

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – Approved 10/15/2020
October 1, 2020 – Special Meeting
Via Zoom

Members Present: Dermendjian, Mimura, Montano, Neubauer (Chair), Ricks, Stein, Swenson, Sussman, Walker, Wiegley, Wilson (Recording Secretary)

Guests: R. Gunsalus

Faculty President Neubauer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Presentation by Rob Gunsalus, Vice President for University Advancement

VP Rob Gunsalus shared that California State University, Northridge, intends to formally request the approval of the naming of University Hall and the Resilient Scholars Program in honor of Milt and Debbie Valera at the November 2020 meeting of the California State University Board of Trustees. VP Rob Gunsalus explained the approval process, the reasoning behind the name change and answered questions from SEC about the donors.

MSP: to accept the naming of University Hall as Valera Hall and the naming of the Resilient Scholars Program as Milt and Debbie Valera Resilient Scholars Program. Faculty President Neubauer will sign the memo and send it to VP Gunsalus.

2. RTP and possible delays of promotion/tenure decision - Provost Mary Beth Walker

Provost Walker shared that last spring SEC made a recommendation to allow probationary faculty the option to extend their tenure clock due to the pandemic. CFA is recommending a 5 year extension option for probationary faculty to extend their tenure clock. SEC briefly discussed the current pandemic, new faculty, RFP, the tenure clock and the promotion process. SEC discussed giving faculty a 1 year extension with the option to revisit next year.

MSP: SEC recommends that faculty members have an option of extending their tenure clock until the Summer of 2023. Faculty would receive a one year extension and would have until the end of the academic year 2022-23 (may 2023) to decide if they would like to request an extension.

There was a motion made to amend the motion and add “Due to COVID-19”. The motion was seconded. SEC voted to amend the motion.

MSP to Amend Motion: Due to COVID-19, SEC recommends that faculty members have an option of extending their tenure clock until the Summer of 2023.

Faculty President Neubauer opened the floor for discussion of the main motion. SEC voted and the motion passed.

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Provost Walker will meet with CFA and report back to SEC. SEC will discuss and revisit the

recommended extension in a year, if a need arises.

3. Discussion of Dissemination of Information with the larger campus body

Senator Sussman requested feedback from SEC on the best way to disseminate ASCSU information to faculty and Senators. Faculty President Neubauer suggested using the Faculty Senate distribution list for ASCSU information. President Neubauer said that he can distribute important information upon request (requests to distribute require a justification). SEC discussed dissemination of information, the faculty president blog, the Faculty Senate website, transparency and the need for increased communication. A Senator suggested creating a public Box folder or to use the Faculty President Blog. President Neubauer will continue the discussion with Senator Sussman and make a decision on how best disseminate the information, as requests arise.

4. New Business

Senator Sussman announced that the CSUNposium will be held on April 9, 2021. To be a judge you can sign up on the [website](#). Nicole Wilson shared that the Faculty Retreat Committee changed the Faculty Retreat date to January 14, 2021 and January 15, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47pm

Submitted by: Yoko Mimura, Secretary of the Faculty and Nicole Wilson, Recording Secretary