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**FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of Meeting of May 5, 2022**

Via Zoom

Faculty President Neubauer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Secretary of the Senate Yoko Mimura called the roll. Senators not present were An, Bennett, Campbell, Davis, Dermendjian (excused), Ding, Domagni, Fitzpatrick-Behrens (excused), Franco, Giraldo (excused), Stein (excused), Sussman-Dabach (excused), Tamayo, Yoder, Zirakian (excused)

The Faculty Senate Minutes for April 7, 2022 was approved.

1. President's Report– Erika D. Beck

President Beck sends her best wishes to the Faculty Senators on this final Faculty Senate meeting of the academic year. She thanks the Senators for their continued dedication and commitment to our students this past year as we navigated shifting modalities and the evolving expectations of our students and each other. She is confident that our next academic year will allow even more opportunities to come together as a community to enable our students to achieve their highest aspirations.

COVID and Semester & Beyond

Forward progress continues in our collective COVID response. While overall case counts remain relatively low, we have seen a slight uptick in both student and employee cases over the last couple of weeks. This reinforces the wisdom of our conservative approach with regard to maintaining masks in the classroom and work spaces as we enter finals and approach commencement. The mask policy will be revisited after commencement.

Additionally, we are continuing to fund the work of a COVID operations team dedicated to contact tracing, case notifications, and data tracking as we approach the end of the semester. This

keeps us in a solid state of readiness in the event we experience any significant changes in the trajectory of the pandemic.

Fall semester is being planned as almost back to pre-COVID status, incorporating all that we have learned over the last two years and applying those lessons for the good of the campus community. For instance, there will be a few more virtual and hy-flex offerings than were offered prior to COVID.

As always, the health and safety of our entire community is our top priority, and we will continue to follow public health guidelines and any local mandates that may occur. President Beck thanks everyone for their efforts to keep the campus community safe, informed, and moving forward.

Road Map—May 11

President Beck looks forward to the Road Map Celebration on May 11 where a draft document will be presented to the campus. She hopes you will be able to join the celebration. She is incredibly grateful to the members of our Road Map Steering Committee who have spent hundreds of hours listening and learning from our campus community to help chart our collective path forward. A special thanks to Provost Mary Beth Walker for her leadership in this effort. Thanks as well to all those who contributed during the process and she looks forward to taking this next step together as we continue to advance academic excellence and deepen our commitment to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion.

Happenings

Since the Faculty Senate's last meeting on April 7, President Beck has been privileged to participate in many meetings, events and presentations.

President Beck had the pleasure of meeting with Drs. Kristen Walker and Lois Shelton from the David Nazarian College of Business and Economics; Drs. Emily Russell, Merav Afrat and Justin Nicoll from the College of Health and Human Development; Drs. John Valdovinos and Tadeh Zirakian from the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences; and Drs. Boris Ricks, Helene Rougier and Marquita Gammage from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences; and she looks forward to participating in a Q&A session with Dr. Frankie Augustin's Organizational Complexity and Change class.

President Beck was pleased to speak at events that celebrate our campus values, including CSUN's first Digital Equity Day, hosted by Information Technology, which focused on how technology can be instrumental in facilitating equity and inclusion on campus and virtually. She was also privileged to welcome Ibram X. Kendi who spoke on Becoming an Anti-racist Advocate. This was part three of the Examining Our Campus series: Essential Talks, Anti-Racist Learning Network.

President Beck met with the new president and new provost of the American University of Armenia, a CSUN international student exchange partner to discuss additional opportunities for collaboration; she toured JPL with Professor Nhut Ho; and she and Dean Toutanji met with the

CA Department of Industrial Relations to learn more about the LA Cybersecurity Consortium for apprenticeships and career pathways for cybersecurity students.

President Beck was pleased to be invited to participate in a panel discussion with California Community College Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley on the state of higher education at a Lumina Foundation event. She also enjoyed presenting to the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) Board of Directors, a large business and trade association representing every industry in and around Los Angeles.

President Beck also had the opportunity to meet individually with Assemblymember Suzette Valladares and Councilmember John Lee and with the Hollywood Foreign Press Association to explore additional opportunities to support our students.

President Beck hosted a luncheon with the Campaign Leadership Committee in recognition of their leadership and the extraordinary accomplishment of exceeding our inaugural campaign goal, raising over \$230 million to advance our academic mission; she also participated in the annual Student Success Celebration to share her gratitude for the tremendous collective effort in closing equity gaps and helping our students achieve their highest aspirations. And just last week, she also had the opportunity to attend The Soraya's 10th anniversary celebration, Broadway Celebrates The Soraya, and extend her personal thanks to Interim CSU Chancellor Jolene Koester and all of The Soraya Founders for their generosity and leadership.

President Beck was pleased to host CSU Trustee Krystal Raynes on campus, and incredibly honored to introduce CSUN alum and United States Second Gentleman, Mr. Douglas Emhoff, at the CSU DC & New York alumni event.

As the last papers are graded and exams given in these final weeks of the semester, President Beck again extends her deep gratitude to the faculty for their transformative work in enabling our students' potential. It is through these efforts and our students that we will realize a brighter, more equitable future. She looks forward to seeing everyone at honors convocation on May 14 and our commencement ceremonies May 20-23 and wishes everyone a wonderful, rejuvenating, safe and healthy summer.

2. Provost's Report – Mary-Beth Walker

- a. Dr. Jeffrey Reeder, selected as the Dean of the College of Humanities, effective 08/01/2022.
- b. Registration for Fall Semester has begun.
- c. The upcoming Fall 2022 class: transfer numbers are down, with community college enrollment has taken a hit. Freshman enrollment is good.
- d. Registration extended to June 01, 2022.

3. Announcements

- a. President Michael Neubauer encouraged the Senators to join the Commencements and Honors Convocation to show student support.
- b. Honored Faculty Reception – 05/24/22, 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
- c. Nate Thomas, CFA, shared the CFA Board Members collaborated on the Professor of Practice and the CSU and CFA have set their committees

4. Senator Introductions – Theresa White, Faculty Senate Vice President

Senators introduced: Tonyan, Vrongistinos, Zirakian

2021-2022 Faculty Senate Meeting Closed and 2022-2023 Faculty Senate Meeting Opened at 2:30 p.m.

- a. Introduction of returning and newly elected Senators
- b. Nominations for the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). The SEC is composed of Faculty Officers with six (6) additional members and Statewide Academic
- c. Nominees are William Garrow (Deaf Studies), Wayne Smith (Management), Cecile Bendavid (Computer Science), Delphia Williams (Library), Colleen Tripp (English), Danielle Spratt (English), Aimee Glocke (Africana Studies), Theresa Montano (Chicana/o Studies), and Jeffrey Wiegley (Computer Science)
- d. The SEC elections will be available on Canvas.

2022-2023 Faculty Senate Meeting Closed at 2:36 p.m. and the 2021-2022 Faculty Senate Meeting reopened at 2:38 p.m.

5. Website Relaunch and Portal Transition – Academic Technology Committee

Tomo Hattori, Chair; Ranjit Philip, VP & CIO; Kevin Lizarraga, Director of University Marketing; Kimon Rethis, Senior Web Producer, Marketing & Communications, University Relations & Advancement; and Kyle Shaver, Director of Enterprise Application Development Information Technology; Ben Billow, Carnegie, BVD & Modo Labs

- a. The team shared the website and portal relaunch project geared towards new students and growth with the University. Ben Billow walked through the new University webpage, links, images of programs, campus environment, and the sections of the webpage to include news, events, and alumni.
- b. The timeline for the Web Phases: Phase 1- Summer 2022, Phase 2: Fall 2022, and the Portal Phases: Phase 1 – Summer 2022, Phase 2: Fall 2022, Phase 3: Spring 2023

6. Policy Items – Personnel, Planning, and Review (PP&R) Committee

Lindsay Hansen Brown, Chair, PP&R

Action Item: 621.4.2.b – Lecturer Evaluations

MSP: policy as presented

First Reading:

- a. **604.2.12 – Professional Responsibility Edits-Textbooks Revised**
- b. **612.2.3 – Dual Service**
- c. **622.6.5 – Acting Chair Appointments**
- d. **645.4 – Periodic Review of Tenured Faculty**

- 7. Policy Item** – Educational Policies Committee and Graduate Studies Committee
Dan Weingarten, Chair; Elizabeth Adams, AVP, Undergraduate Studies; Danielle Spratt, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee; Amy Levin, AVP, Graduate Studies

First Reading:

Policy on Discontinuance of Programs

There was no discussion on this item.

- 8. Policy Items** – Educational Policies Committee and Academic Assessment
Dan Weingarten, Chair; Elizabeth Adams, AVP, Undergraduate Studies; Sakile Camara, Interim Director of Academic Assessment

Second Reading:

Undergraduate Institutional Learning Outcomes

MSP: to submit to the University for formalization

- 9. Policy Item** – Graduate Studies Committee
Danielle Spratt, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee; Amy Levin, AVP, Graduate Studies

First Reading:

Policy on Credit Certificates

Classified Status Policy

10. Resolution for AB 928

Dan Weingarten, Chair, Educational Policy Committee, and Adam Swenson, ASCSU Senator

Recommendation for a singular GE Transfer Pathway resolved: CSU recommended that the 34-unit transfer pathway and AB 928 be accepted:

1. Critical Thinking
2. Oral Communication
3. Written Communication
4. Quantitative Literacy

IGETS & CSUN Breadth will be eliminated with this new resolution. AB 928 must be in place by 2025.

MSP: to accept the resolution

11. Statewide Academic Senate Report

Statewide Academic Senator Boris Ricks reported the ASCSU is in the process of gathering votes for an in-person meeting in Long Beach.

12. CFA Report

CFA CSUN Chapter President Nate Thomas reported the following:

1. Contact the payroll office if there is any issue with the Covid stipend
2. GSI increase is 4% increase in July
3. The State Controller website will list the dates the money will be issued
4. New bargaining starts on 1/1/2023

13. New Business

Senator Konstantinos Vrongistinos proposed faculty be allowed to park in the closed parking structure G6, because this was built with FERMA money after the Northridge earthquake.

Senators suggested writing a letter of support for Dr. Melina Abdullah, CSULA professor, who went to CSULA to listen to the mayoral debate that was targeted and dragged out by the LAPD.

MSP: Faculty Senate will write the letter of support

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Submitted by: Yoko Mimura, Secretary of the Faculty, and Deborah Kusin, Recording Secretary