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President: Mary-Pat Stein, Biology
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Secretary: Kim Henige, Kinesiology

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Marcy De Veaux, Journalism
Monica Garcia, Secondary Education (fall)
Julia Heinen, Music
Kim Henige, Kinesiology
Kristy Michaud, Political Science
Michael Neubauer, Mathematics
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Mary-Pat Stein, Biology
Elizabeth Sussman, Family and Consumer Sciences
Adam Swenson, Philosophy
Stella Theodoulou, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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*Special Meeting

SENATE-SPONSORED EVENTS

Faculty Retreat – January 15, 2019
Faculty Elections – March 6-15, 2019
Policies Passed in the Faculty Senate

Culminating Experience for Graduate Programs

https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/culminating-experience-for-gradprograms.pdf
Graduate Studies Committee. Passed October 25, 2018; approved November 14, 2018.
This policy revision establishes who may serve on a graduate student thesis, dissertation, or project committee.

Post-baccalaureate Credential Probation and Disqualification

https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/Post-bac-credentialprobation-disqualification.pdf
Graduate Studies Committee. Passed December 6, 2018; approved January 28, 2019.
This policy revision establishes when a post-baccalaureate student can be placed on academic probation or disqualified.

Graduate Probation and Disqualification

https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/Grad-probation-disqualification.pdf
Graduate Studies Committee. Passed December 6, 2018; approved January 28, 2019.
This policy revision establishes when a graduate student can be placed on academic probation or disqualified.

Resolutions of the Faculty Senate

Resolution of No Confidence in Chancellor White
Passed on February 14, 2019.
This resolution expressed the CSUN Faculty Senate’s lack of confidence in Chancellor Timothy White.

Resolution to Recommend Rejection of the General Education Taskforce Report
Passed on April 11, 2019.
This resolution of the CSUN Faculty Senate recommended that the statewide Academic Senate of the CSU not receive the CSU General Education Taskforce Report.

Resolution in Support of the Statewide Academic Senate Resolution on CSU Electronic Core Collection Funding
Passed on May 9, 2019.
This resolution recorded the CSUN Faculty Senate’s support for the Statewide Academic Senate’s Resolution in support of funding for the CSU Electronic Core Collection.

Other Senate Executive Committee Actions

Search Process Approvals
Meeting as the Personnel Planning and Review Committee in Summer 2018, the Senate Executive Committee considered and approved reports on the following search processes:
1. Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS)
2. Associate Dean of the College of Health and Human Development (HHD)
3. Athletics Director
The SEC also reviewed the Management Vacancy Announcements for the Interim Vice Provost and the Associate Vice President of Student Success.

**Using Qualtrics for Senate Elections**
SEC members created an election subcommittee and worked with Hilary Baker (Vice President of Information Technology), Deone Zell (Associate Vice President of Academic Technology) and Ernie Perez (Director of Instructional Technology) to move the Senate elections from Canvas to Qualtrics.

**ASCSU Update Meetings**
SEC members requested that the ASCSU Senators offer informational updates at Senate next year after each Statewide Senate meeting.

**REPORTS ON CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS**

September 27, 2018 – Natalie Mason-Kinsey (Chief Diversity Officer) introduced herself to the Senate as CSUN’s new Chief Diversity Officer.

October 25, 2018 – Faculty Senate discussed Executive Order 1100R.

February 14, 2019 – Educational Equity Committee members Michael Neubauer (Mathematics) and Marcy De Veaux (Journalism) shared information about national studies of bias in Student Evaluations of Teaching Faculty.

March 7, 2019 – Ken Rosenthal (AVP of Facilities and Development) attended the Senate meeting and gave a presentation on various campus projects.

April 11, 2019 – President Dianne Harrison announced to the Senate that a new Provost, Mary Beth Walker, will start at CSUN on July 1, 2019.

April 11, 2019 – Colin Donahue (VP of Administration and Finance) and Diane Stephens (AVP of Academic Resources and Planning) reported on the campus budget.

May 9, 2019 – Jerry Schutte (Statewide Academic Senator) shared information about AB1460 and the Academic Senate of the CSU.
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE STUDY

Attending Faculty Senate Meetings
All Faculty Senate meetings are open meetings, meaning that guests may attend with the stipulation that the number of guests permitted is up to the capacity of the room. The Faculty Senate meetings for the 2018-2019 academic year, particularly in the fall, saw unprecedented attendance. The Ferman Presentation Room has seats for Faculty Senators (~75), invited guests (~10), and additional guests (~30-35). The October and November 2018 Senate meetings were held in the Ferman Presentation room and both meetings were live-streamed via YouTube to allow anyone to watch the proceedings. For the October 2018 meeting, guest seats were divided evenly between students, faculty and administration. At the following meeting, based on discussion at the Senate Executive meeting, a lottery for available seats was held. The anonymous randomization of those that entered into the lottery allowed for the impartial distribution of seats to stakeholders interested in attending.

Senate Participation
The CSUN Faculty Senate has generally been a place for collaborative conversations in pursuit of understanding and improvement of policies and practices to enhance CSUN student success. Shared governance requires that the University faculty and administration hear one another’s concerns and ideas, and that we work together towards our shared goals. It is important that all Senators be heard and understood. A spring 2019 Google survey of Senators revealed that more than 50% of Senators feel uneasy about speaking at Faculty Senate meetings. Future efforts must be made to restore full and open conversation and collaboration at Senate meetings.

Senate Parliamentarian
The need for a Senate Parliamentarian became apparent during the Senate meetings of 2018-2019. Robert’s Rules should be used to maintain order and ensure that each agenda item is discussed and acted upon appropriately.

Executive Orders
The Faculty Senate voted on September 28, 2017 that the Senate and its standing committees would not participate in the implementation of EO1100R and EO1110 (on October 26, 2017, Senators voted to not reconsider the previous vote). At the Faculty Senate meeting on December 6, 2018, the Faculty Senate voted not to choose an Option for the Distribution of Upper Division General Education units, remaining bound by the original 9/28/17 vote to not participate in implementation of the EOs. This decision by the Senate resulted in the CSUN Administration choosing an option that mandates 3 UD units in Section B (natural sciences) and the remaining 9 UD units in Sections C, D, and F, with no more than 3 units in either Section C or Section D. Since Section F courses can be back-coded into Section C or Section D, students may take up to 6 UD units in Section F. It remains unclear how this policy will shift FTES; however, it is clear that departments with upper division courses listed in Section E will be seriously impacted.

The September 2017 Faculty Senate vote included curriculum ordinarily reviewed by the Educational Policies Committee. Any curricular proposal that was perceived to allow the implementation of EO1100R or EO1110 was instead referred to the Provost’s Academic Affairs Council for action. Relinquishing faculty governance over matters of curricula sets a dangerous precedent. Faculty must maintain governance over curricula in the future. Since the General Education Plan E will be fully implemented in the fall of 2019, EPC and the Faculty Senate will be able to re-engage in critical curriculum decisions beginning in spring 2020.

Senate By-Laws
Senate By-Laws are cumbersome to alter because changes require approval from the entire faculty, not just from the Senate. The Senate By-Laws have therefore remained unchanged even when there are obvious opportunities for improvements, clarifications and changes. Each year, the Senate Executive Committee creates a By-Laws subcommittee to review the Faculty By-Laws for updates. However, the recommended changes to By-Laws seems to get lost over the course of the year. Perhaps, in the future, it may be useful to set a timeline for By-Laws changes that will facilitate the completion of more timely changes. For example, changes could be presented to the Senate Executive Committee at the October SEC meeting; then, a first reading of those changes would go to the Senate at the October Senate meeting; the second reading of the proposed changes would be presented at the December meeting; and finally, proposed changes accepted by the Senate would be sent out for Faculty approval as part of the regular spring Senate elections.

**Elections**

Standardization of election procedures throughout Academic Affairs would be useful. Qualtrics was used successfully for the Senate elections this year. All colleges should also be able to use the same platform for their elections.

This year, many colleges had a hard time finding faculty to run for Senate and Standing Committee positions. The University needs faculty invested in shared governance and willing to play a role in shaping the future of CSUN for our students. College Deans and Department Chairs are asked to value these services to ensure faculty participation.

**Standing Committees**

Serving on one of the Senate’s standing committees requires that faculty commit themselves to taking the time required to do the work of the committee. Standing committee chairs are integral to keeping the committees on track and should be recognized for their efforts. As noted by past President Adam Swenson, the uneven workload across standing committees remains a concern that will need to be addressed in the future. Some standing and advisory committees may no longer serve a significant or useful role. Examination of the Standing Committees currently in use at other CSUs might prove enlightening in this regard.

**Campus Mediation**

Throughout the 2018-2019 academic year, the Senate Executive Committee discussed the campus climate that resulted from the administrative implementation of Executive Orders 1100R and 1110. The distrust of administration by some faculty and students, and the added faculty-faculty conflicts arising from discussions of the General Education curriculum in the Faculty Senate, resulted in discord that is still palpable on campus. The Senate Executive Committee discussed at length whether having some type of mediation would allow faculty to have discussions (faculty-faculty and faculty-administration) that would enable all constituents to feel heard and understood. This is a campus-wide issue that will need to be addressed in the future.