

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING** – Approved 4/11/19  
**Minutes of Meeting of March 7, 2019**  
Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room

Faculty President Stein called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Busillo-Aguayo (excused), Inga Chira (excused), Luke Drake (excused), Jimmy Gandhi (excused), Monica Garcia (excused), Xiaolong Han, Danielle Jarvis (excused), Kristy Michaud (excused), Carmen Saunders-Russell, Whitney Scott, Robert St. Pierre (excused), Gina Umeck

The Faculty [Senate Minutes February 14, 2019](#) were approved as revised.

## 1. Announcements

- a. President Stein introduced the Senate to the new Interim AVP of Faculty Affairs James Mackin.
- b. Senator Wayne Smith shared that Professor Carol Shubin from the Department of Mathematics and her colleagues received a large NSF grant to offer a new extra-curricular activity for students who wish to learn Data Science. There are funds to pay each student \$2,000. The flyer was sent via email to all Senators. Flyers were also placed on the back table at the Senate meeting. Senator Smith requested that Senators forward the flyer to students.
- c. President Stein shared that she sent two separate emails about voting. Each person received an individual link. President Stein is working through election issues as they arise. All voting is anonymous. President Stein requested for faculty to decide who they are voting for before opening the ballot.

## 2. Information/Discussion Item: EPC Report- Making Curricular Decisions

President Stein mentioned that she invited Christina Mayberry, the Chair of the Educational Policies Committee (EPC) to give a brief informational update on where EPC stands since the Senate voted to not participate in the implementation of EO1110 and EO1100R. President Stein said that she also invited Larry Becker (a member of EPC) to the Faculty Senate Meeting to add to the conversation.

Christina Mayberry gave a brief overview on how EPC is proceeding with curricular decisions since the Senate voted to not participate in the implementation of EO1110 and EO1100R. Christina Mayberry shared EPC's standard operating procedures on the EPC website (<https://www.csun.edu/educational-policies-committee>). Mayberry said that GE Curriculum is under the purview of EPC. Mayberry explained that the issue is determining what not participating in the implementation means. Through consultation, EPC has determined that they will review curriculum for GE as they would have reviewed it under the current Plan R. They will use the same SLO's that are in Plan R. If a curriculum request comes to EPC that would fall

under Plan E, but not Plan R, EPC will not review it. President Stein explained that one of the problems is that EPC will not look at curriculum that would go into C1 or C2. Mayberry explained that there are currently no SLO's for B1, B2, C1, C2. EPC will not be reviewing GE curriculum for B1, B2, C1, C2 or creating SLO's for those "new" sections. B3 (science, lab or fields) already has SLO's and can be reviewed. Mayberry said that at this time, EPC will not be creating any new SLO's for GE and will review curriculum for B or C using GE Plan R guidelines.

President Stein said that this issue came to Senate because faculty have purview over curriculum but in the absence of EPC deciding on curriculum issues, the Academic Affairs Council has been making those decisions. Stein is worried about faculty giving up their rights to make curriculum decisions. Larry Becker explained that the current model that EPC is using to review curriculum is unsustainable. Becker said that many faculty are working on curricular reform and EPC is unable to give any guidance.

A Senator explained that voting to not participate in the implementation of the executive orders does not mean that faculty gave up their right to participate in curriculum. The Senator mentioned that the CSUN GE Task Force gave the university guidance and recommendations. It was also suggested that a set of shared principles should be established as a body to help with deciding how to move forward. A Senator had a question about a matrix that EPC is working on to determine how to review curriculum and how EPC is determining if curriculum can be reviewed or not. Mayberry said that EPC is still working on the matrix for review and once it is finished it will be shared with faculty. The chart will show the different types of proposals coming to EPC, the process, whether it can be reviewed by EPC or if Academic Affairs Council should review it. The chart will help faculty who propose GE curriculum going forward. Mayberry said that EPC reviews the curriculum justification to determine if it falls under EO1100R or EO1110. If it does fall under either of these the executive orders, it will be rejected. EPC is guided by the Faculty Senate's vote.

A Senator suggested to review the CSUN GE Task Force Recommendations and use them moving forward with curriculum. Mayberry explained that EPC has not had a chance to review all of the recommendations and determine which ones they could adopt. President Stein explained that most of the recommendations are included in Plan E. A Senator requested a point of order and said that the chair should only moderate the discussion and not be involved in the discussion. President Stein said that few people have spoken up since last year due to a fear of retaliation and backlash. A Senator shared that the EO1100R will be implemented in Fall 2019 and the Senate vote is causing a problem for department chairs because it is taking away their right to give input on curriculum. A Senator asked why is the Senate meeting, if every time faculty disagree with administration, administration can just move forward with implementation. The Senator also asked if the faculty have other options to be able to push back. Another Senator mentioned that the Senate is in a really tough spot.

A Senator expressed concerned and said that the atmosphere that they have experienced in the last year and a half is extremely difficult and has caused them to censor their words. The Senator said that the administration has authority along with faculty but faculty authority has recently eroded. A Senator also explained that the Senate cannot continue to refuse to participate but instead has to start using their voice to help improve things. A Senator said CSUN can start by giving a response to the ASCSU GE Taskforce Report. A Senator inquired about the difference

between the CSUN GE Task Force and the ASCSU Task Force. Kathryn Sorrells gave a brief overview on the CSUN GE Task Force. Statewide Senator Jerry Schutte said that the difference is that the ASCSU Taskforce is a statewide taskforce and the CSUN GE Task Force is a campus Task Force. The Senate then briefly discussed EPC's role in curriculum and a Senator expressed concern with being stuck in perpetuity. President Stein said that the Senate will have this discussion multiple times in the future and she requested to move forward with the next agenda item.

### **3. Discussion Item - ASCSU Taskforce Report on GE**

President Stein explained that she sent out the ASCSU GE Taskforce Report to all Senators and that it has many sweeping changes to curriculum. President Stein mentioned that many of the other CSU's are in an uproar over this report. It is CSUN's opportunity to discuss what GE will be in the future. She also mentioned that she talked to Steven Stepanek, who was on the taskforce and he may come to a future meeting to discuss the ASCSU GE Taskforce report. President Stein requested for Senator Schutte to give a brief overview on the ASCSU GE Taskforce Report. Senator Schutte explained that the committee was formed as a faculty committee that studied GE and was not a Chancellor's Office committee. The committee had 20 meetings and the goal was not to establish new curriculum. The goal was to gather and give the ASCSU feedback. Senator Schutte explained that in the last six months the ASCSU passed a resolution called the Tenets of Shared Governance. In this resolution, the ASCSU amended it to state that the body would not agree to it unless the Chancellor's Office provided their written assent to the Tenets, and that as part of the conditions of the shared governance agreement, there would be no circumstances in which the Chancellor's Office could issue a new executive order that deals with curriculum without consultation. The agreement has been signed by the ASCSU and the Chancellor's Office has agreed to it, but the ASCSU is still waiting for the written version.

### **4. Update on CSUN Infrastructure**

Ken Rosenthal, AVP Facilities Development & Operations

Ken Rosenthal shared a PowerPoint and gave a brief update on campus projects. A few of the current projects are the Central Plant Heating Hot Water Piping Replacement on the Plummer Street Line and Building Laterals in the Sierra Complex, Nordhoff Hall, Cypress, Oviatt and Jacaranda Hall, Electrical Infrastructure Replacement, Satellite Central Plant Cooling Tower Replacement, G6 Parking Structure and 30 other minor capital renovations. Funding for the projects in construction was received from the Chancellor's Office. Some of the projects in design are a Restaurant and Conference Center (Bookstore Annex), a Plummer/Darby Traffic Signal, Science Building 1 Megawatt Emergency Generator, Baseball Ball Park Field Lights, a new B6 Lot Entrance, a Hotel P3 Project along with a Mechanical Unit Piping Replacement in the Education Building. Rosenthal mentioned that last year CSUN was successful in having the City of Los Angeles transfer ownership of Plummer to the university. Current feasibility studies are in progress for the following future projects: Redwood Hall Renovation, Sierra Hall Annex and Sierra Hall. Rosenthal also shared a list of unfunded PPM Priority Maintenance Projects (deferred maintenance needs). Rosenthal mentioned that the list of needs is about \$36 million and CSUN will only receive about \$11 million dollars for deferred maintenance. PPM does their best to reprioritize projects on the deferred maintenance list. The financial need exceeds the amount of funding received for unfunded projects. A Senator asked if the women's softball team

will receive lights on their field. Rosenthal said they received pricing and are aware of the need and will work on it. Rosenthal also briefly discussed bonds, agreements, allocation of money and the governor's budget. The Chancellor's Office and Governor are focused on critical infrastructure. It was mentioned that the CSU system has not received a General Obligation Bond since 2006. All the money that has been received in the past has been one time money and the CSU has been refinancing its debt for at least six to seven years.

A Senator asked if there were any lessons learned with traffic flow when building new parking structures. Rosenthal mentioned that there were a lot of lessons learned and an analysis was done to see how many cars are in the parking structure per an hour. The new G6 parking structure will have a fourth leg at the intersection and multiple lanes to get in and out of the structure. A Senator inquired about how to get on the deferred maintenance needs list and said that there is an issue with the elevators in Jacaranda Hall that are always breaking. Another Senator said there is an issue with Omni locks in Bookstein Hall. Rosenthal will follow up on the requests.

## **5. Pending Business: Motion for a Permanent Position on SEC for a Lecturer**

President Stein asked Senator Cecile Bendavid to briefly explain the motion that she brought to the Senate floor at the last Senate meeting. Senator Bendavid said that the motion has two parts. The first part is to create a permanent position for a lecturer on the Senate Executive Committee. The second part is for a current lecturer to be appointed to the Senate Executive Committee to serve in that position until the Bylaws change is written, accepted and the formal election is held. Senator Bendavid said that it is difficult for a lecturer to be elected to Senate Executive Committee. Half of faculty at CSUN are lecturers and lecturers have a point of view that needs to be heard. President Stein opened the floor for discussion.

A Senator said that this motion is a matter of equity and explained how CSUN Counts gives a breakdown of CSUN faculty. The Senator said part-timers outnumber full-time faculty. A Senator asked if a lecturer would be able to disseminate information to a subset of faculty. Senator Bendavid explained that lecturers on Senate share information with their constituents and represent their colleges. A Senator said that the second part of the motion is not acceptable because it is an attempt to change the policy before anyone has voted or approved the policy change. A Senator said a guaranteed spot on Senate Executive Committee for a subgroup limits participation of other faculty members. A Senator requested that Senators not confuse part-time and lecturer positions. It was stated that this motion is about lecturer positions and not all lecturers are part-timers. Many lecturers work full-time. A Senator inquired about the Senate Executive Committee's ruling on the motion and President Stein said that Senate Executive Committee decided not to support it. The Senate Executive Committee felt that lecturers can be elected and have sat on the Senate Executive Committee in the past. Senators briefly discussed the composition and role of the Senate Executive Committee and the service of lecturers.

President Stein requested that the Senate vote on the first part of the motion. If the vote passes it will be referred back to the Senate Executive Committee. If it does not pass, the Senate will not proceed to the second part of the motion. While the votes were being tabulated the Senate discussed the second part of the motion. A Senator explained that the motion requires a bylaws change and would require a vote of all faculty. Another Senator said that if the motion passed, the Senate would have to expel a Senator from the Senate Executive Committee. The discussion ended when the voting results were released.

**MS:** to create a permanent/designated lecturer position on the Senate Executive Committee  
Vote was 19-35; motion failed.

## 6. Senate Reports

### a. **Provost's Report-** Interim Provost Stella Theodoulou

1. Interim Provost Theodoulou said that total enrollment this semester is 34,609 students which is down by about 2% from last spring. FTS is at 29,006 which is 2% below the internal target. This year the regular enrollment is 29, 211 which is 7.6% above the Chancellor's Office target of 27, 939. Last year, we were 9% over the Chancellor's Office target. Average unit load is 12.81 units, which is about the same as last semester. First year freshman are enrolling in more units, about 13.91 units. Last year's enrollment for first year freshman was 13.78 units.
2. Interim Provost Theodoulou said that the General Education Alignment Plan chosen by Senior Administration in Academic Affairs has incorporated some of the recommendations of the GE Task Force. The plan that was implemented was not in strict compliance with the executive orders. CSUN differs in two major areas: we retained section F (and the 6 unit requirement), and our students can also fulfill their upper division requirement with section F courses.

A Senator asked why enrollment is down 2 ½%, FTS also decreased but the average unit load has increased. Janet Oh, Director of Institutional Research said that head count times average unit load results in FTS. The headcount is slightly down but the FTS is about flat because the average unit load has increased. Interim Provost Theodoulou said that increased average unit load equals increased costs. Another Senator mentioned section F and said that the executive orders and policies are institutionally racist. Interim Provost Theodoulou said that she mentioned section F in her report to explain that CSUN is not in strict compliance with the executive orders and that CSUN has received important exceptions.

### b. **CFA Report** – CFA President Nate Thomas

**Link to written report:**

[https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/CFA%20Senate%20Report\\_March.pdf](https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/CFA%20Senate%20Report_March.pdf)

President Stein mentioned that Nate Thomas had a donor meeting on campus and was unable to attend the meeting. A written report was sent to the Senators.

## 7. New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52pm.

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