

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved
Minutes of the Meeting of February 16, 2023
Via Zoom

1. **Call to Order**

Faculty President Neubauer called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

2. **Roll Call**

Secretary of the Faculty Senate Yoko Mimura called the roll. Senators not present were Arentoft (excused), Bennett (excused), Davila, Franco, Jackson (excused), Kioussis (excused), Moreno, and Rassibi

3. **Approval of the [Minutes of December 15, 2022](#)**

The Faculty Senate Minutes for December 15, 2022 were approved.

4. **Announcements**

Faculty President Neubauer welcomed new Senator, Abram Milton, new Faculty Senate Office Manager, Gabriela Pelayo, and new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Meera Komarraju.

Faculty Vice President White thanked everyone in attendance at the Faculty Retreat and gave kudos to the Faculty Retreat committee chairs, Judith DeBonis and Matthew Jackson, and the rest of the committee. She encouraged everyone to complete the post-retreat survey.

Faculty Vice President White shared information for the Honored Faculty Reception and upcoming 2023 Faculty Awards. The reception will take place on May 22nd at the Orchard Conference Center. A save the date notice will be coming soon. The Faculty Awards website will be updated soon with information for the 2023 Faculty Awards. The deadline for nominations will be March 10th and deadline for the receipt of supporting materials will be March 30th.

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

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

Provost Komarraju thanked the Faculty Senate for the opportunity to address faculty at the Faculty Retreat. In all the conversations with faculty at the retreat, a theme of pride in being CSUN faculty stood out to her.

Provost Komarraju shared the following updates:

- a. The four MPP reviews started last semester will be completed this semester for the following:
 - i. Houssam Toutanji, Dean of College of Engineering and Computer Science
 - ii. Dan Hosken, Dean of Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication
 - iii. Shari Tarver Behring, Dean of Michael D. Eisner College of Education
 - iv. Shiva Parsa, Senior Director of Educational Opportunity Program
- b. Six MPP reviews will be initiated this semester for the following:
 - i. Melanie Bocanegra, AVP of Student Success
 - ii. Diane Guido, AVP of Faculty Affairs
 - iii. Janet Oh, Senior Director of Institutional Effectiveness
 - iv. Diane Stephens, AVP of Academic Resources and Planning
 - v. Yan Searcy, Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - vi. Chandra Subramaniam, Dean of David Nazarian College of Business and Economics
- c. The Management Vacancy Announcement for the permanent position of AVP of Graduate Studies was approved by the PP&R committee.
- d. The search for the Dean of the College of Health and Human Development is moving forward. The search committee has completed their first round of interviews. On campus interviews are coming soon.
- e. Provost Komarraju visited the System office for a joint meeting of the Provosts and AVPs for Student Affairs. Discussion at the meeting included AB 927 and enrollment. With AB 927 community colleges can offer degrees but they must be unique and not duplicates. Student enrollment on our campus needs to increase and attention needs to be on retaining and graduating students. Focus on enrollment is urgent and needs to be intentional. CSUN is one of 7 campuses in the CSU system that needs to increase enrollment. Enrolling under targets will result in a loss of resources.
- f. Provost Komarraju will host the GI 2025: The Road Ahead event on February 21st at the Orchard Conference Center. She encouraged everyone to attend.

7. **Associated Students President Report** – Shayan Moshtael

President Moshtael shared there is a big focus on events for students to reinvigorate student life. A Winter Formal, somewhat like a prom, was held recently with great success. Upcoming events include the Big Show which will be held on April 8th.

President Moshtael presented a project Associated Students has been working on in regard to information and resource sharing for students. Students are looking for information and they do not always know where to find it. To combat this, AS will be speaking with college deans to discuss the placement of a QR code on syllabi with informative links and resources for students. Senators expressed ideas and existing resources that may assist with this project.

President Moshtael shared a recent injury that made him more aware of accessibility on campus. It can be difficult to get around campus and we should strive to do better. Senators shared their sentiments and current accessibility concerns.

Senators inquired about the food survey conducted by AS. President Moshtael informed they received 2000 responses and the data are currently being analyzed.

8. **Policy Item** – Personnel, Planning and Review Committee

Lindsay Hansen Brown, Chair of PP&R, Diane Guido, AVP Faculty Affairs

First Reading:

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

Senators expressed their concerns with the addition of this language before reviewing all values mentioned in the rest of Section 600 & 700.

b) [622.6.5 Appointments and Evaluation of Department Chairs \(Acting Appointments\)](#)

Senators expressed their concerns and asked for clarification.

c) [Evaluation of Associate Deans 622.5.2](#)

9. **All Faculty Elections nominations**

Nominations:

a. Vice President: Theresa White

b. Secretary: Yoko Mimura

c. Statewide Academic Senator: Wayne Smith, Adam Swenson

d. Senator at Large: David Boyajian, Lisa Cheby, Aimee Glocke, Candice Greathouse,

Kandice Grote, Tao Hu, Dong Liu, Nayan Ramirez, Casey terHorst, Holli Tonyan, David Wakefield, Theresa White, Tadeh Zirakian

10. **Senate Elections nominations**

Nominations

- a. Academic Technology Committee: Cecile Bendavid, David Boyajian, Chris Sales, Qin Sun, Melissa Weininger, Jeremy Yoder, Tadeh Zirakian
- b. Educational Equity Committee: David Boyajian, Tissyana Camacho, Traci Dennis, Joel Lemuel, Colleen Tripp, John Valdovinos
- c. Educational Policies Committee: David Boyajian, Simon Garrett, Aimee Glocke, Kandice Grote, Charles Hatfield, Laura Ruth-Hirrel, David Wakefield, Dan Weingartern, Tadeh Zirakian
- d. Educational Resources Committee: David Boyajian, Ellis Goddard, Kandice Grote, Vickie Jensen, Elizabeth Sussman-Debach, Yarma Velazquez
- e. Graduate Studies Committee: David Boyajian, Julie Gainsburg, Monica Gianni, Danielle Jarvis
- f. Research and Grants Committee: Chris Bolsmann, David Boyajian, Kyle Dewey, Minsung Kwon

11. **HERI Faculty Survey** – Amanda Quintero, Senior Advisor to the President for Inclusive Excellence & Equity Innovation Officer, Global HIS Equity Innovation Hub

Quintero encouraged faculty to complete the survey to create a representative sample. The deadline to complete the survey is April 30th. Quintero is working on developing a plan to host campus forums with the purpose to share insights and findings from the survey and engage in deeper learning of the responses. Senators asked if the survey is also open to emeritus faculty to complete. Quintero will follow up on this.

12. **Statewide Academic Senate Report** – Adam Swenson

[Academic Senate of California State University 2023 January Plenary](#)

13. **CFA Report** – Antonio Gallo, Chair of the CFA Statewide Contract Development and Bargaining Strategy Committee, Department of Chicana/o Studies

Professor Gallo reporting the CFA is reopening for bargain in the possible areas of salary, safety, workload, and benefits. After the state budget is issues in May, planning to have conversations with the data from the faculty survey.

14. **New Business**

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm.

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

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