

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – Approved 10/10/19
September 25, 2019 – Special Meeting
University Hall, Room 277

Members Present: Dermendjian, Henige, Luna, Neubauer, Schutte, Spector, Stein (Chair), Sussman (via Zoom), Walker, Wiegley, Wilson (Recording Secretary)

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

1. Educational Policies Committee

President Stein said that she called a special meeting to discuss how the Educational Policies Committee can do the work of faculty governance over curriculum. Provost Walker mentioned that there was no coercion on the part of administration to tell EPC to act. SEC discussed GE curriculum, the vote of the Senate to not participate in the implementation of the executive orders, wording in the Senate motion that created confusion and ambiguity, recent emails, GE plan R/E, listing across GE sections and different interpretations by Senators with respect to what EPC can and cannot do. SEC agreed that there are different interpretations of the Senate vote. As the elected leadership of the Faculty Senate, several SEC members feel strongly that the Senate needs a motion with respect to EPC. The Senate would need to have a discussion and a vote to decide if EPC should work on GE curriculum.

2. ASCSU Resolution in Response to the CSU Ethnic Studies Requirement

Senator Schutte shared that the ASCSU has written a resolution (AS-3397-19/AA) in response to the ethnic studies requirement and they are seeking feedback from all CSU campuses. There are five questions in the resolution that each CSU must respond to by November 1, 2019. Each campus will share information on how they envision an ethnic studies graduation requirement. SEC discussed the ASCSU resolution and how to compile CSUN's campus response. President Stein will create a Google form with the questions and distribute the document to the Senate for feedback. SEC also discussed using the Google form responses to create a Senate resolution in response to the ASCSU resolution.

3. Social Justice Graduation Requirement at CSUN

SEC briefly discussed the social justice requirement that was presented to EPC. Critical race theory, student success data, student performance in science courses, theoretical lenses, FTES and AB1460 were discussed in relation to the E&J proposal. It was mentioned that the authors of the social justice requirement see it as a separate issue that is not related to the CSU Ethnic Studies Requirement. Several SEC members mentioned that CSUN faculty at large may not agree with the perspective that this is distinct from an ethnic studies requirement.

4. Effective Dialogue Training

President Stein briefly updated SEC on the Faculty Senate training event. There were 52 attendees and the feedback was positive. President Stein said that the goal is to keep the lines of communication open. The results from the training event will be shared with the Senate once it is available.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18pm
Submitted by: Kim Henige, Secretary of the Faculty and
Nicole Wilson, Recording Secretary