

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – Approved 5/3/18**March 29, 2018****University Hall, Room 277**

Members Present: Chong, Heinen, Henige, Li, Lisagor, Neubauer, Schmidt-Levy, Spector, Stahl, Stein, Swenson, Wilson (Recording Secretary)

Guests: S. Theodolou, K. Sorrells

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

1. Approval of SEC Minutes

MSP to approve the [SEC minutes for March 1, 2018](#) as revised.

2. Announcements

- a. President Swenson announced that the runoff elections were ongoing and requested that all SEC members encourage other faculty members to vote. President Swenson congratulated Stein, Neubauer and Henige on being elected to officer positions.
- b. President Swenson announced that he made a few changes to the agenda items.

3. Review of Standing Committee Minutes

Academic Technology (2/2-no policy)

Educational Equity (2/12-no policy)

Extended Learning (11/15-no policy)

Educational Policies (2/21-no policy)

Educational Resources (2/13-no policy)

Graduate Studies (2/13-policy-classified status, thesis committee composition)

Library (2/7-policy-library noise policy under review)

Personnel, Planning and Review (2/7-no policy)

Research and Grants (2/9-policy-GRIF policy)

4. [Classified Status](#)

Graduate Studies Committee

First Reading

Swenson mentioned that the GSC chair and executive secretary were out of town at a meeting. They had requested that SEC review the classified status policy so that it may be advanced to the Senate. Swenson said that feedback from SEC would be emailed to the Graduate Studies Committee chair and executive secretary.

The policy change is to allow CSUN to no longer require the GRE for admission to graduate school or granting of classified status at the University level. SEC members discussed the

purpose of the GRE policy change, GRE procedures at other CSU's, and the program writing requirements. SEC members discussed GRE scores and student success in graduate programs. SEC members recommended that GSC add more to the rationale for the proposed policy. A request was made to include quotations from the references. SEC members also requested that the rationale convey that departments will still have the option of requiring the GRE for admission.

MSP to forward this policy to the Senate for a first reading.

5. **EO 1100 (revised) and EO 1110 Discussion/Shared Governance Issues**

Statewide Academic Senate

An SEC member said that shared governance is a priority for the Statewide Academic Senate. The Statewide Academic Senate standing committees have recently had several meetings with the Chancellor's Office administration to discuss shared governance.

SEC members briefly discussed the issues concerning the implementation of EO 1100 and EO 1110 and how the 23 CSU campuses face different challenges.

Elections

Swenson gave a brief election update. Swenson explained that the program he wrote to tabulate CSUN Faculty and Senate election results will be installed on the Senate Office Manager's computer for future elections.

Athletics

SEC members discussed faculty pay, the campus quality fee, the athletics budget, educational resources, and transparency and made a request to invite Colin Donahue, Vice President of Administration and Finance to the next Senate Executive Meeting on May 3, 2018.

6. **Statewide Academic Senate CSU Report- Sandra Chong**

Sandra Chong reported on the following:

- a. The Statewide Academic chairs are having ongoing meetings with the Chancellor's Office regarding shared governance.
- b. The GE Advisory Committee has been trying to collect data concerning what type of GE Assessments are taking place at the various CSU campuses. The GE Assessment liaison for CSUN is Jack Solomon.
- c. The Chancellor has requested that all campuses join together to advocate for the CSU. The CSU expects to receive \$92 million for the budget, but will still we need an additional \$62 million to cover the mandatory costs. The Governor said that if the CSU increases it's tuition, they will lose \$92 million.
- d. The Senate passed a mental health resolution. Chong also mentioned that she will share resolutions that were introduced as first readings and would like feedback from SEC members. SEC members can contact, Senators Chong, Schutte, and/or Swenson for more details.

Link to written report: <https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/sasreport041918.pdf>

7. **Provost's Report** – Provost Yi Li

Provost Li briefly reported on the following:

- a. As of July 1, 2018, he will assume a new role as Executive Special Assistant to the President for International Affairs. Provost Li thanked SEC members for working with him for the past 3 years.
- b. Provost Li congratulated Senator Stein and Senator Neubauer on being elected as President and Vice-President of the Faculty. Provost Li also congratulated Senator Henige on being elected as Secretary of the Faculty.
- c. Provost Li also gave an update on admissions and CSU Apply. Provost Li said that they were able to make decisions about cutoff scores for the impacted majors. Provost Li recently met with the deans and chairs of impacted majors to discuss how they can be supported.
- d. Provost Li mentioned that a tenure-density report was shared with colleges. President Swenson said that the tenure-density report was distributed to SEC members via email.
- e. Provost Li shared that he recently attended a K-12 research symposium hosted by Professor Steven Oppenheimer.
- f. Provost Li said that the most recent CSU budget updates were mentioned earlier in the meeting by Senator Chong.

8. **GE Task Force Update**

Kathryn Sorrells, Co-chair of the GE Task Force

Sorrells mentioned that Brian Burkhart was at a conference in San Diego and unable to attend the SEC meeting. Sorrells said that GE Task Force meeting information will be placed on the Senate GE Task Force website. Sorrells gave a brief overview of the Campaign for College Opportunity's recent report *Left Out*. The report is posted on the GE Task Force website. Sorrells shared that the next GE Task Force meetings are scheduled for April 13, April 20 and May 11 from 10-12pm. For meeting location information or questions about the GE Task Force please contact Kathryn Sorrells kathryn.sorrells@csun.edu.

9. **Subcommittee Reports**

The Subcommittee on Minutes and Standing Committee Oversight reported that they have completed their task. They found that the current process of liaisons monitoring minutes is sufficient. President Swenson's suggestion of a centralized, publicly available system for tracking policy items is not needed.

MSP: That the Subcommittee on Minutes and Standing Committee Oversight rise and be therefore permanently adjourned.

The elections subcommittee reported that they are waiting for the election runoffs to finish.

10. **New Business**

SEC members briefly discussed multiple measures. SEC members requested to invite members of the Writing Council (Renee Moreno and Tom Spencer-Walters) and math faculty (Kate Stevenson and Rabia Djellouli) to the April 19, 2018 Senate meeting for updates on possible changes.

11. **Set Agenda for April 19, 2018 Senate Meeting**

- First Reading – Graduate Studies Committee (Classified Status)
- First Reading – Graduate Studies Committee (Culminating Experience for Graduate Programs/Committee Composition)
- Directed Self Placement – Writing Council and the Math Department
- GE Task Force Update
- Senate Reports

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Henige, Secretary of the Faculty and Nicole Wilson, Recording Secretary