

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of March 30, 2023 - Approved
Via Zoom

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Secretary of the Faculty Senate Yoko Mimura called the roll. Senators not present were: Camacho (excused), Davila, Franco, Khoram, Kioussis (excused), Knotts (excused), LaMonica (excused), Liu (excused), Meyer (excused), Montaña (excused), Ruiz, Saetermoe (excused), Stone (excused), Swenson (excused), Villela (excused), Vrongistinos, Wakefield (excused), Weingarten.

3. **Approval of the [Minutes of February 16, 2023](#)**

The Faculty Senate Minutes for February 16, 2023 were approved.

4. **Announcements**

Faculty President Neubauer announced the [election results](#). He thanked those that stood for election and those that voted.

Faculty Vice President White congratulated everyone recently elected to serve on Faculty Senate and Standing Committees. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming Honored Faculty Award Reception scheduled for Monday, May 22nd, 12:00 to 2:00, in the Orchard Conference Center.

Senator Tonyan announced a survey will be sent out to all faculty from the Educational Resources Committee in regard to educational resource allocation on campus. Senators were encouraged to participate and encourage others to participate as well. The deadline for survey responses is May 1, 2023.

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

6. **Resolution Item** - Educational Equity Committee, Jinah Kim, Chair; Nayan Ramirez and Will Garrow, Committee Members and Jacob Lau, Queer Studies; Sheena Malhotra, Women's Studies; Martin Pousson, English; Sid Hansen, Philosophy

[Resolution in Support of Transgender and Nonbinary Equity, Inclusion, and Justice at](#)

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Faculty member Hansen gave a brief overview of the resolution. Hansen thanked collaborators and administration in support of this resolution.

MSP: To support the resolution.

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

Provost Komarraju shared she is just completing her 90 days at CSUN and is beginning to feel more at home. She has enjoyed meeting a variety of stakeholders including a majority of the colleges, administrative council, and some of the departments.

On February 21st, the Provost team hosted a Graduation Initiative 2025 – The Road Ahead event with over 100 faculty, staff and administrators in attendance. Faculty actively addressing equity gaps in their courses were featured. There were discussions on retention and graduation goals and the work that remains to be done to achieve those milestones.

Provost Komarraju announced the increase in investment on advising. Twenty new academic advisors will be hired to address workload and lower the number of students each advisor is advising in alignment with best practices. There will also be a lead advisor for each college. Enhancements will also be made to the Early Start Program and the U100 course. Both these enhancements are to address retention and will help overall enrollment numbers.

On April 22, CSUN will hold a yield event called Explore CSUN Day. Students admitted for Fall 2023 are invited to visit campus on this day. This event is being held to help increase out yield efforts.

Provost Komarraju shared through her various meet and greets there seems to be a lot more work that can be done to help our faculty. They are focusing on enhancing the New Faculty Orientation and mentoring for faculty. They are also looking at providing more support for the post award processing steps for faculty who are successful in obtaining grants.

Provost Komarraju shared a recommendation has been made to the Chancellor's Office to lift impaction for first year full time students as well program level impaction in Psychology, Biology, and Kinesiology.

At the most recent monthly meeting with the other CSU Provosts there was discussion on AB928. There was also mention of a potential AB 1390 for Fall 2024 which would require all students to complete a Service Learning requirement.

Provost Komarraju shared four finalists completed on campus interviews for the search for the Dean of the College of Health and Human Development. The search for the permanent AVP of Graduate Studies has also been initiated.

Provost Komarraju encouraged faculty to attend commencement ceremonies to recognize

graduating seniors.

Senators asked about the focus on advisement and the hiring of new advisors. Concerns around advising from the Hub were raised. Senators shared worries about the disconnect between advisors and faculty and the faculty connection with students through advising. They also would like to know more about how this will affect course reassignment.

Provost Komarraju shared these advisors would remain close to the departments and work with the faculty on advising efforts.

Senators encouraged more faculty consultation in decision making processes.

President Neubauer encouraged Senators to reflect on the proposed Service Learning requirement. Senators shared students with jobs have difficulty meeting these Service Learning requirements as they are unpaid and require reliable transportation.

Senators asked Provost Komarraju about faculty hiring plans. She shared she has been attending weekly budget meetings to see what will be possible. Provost Komarraju is gathering data and has asked the colleges to submit their hiring requests.

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

President Moshtael shared this week Associated Students is hosting Diversity and Inclusion week. Each day of the week Associated Students is hosting a new event. Diversity and Inclusion week has been very successful. He also reminded Senators of the upcoming Big Show on April 8th.

President Moshtael presented the Associated Students Food Survey Data Summary. The Associated Students Food Survey was conducted from November 14th to December 16th, 2022 with a total of 2,065 responses. The Associated Students Campus Food Survey addressed several areas related to the dining services on campus including food variety, quality and taste, food pricing and value for price paid, and dietary restrictions. Some of the primary findings from the survey show that students are concerned with the variety and pricing of the campus food options, specifically that they would like to see more options that meet their needs and pay reasonable prices for their meals. Associated Students is currently working to conduct focus groups in collaboration with Matador Eats through TUC and Chartwells to further understand students' needs before moving forward with recommendations that will be approved by the AS Senate.

Senators shared their own experiences with food services on campus. They agreed there is a lot of improvements that must be made.

President Moshtael announced the upcoming Associated Students elections which will take place the second week of April. He asked Senators to encourage their students to run for Associated Students.

9. **Policy Item** – Personnel, Planning and Review Committee, Lindsay Hansen Brown, Chair of PP&R, Diane Guido, AVP Faculty Affairs (Time certain 3:30 p.m.)

First Reading:

a) **622.5.2 Evaluation of Associate Deans**

MSP to waive the first reading.

Chair Hansen Brown provided a brief overview of the proposed policy.

MSP to approve the policy.

b) **706.1 Establishment and Approval of Departmental Criteria and Evaluation Procedures**

Chair Hansen Brown provided a brief overview of the proposed policy.

Senators suggested editorial changes.

10. **New Assessment Model** – Sakilé Camara, Director of Academic Assessment and Program Review

Director Camara provided a brief background of the new assessment model, Instructors Reporting On Classroom Assessment (IROCA). The two overarching goals of the assessment model are to be a useful and easy process for faculty and for the Office of Academic Assessment and Program review to serve as an assessment resource. The new model integrates assessment and program review more closely.

The new assessment model reduces the work of assessment by collecting, cleaning, and providing outcome achievement data. In collaboration with IT the new model is integrated in CANVAS. The implementation of the new model begins in Fall 2023.

Senators shared their concerns with the new assessment model specifically with the time required to complete the assessment under the new model. Senators also questioned how the new model would work with courses that do not use quizzes or exams for assessment.

Director Camara emphasized there will be consultation and collaboration with individual departments as they are onboarded to the new assessment model.

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

Senators received the report via email prior to the meeting. Senator Ricks gave a brief recap of the report.

Senators discussed the idea of the CSU offering Associate degrees.

12. **CFA Report** – Nate Thomas

The CFA is preparing for the reopener bargaining. For the reopener, there are only four articles they are allowed to look at. These are Workload, Leave with Pay, Salary for 2023-24 Academic Year, and Health and Safety. The statewide bargaining team has been hosting campus based sessions to get more feedback and input from the faculty as to what the CFA should be seeking in each of the articles. Thomas encouraged senators to complete the bargaining survey. The CFA is working on open bargaining and more information will be shared soon.

The CFA has also requested a meet and confer on the upcoming 10% parking tax. Parking fees are covered under the collective bargaining agreement and need to be negotiated. The CFA has received various inquiries on this tax.

13. **New Business**

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.

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

In line with the ASCSU Resolution 3581-22, the Faculty Senate Office has adopted the Atkinson Hyperlegible font.