

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES** – Approved 2/7/19  
**November 15, 2018**  
**University Hall, Room 277**

**Members Present:** DeVeaux, Garcia, Heinen, Henige, Michaud, Neubauer, Spector, Stein, Sussman, Swenson, Theodolou, Wilson (Recording Secretary)

**Guests:** W. Garrow, A. Levin, G. Masequesmay, K. Sorrells, C. terHorst

Faculty President Stein called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**1. Approval of SEC Agenda**

President Stein requested that SEC approve the meeting agenda at the beginning of each meeting like the Academic Senate of the CSU.

MSP to approve the SEC agenda for November 15, 2018.

**2. Approval of SEC Minutes**

MSP to approve the SEC Minutes for [October 4, 2018](#) and [October 17, 2018](#) as revised.

**3. Announcements**

- a. President Stein requested a moment of silence for the recent fires and mass shootings.
- b. President Stein shared that the Faculty Retreat will be held on January 15, 2019 at the Odyssey Restaurant.

**4. Shared Governance Issues**

*Working Together on SEC*

President Stein said that she is working on becoming more consultative to help SEC work together. SEC members suggested having a continuing conversation on shared governance and working together on SEC.

**5. President's Report and Setting Senate Agenda for December 6, 2018 Senate Meeting**

President Stein requested that the SEC set the Senate agenda at the beginning of each SEC meeting. SEC members briefly discussed the October 25, 2018 Senate meeting. A few SEC members expressed concern with having Senate meetings moved to the USU Northridge Center. SEC discussed a request to move Senate meetings from the Ferman Presentation Room, videotaping, Senate meeting logistics, room capacity limits, meeting attendees, threats, social media posts, the definition of an open meeting, voting (instant runoff voting and approval voting), safety concerns, and police presence at meetings. SEC decided to use instant runoff voting for the Senate meeting, if needed.

SEC discussed communicating with people interested in attending the Senate meeting. SEC members decided to keep the Senate meeting in the normal Senate venue, the Ferman Presentation Room and to live-stream the meeting so everyone interested could see the proceedings. President Stein said that she would request that President Dianne Harrison not attend the Senate meeting to

allow all faculty, including non-tenured faculty, to have an open conversation about the vote of no confidence. It was decided that an email would be sent to the campus community explaining the logistics of the Senate meeting.

***Senate Agenda for December 6, 2018 Senate Meeting***

- Election of Senator to Senate Executive Committee
- Graduate Probation and Disqualification Policy
- Post-Baccalaureate Credential Probation and Disqualification Policy
- EO 1100R
- Resolution of No Confidence for President Harrison
- Resolution of No Confidence in Chancellor White
- Senate Reports

**6. Policy Items – Graduate Studies Committee**

Casey terHorst, Chair of GSC and Amy Levin, Assistant AVP of Graduate Studies

**Action Item – [Graduate Probation and Disqualification](#)**

GSC Chair Casey terHorst presented that the proposed policy revision would give clarification on when a student can be placed on academic probation and disqualified. This policy changes when a student can turn in their reinstatement from two weeks after the semester to a date that Graduate Studies will set.

An SEC member had a question about the reinstatement form and when a student can return to campus. Levin explained the process for reinstatement for a CSUN student.

**MSP** to forward this policy to the Senate with a do pass recommendation.

**Action Item – [Post-Baccalaureate Credential Probation and Disqualification](#)**

GSC Chair Casey terHorst presented that the proposed policy revision would give clarification on when a student can be placed on academic probation and disqualified.

**MSP** to forward this policy to the Senate with a do pass recommendation.

**7. EO 1100 (revised) and EO 1110 Discussion**

SEC members discussed the following questions:

- a) Are we post-implementation or not? Meaning, do Senators want to decide on the curriculum and how units in the GE are distributed?
- b) Can we have a motion on whether or not to vote on the options? What would that motion look like?
- c) Who should vote on options if it comes to a vote? All faculty or senators?
- d) Should Senate decide whether it goes to a vote of all faculty or just senators?

President Stein shared an EO 1100R option document that was distributed via email to all Senators. SEC members suggested that the document be updated with data from institutional research and revised so that it could function as a sample ballot with executive summaries for each option. Senator Michaud volunteered to work on updating the document. The updated document will be distributed before the next Senate meeting.

SEC decided that the Senate, as representatives of the entire faculty, should vote to decide if the university is in post-implementation or not. The mechanism to get to such a vote would be to have a point of order called on the Senate floor when the EO1100R is brought up. When the point of

order is “not well taken (denied)” then the Senate can vote whether to take up the issue of options. SEC discussed that voting on the EO options or resolutions would require Senators to vote on behalf of their constituents (faculty, departments and colleges). Interim Provost Theodoulou mentioned that if the faculty were to vote to maintain non-participation in implementation, an emergency meeting would be called with the Deans to choose an option and the option will be recommended to the President’s Cabinet.

## 8. Provost’s Report – Interim Provost Stella Theodoulou

Interim Provost Stella Theodoulou reported on the following:

- a. Interim Provost Theodoulou shared that she has implemented a policy of transparency in Academic Affairs and has met with all of the colleges to listen and have open dialogue. She has started a new program called “Pizza with the Provost” for students that will be held every other month and “Coffee with the Provost” for Faculty, also to be held monthly.
- b. Interim Provost Theodoulou shared that the cabinet has not yet finalized the budget. An update will be given shortly. There is a structural deficit due to the cost of student success and decline in international student enrollment. In addition, the \$179 million in new additional money was already accounted for in the budget. There will be a 2 ½ percent cut in the budget. The cabinet is debating about how much to take from the reserves.
- c. Interim Provost Theodoulou thanked Senator Kim Henige for chairing the AVP for Student Success Search Committee along with the other committee members. Three final candidates will be coming to campus on November 28, November 30 and December 3. The goal is to have a decision from the committee before the winter break.
- d. For the Provost search, the goal is to bring candidates in the beginning of the spring and have the new Provost start by summer.

## 9. Article II Section 8 of Bylaws Discussion

Senator Swenson mentioned that SEC discussed what constitutes a public meeting earlier in the SEC meeting (agenda item #5). Senator Swenson mentioned that his goal was for SEC to understand what constitutes an open meeting.

## 10. Statewide Academic Senate CSU Report- Adam Swenson

Senator Swenson reported on the following:

- a. Senator Swenson mentioned that the statewide report is not yet finished and will be distributed once it is complete. The most important issue is the Tenets document. The Tenets document has not yet been adopted by the Statewide Senate. There will be a second reading at the next meeting.
- b. Senator Sussman mentioned that there was no discussion from the GE Task Force of the Statewide Academic Senate on the meeting agenda.

SEC discussed the Tenets document and issues in the Statewide Academic Senate.

Link to written report: [https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/ASCSU%20Report\\_Nov.pdf](https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/ASCSU%20Report_Nov.pdf)

## 11. **Grievances Document Associated with Motions of No Confidence on President Harrison and Chancellor White**

William Garrow, Deaf Studies

Gina Masequesmay, Asian American Studies

Kathryn Sorrells, Communication Studies

Faculty President Stein requested that all meeting attendees introduce themselves. Garrow, Masequesmay and Sorrells shared a draft of their resolutions with SEC via email. Garrow, Masequesmay and Sorrells mentioned that they are still meeting with people regarding the resolutions and will have a final version soon. President Stein requested that Garrow, Masequesmay and Sorrells send her the final draft of their resolutions by tomorrow, so that it can be shared with the Faculty Senate. President Stein explained that if there are changes to the draft that is sent out tomorrow, it must be received prior to the December 6, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting. If the documents are revised, track changes must be shown on the revised version.

President Stein explained the logistics of the Senate meeting and asked Garrow, Masequesmay and Sorrells which resolution they would like to discuss first at the Senate meeting. Garrow, Masequesmay and Sorrells requested to discuss the Vote of No Confidence for President Harrison before the Vote of No Confidence for Chancellor White. SEC discussed the motions of no confidence for President Harrison and Chancellor White. An SEC member explained that the resolutions, if passed, would go to the Board of Trustees and need more evidence to support the charges. The document expresses the will of the faculty to the trustees. Sorrells mentioned that they have more data and will work on adding more information to the resolutions. SEC members explained that the resolutions can be amended on the Senate floor. SEC said that they would send an email to Senators explaining that the versions of the resolutions received tomorrow are draft versions and a more recent version may be received prior to the meeting with track changes.

Garrow, Masequesmay and Sorrells expressed concern regarding choosing an executive order option, the location of the Senate meeting and police presence at the Senate meeting. President Stein briefly explained how the Senate will decide if they want to vote on an option and the mechanism of a point of order was explained and how it will be used at the Senate meeting. President Stein also briefly explained the definition of an open meeting and said that there would be an overflow room for the Senate meeting.

## 12. **Senate Executive Committee Subcommittees**

Election Subcommittee (Heinen, Henige, Swenson)

Bylaws Subcommittee (Heinen, Neubauer, Stein, Swenson)

President Stein mentioned that the Elections Subcommittee will work on the elections next semester. In the spring semester, the Bylaws Subcommittee, will work on changing the bylaws to make things clearer (i.e. clarifying what an open public meeting is). A Senator mentioned that SEC, as an interpretive body, can provide clarification on the definition of an open public meeting.

## 13. **Review of Standing Committee Minutes**

Academic Technology (4/20, 5/4, 9/7, 10/5--no policy)

Educational Equity (4/9, 5/14, 9/10--no policy)

Extended Learning (4/18--no policy)

Educational Policies (9/12, 9/26, 10/24--no policy; 10/10--EPC discussed proposed new 6-unit graduation requirement to include a total of 6 units completed in ethnic studies, Gender & Women's Studies,

Queer Studies)

Educational Resources (5/8, 9/11--no policy-but ERC requests that any policy changes regarding resources be referred to ERC)

Graduate Studies (4/10, 5/8, and 10/9: no policy. 9/11--policy item: changes to graduate and post-baccalaureate credential probation and disqualification)

Library (4/4, 9/5, 10/3--considering whether the library needs a repository policy)

Personnel, Planning and Review (4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 9/5 and 10/3--some discussion re: bias on student evaluation of faculty; on 10/17, discussed possible changes to Section 622.6.2.e, and noted that CFA is investigating workload for faculty serving on PP&R)

Research and Grants (5/11, 9/14--no policy) on 5/11 discussion of moving the administration of RSCA grants to department level)

#### 14. Faculty Trustee Nominations

Faculty President Stein said that no faculty trustee nominations were received for CSUN.

#### 15. Other Business

Provost Theodoulou requested for the Senate to have a parliamentarian. SEC members discussed the need for a parliamentarian at Senate meetings.

**MSP:** to appoint Senator Adam Swenson as parliamentarian for the Faculty Senate.

President Stein announced that Senator Monica Garcia is resigning from the Senate Executive Committee, effective December 1, 2018, due to being on sabbatical. Monica Garcia will still be a Senator on the Faculty Senate. SEC decided to take nominations from the floor at the next Faculty Senate meeting on December 6, 2018.

**MSP:** to declare Monica Garcia's Senate Executive position vacant.

SEC briefly discussed the coordination of the upcoming executive order/motion of no confidence open forum meetings with Senators and their respective colleges.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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