championing Our Racial Equity (CORE), has been created for this purpose. Senator Tonyan shared a flyer and encouraged faculty to participate and enroll in the program. Prizes are available for the top 5 most-engaged faculty, and departments can also win cash prizes.

**5. [President's Report – Erika Beck](#)**

Senators inquired about the new FAFSA deadline, patterns in enrollment, and summer school.

**6. Provost's Report – Meera Komarraju**

Provost Komarraju shared:

- a. for Fall 2024, the class schedule for 3-unit classes will begin at 8:30 am instead of 8 am. The CSUN Ready Affordable Class Materials will also be implemented beginning Fall 2024.
- b. the Spring GI 2025 event will take place on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 4:30 pm in the Ferman Presentation Room, University Library. This event will follow up on items from the last event and will include a panel on student success and retention. Provost Komarraju has asked to partner with the Faculty Senate for this panel.
- c. she attended the soft launch of the Faculty Development Commons in the University Library Garden Level. The Faculty Development Commons will host a formal launch.
- d. search updates:
  - 1. The Director of College Advising positions in the 7 colleges are ongoing with the goal to complete all searches by early April.
  - 2. There is ongoing hiring of advisors as more colleges reach out due to surges in enrollment.
  - 3. The Vice Provost and the Associate Vice President of Research and Sponsored Programs positions have been posted with March application deadlines.
  - 4. The Assistant Vice President for Faculty Programs and Initiatives position has moved forward with the search firm. Search committee members will be selected soon.
  - 5. The Dean of the University Library has decided to step down. There will be an upcoming search.
  - 6. There is one MPP review ongoing for the Dean of the College of Science and Math.
- e. she has completed the RTP review process for second year review. There will be 98 dossiers for the regular RTP review.
- f. the Board of Trustees was presented with two options of AB 928 in January. The trustees will vote in March. Provost Komarraju has asked for the Faculty Senate's help in engaging faculty in discussions regarding AB 928.
- g. the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) has completed their review of the Matador Advising Hub. The report has been shared with the Hub and the advising community. They will provide feedback by February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- h. projected annualized resident enrollment for AY23-24 is FTE 28,926, 0.4% higher than the target of 28,818 FTE. For Fall 2024, first time freshman applications are up and first-time transfer student applications are flat.
- i. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, CSUN will host “Admitted Matadors Day”. There will be one hour dedicated to an academic showcase.

Senators inquired about faculty hires, R2 research institute status, CSUN Ready, and the intent to enroll deadline.

## **7. Associated Students President’s Report – Paige Hajiloo**

Associated Students President Hajiloo shared:

- a. AS hosted welcome week to connect with constituents and share important resources.
- b. the AS Senate has been discussing the new FAFSA form and deadline; they are encouraging students to complete their FAFSA applications as soon as possible.
- c. AS plans to hold a town hall with the consulting group for the Black Student Success Initiative when the report is released in late February or early March to discuss the findings with the campus community.
- d. the AS Senate plans to write a resolution in regard to AB 928.
- e. AS will be pushing for more transparency on course material needs with the implementation of the CSUN Ready Program.
- f. gratitude for the Information Technology team and all the work they have done with the new Maple Hall building and LinkedIn Learning integration in CANVAS.

Senators inquired about AS’ promotion of the upcoming election.

## **8. Policy Item – Educational Policies Committee, Dan Weingarten, Chair; Paul Lazarony, Associate Vice President of Undergraduate Studies**

First Reading:

- a. [Basic Skills](#)

Chair Weingarten gave a brief overview of the proposed policy changes.

Senators offered editorial suggestions.

## **9. Policy Items – Personnel Planning and Review Committee, Sylvia Macauley, Chair; Diane Guido, Associate Vice President of Faculty Affairs**

First Reading:

a. [660 Appeals](#)

Chair Macauley gave a brief overview of the proposed policy changes.

Senators inquired about the use of the word “congruence” and offered editorial changes.

Second Reading:

a. [Preamble to Section 600 & 700](#)

MSP to approve the Preamble to Section 600 & 700.

b. [DEI Language in Section 600](#)

Senators discussed the language in this policy as aspirational and not operationalized.

MSP to approve the policy.

**10. CFA Report – Nate Thomas, CFA Northridge Chapter President**

CFA Northridge Chapter President Thomas shared members are voting on the tentative agreement with a deadline of Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Results will be shared the following day.

The CFA held multiple town hall meetings both statewide and at CSUN to share more information on the tentative agreement.

CFA Northridge Chapter President Thomas encouraged senators to cast their vote.

Senators thanked the CFA e-board and all their work.

**11. Statewide Academic Senate Report – Elizabeth Sussman-Dabach, Senior Statewide Academic Senator**

a. [ASCSU 2024 January Plenary](#)

b. [Legislative Specialist Report to the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate of the California State University](#)

c. [January 2024 Resolutions](#)

d. [4 Million Ways to Support Student Success \(Alumni Council Presentation\)](#)

Senior Statewide Academic Senator Sussman-Dabach shared eight resolutions were passed at the plenary meeting. She also encouraged senators to submit feedback for first reading resolutions.

## **12. [2024 All Faculty and Senate Elections](#)**

### **All Faculty Elections nominations**

Nominations:

- a. Faculty President: Theresa White, Jeff Wiegley
- b. Vice President of the Faculty: Tao Hu, Greg Knotts, Danielle Spratt
- c. Secretary of the Faculty: Cecile Bendavid, Yoko Mimura
- d. Statewide Academic Senator: David Boyajian, Tao Hu, Wayne Smith, Elizabeth Sussman-Dabach
- e. Senators-at-Large: David Boyajian, Tissyana Camacho, Jacob Hinkel-Lipsker, Stevie Ruiz, Elizabeth Sussman-Dabach, Colleen Tripp, Yarma Velazquez, Del Williams, Kathleen Young, Tadeh Zirakian

### **Senate Elections nominations**

Nominations:

- a. Educational Equity Committee: Traci Dennis, William Garrow, Kelly Opdycke, Suzanne Spear
- b. Educational Policies Committee: Vartenie Aramali, Lori Ann Campbell, Judith DeBonis, Traci Dennis, Marc Glidden, Aimee Glocke, Theresa Montano, Francisco Tamayo, Kristin Taylor
- c. Educational Resources Committee: Yountae An, Holli Tonyan, Meiqin Wang, Tadeh Zirakian
- d. Extended Learning Committee: David Boyajian, Marc Glidden, Sanjay Jain, Meiqin Wang, Tadeh Zirakian
- e. Graduate Studies Committee: Jaime Booth, Soheil Boroushaki, David Boyajian, Marc Glidden, Kyung Mo Han, Dong Liu, Katherine Lorenz, Renee Moreno, Danielle Spratt, Casey terHorst, Tadeh Zirakian
- f. Library Committee: Yountae An, David Boyajian, Stephanie Kim, Yang Peng, Erik Sandberg, Meiqin Wang, Tadeh Zirakian

### **13. Faculty Retreat & Honored Faculty Reception – Theresa White, Faculty Senate Vice President**

Faculty Senate Vice President White shared save the dates have been sent out for the Honored Faculty Reception and Faculty Retreat. The Honored Faculty Reception will take place on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Orchard Conference Center.

The Faculty Retreat is currently scheduled for Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the same day as the CSUNposium. Faculty Senate Vice President White requested feedback regarding this scheduling conflict.

Senators expressed gratitude for the thoughtfulness of Faculty Senate Vice President White and the Faculty Retreat committee. Senators also suggested considering an alternative date or canceling the retreat for this year.

### **14. New Business**

Senator Bendavid shared in 2021 bylaws amendment was on the ballot to increase the number of seats on the Senate Executive Committee by one dedicated seat for a lecturer. The faculty voted down this proposal.

Senator Bendavid requested the senators to reconsider the bylaws amendment to increase the number of seats on the Senate Executive Committee by one dedicated seat for a lecturer. Senator Bendavid will attend the upcoming Senate Executive Committee meeting to present the bylaws amendment for reconsideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Submitted by Yoko Mimura, Secretary of the Faculty, and Gabriela Pelayo, Faculty Senate Office Manager