

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 4/19/18**Minutes of Meeting of March 8, 2018**

Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room

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

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Michael Bennett (excused), Jeff Campbell, Francesco Chiappelli, Deborah Cours (excused), Marcella DeVeaux, Luke Drake, David Edelstein, Monica Garcia (excused), Jonathan Goldenberg, Kristy Michaud, Jeanne Robertson (excused), Sigalet Ronen (excused), Whitney Scott, Elizabeth Sussman (excused), Holli Tonyan (excused), Kathleen Young (excused)

The Faculty [Senate Minutes February 15, 2018](#) were approved as distributed.

1. Announcements

- a. Faculty President Swenson announced that Nate Thomas was sick and unable to attend the meeting. The CFA report was distributed at the meeting and by email.
- b. Faculty President Swenson also announced that President Dianne Harrison was unable to attend the meeting and sends her apologies.
- c. Faculty President Swenson announced that the Faculty and Senate elections began on March 7, 2018. If faculty have any issues with Canvas or voting, please contact the Senate Office.
- d. Senator Spector announced that handouts with information about the discussion dates for the Freshman Common Reading, *Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family* by Amy Ellis Nutt were placed on the back table of the Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room. Free books are still available for faculty, staff and administrators in Sierra Hall 422.

2. **Policy Items** – Personnel, Planning and Review Committee
Sean Murray, Chair of PP&R

Action Item – [Section 604 Professional Responsibilities](#)

Murray explained that this is the second reading for this policy and the requested changes of the policy reflect what faculty value. Murray said that the purpose of this change to Section 604 in the *Administrative Manual* is to explicitly state that faculty should not engage in exclusionary or retaliatory behavior towards faculty, staff, or students. Murray also mentioned that PP&R replaced the word “exploitive” with “exploitative.”

Senators did not have any questions or suggestions for this item.

MSP to approve the policy revisions.

Action Item – [Section 612 Responsibilities of Faculty Committees](#)

Murray said that this policy change is a revision to the personnel procedures. These changes would explicitly state in the *Administrative Manual* that the tenure-track faculty of departments need to vote to approve revised personnel procedures and need to revote if any substantial changes are made during the university or college level review processes.

Senators did not have any questions or suggestions for this item.

MSP to approve the policy revisions.

Action Item – [Section 622.3 Appointment and Evaluation of Designated Academic-Administrative and Administrative Employees](#)

Murray stated that the purpose of the proposed policy change is to ensure that a tenure-track member of University Counseling Services will serve on search and screen committees for the position of Director of University Counseling Services.

Senators did not have any questions or suggestions for this item.

MSP to approve the policy revisions.

3. [Resolution Regarding Flexible Teaching and Learning Spaces](#) – **Action Item**

Chris Sales, Chair of ATC

Sales explained that the purpose of this resolution is find ways to effectively reuse teaching and learning spaces on campus. Sales mentioned that this resolution can help with the University's student success campaign.

Faculty President Swenson explained the process of bringing a resolution to the Senate. Swenson shared that a resolution is a formal statement made on behalf of the body.

Senators discussed the resolution. A senator mentioned that this resolution is helpful because it will encourage departments to find ways to reconfigure and reutilize teaching and learning spaces.

MSP to approve the resolution.

4. **GE Task Force Update**

Kathryn Sorrells, Co-Chair of GE Task Force

Sorrells shared that the goal of the GE Task Force is to recognize CSUN students' needs, challenges and goals and make recommendations concerning CSUN's GE program that advance student success through quality education, while maintaining cross-cultural competency requirements (Section F of current GE plan) and aligning with the California Education Code. The committee charge came from President Dianne Harrison. Sorrells mentioned that their goal

is to recommend ways to improve General Education at CSUN. Sorrells mentioned that recommendations from the GE Task Force will be shared with the Faculty Senate, the CSUN campus community and CSUN administrators.

Sorrells said the next GE Task Force meeting will be held on Friday March 9, 2018 from 12:30pm-2:30pm in the Extended University Commons Room 101. Anyone is welcome to attend and participate. Sorrells explained that the GE Task Force aims to be transparent and inclusive and to reframe decision-making on campus. Sorrells mentioned that she will send all meeting information to the Senate Office to be placed on the Senate website.

Sorrells shared that even though the Faculty Senate voted to not implement EO 1100 and EO 1110, CSUN Administration is moving forward with implementing the executive orders. Sorrells said that the GE Task Force is not bypassing the Faculty Senate, college curriculum committees or EPC. Sorrells explained that the GE Task Force will make recommendations at the end of the semester and the recommendations will be given directly to the Faculty Senate for discussion and approval.

Senators discussed issues surrounding the implementation of the executive orders. Senators expressed concern about the executive orders and the effect they will have on jobs and the funding of programs for students. There was also a brief discussion about the Math Department and curriculum related to EO 1110.

Gina Masequesmay, an audience member, was recognized. She encouraged Senators to get involved with advocacy and attend the next Board of Trustees meeting on March 20, 2018. Masequesmay referred Senators to the following website:
<https://caeducatorsunited.wordpress.com/>

5. Senate Reports

a. **Provost's Report** – Vice Provost Stella Theodoulou

Vice Provost Stella Theodoulou reported on the following items:

1. Vice Provost Theodoulou shared that the Provost Yi Li extends his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. He is away on campus business.
2. Vice Provost Theodoulou said that they are currently in the middle of searches for the Dean of Michael D. Eisner College of Education and the Dean of College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.
3. Vice Provost Theodoulou said that they are conducting searches for Associate Deans. They are screening and interviewing for the Associate Dean of the Mike Curb College of Arts, Media and Communication. The application is posted online for the Associate Dean of the College of Health and Human Development.
4. There are currently no new budget updates. They are hoping to have an update by the May mid-year revision. Once the budget information is available it will be shared.
5. Vice Provost Theodoulou congratulated Professor Renee Moreno from the Department of Chicano/a Studies for co-hosting a colloquium titled "New Voices Amongst Scholars of Color" with the National Council of Teachers of English. The event helped create visibility to the campus.

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

Link to written report: https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfa%20report_30818.pdf

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

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