

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING** – Approved 4/9/2020  
**Minutes of Meeting of March 12, 2020**  
Via Zoom

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

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Ali Al-Sharadqah, Michael Bennett, Sara Soheil Boroushaki (excused), Joannie Busillo-Aguayo (excused), Mauro Carassai (excused), William Garrow, Gina Giotta (excused), Christopher Higgs (excused), Delinah Hurwitz, Susan Love, Michael Neubauer, Mutombo Nkulu-N'Sengha, Caleb Owens, Iswari Pandey, Elizabeth Poloskov, Boris Ricks (excused), Jeanne Robertson (excused), Stevie Ruiz (excused), Carmen Saunders-Russell, Diane Schwartz, Scott Sturgeon (excused), Gina Umeck (excused), John Valdovinos (excused), Diana Vicente, Vilma Villela, Theresa White (excused), John Whitener, Tadeh Zirakian (excused)

The Faculty Senate Minutes for [February 20, 2020](#) were approved with minor editorial changes.

### **1. Announcements**

President Stein gave a brief overview of how to use Zoom and shared that the meeting would begin with a COVID-19 update from Dr. Yolanda Reid Chassiakos and Police Chief Murphy.

### **2. COVID-19 Update**

Dr. Yolanda (Linda) Reid Chassiakos, Director of the Klotz Student Health Center  
Chief Murphy, Chief of Police

Dr. Yolanda Reid Chassiakos gave a brief overview of COVID-19. Dr. Chassiakos recommended social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart), frequent hand washing (for at least 20 seconds), avoiding contact (handshakes, hugs, kissing), coughing into your elbow or sleeves and disinfecting surfaces as methods of COVID-19 prevention. Dr. Chassiakos said that a COVID-19 update email was recently sent out to the CSUN Campus Community. The chairs of the CSUN COVID-19 Response Team are Police Chief Murphy and Dr. Yolanda Reid Chassiakos. Topics discussed were COVID-19 prevention, testing, isolation, quarantine, the CSUN Campus response, communication with students and face to face meetings. Dr. Chassiakos said that there are a limited number of COVID-19 testing kits available for people that are symptomatic and have fevers. The testing criteria is based on the LA County Department of Health. The Student Health Center is available to answer any questions from faculty, staff and students.

### **3. Pending Business – Tabled Motion: The CSUN Ethnic Studies Council will be consulted on the SLOs for an Ethnic Studies graduation requirement**

**MS:** The CSUN Ethnic Studies Council will be consulted on the SLOs for an Ethnic Studies

graduation requirement

A Senator noted that we still do not know what will happen with AB 1460. A Senator made a motion to table the motion. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted.

**MSP:** To table the motion until the next Senate meeting. The motion was tabled.

#### **4. Policy Items**

Judy Schmidt-Levy, Chair of Personnel, Planning and Review Committee

##### **Action Item-** [Addition to Section 632.3d \(Community-Based Service Learning\)](#)

Judy Schmidt-Levy explained that this policy change is to include community-based and service-learning as examples of instructional contributions in Section 632.3d.

There was no feedback on this policy item.

**MSP:** To approve the policy with no changes.

##### **Action Item-** [Section 634.1 \(Consultation Policy\)](#)

Judy Schmidt-Levy shared that this policy change would require that consultation from faculty and students in the PIF and PAF process follow Section 613, Oral or Written Comments about Faculty.

There was no feedback on this policy item.

**MSP:** To approve the policy with no changes.

#### **5. Policy Item**

Christina Mayberry, Chair of Educational Policies Committee  
Elizabeth Adams, AVP of Undergraduate Studies

##### **Action Item -** [Community-Based Learning Policy](#)

Elizabeth Adams explained that EPC updated the policy to make the language more consistent as recommended at the last Faculty Senate meeting. There were no substantive changes since the first reading of the policy.

There was no feedback on this policy item.

**MSP:** To approve the policy with no changes.

#### **6. Provost's Report-** Provost Mary Beth Walker

Provost Mary Beth Walker reported on the following:

1. Provost Walker shared there will be an FAQ list on the Academic Affairs website that will

answer questions pertaining to teaching online, face-to-face meetings, small group meetings, and labs, and that this list will also address any exceptions. Provost Walker thanked Senators for their list of FAQs and for being patient during this pandemic.

2. Faculty Development is providing trainings for Faculty on how to use Zoom. Provost Walker requested that faculty continue to communicate with their students. Provost Walker also thanked the Senate Executive Committee for their support in helping the university move to online teaching. Provost Walker encouraged faculty to continue to share their questions with the Provost's Office and other campus departments.
3. Provost Walker explained that the CSU travel policy keeps changing. For cancelled trips the cost will be covered. Some airlines are providing refunds.

AVP Elizabeth Adams shared that the Faculty Technology Center will provide technical Zoom training and Faculty Development will offer pedagogical training.

Faculty Development website: <https://www.csun.edu/undergraduate-studies/faculty-development/teaching-through-disruption>

Faculty Technology website: <https://www.csun.edu/it/ftc>

A Senator thanked Provost Walker for holding a Zoom session with CSUN faculty recently to answer their questions about online teaching.

## 7. Senate Reports

### a. Statewide Academic Senate CSU Update – Jerry Schutte

1. Senator Schutte shared that the ASCSU meetings will also be held online via Zoom.
2. AB 1460 has been on the agenda seven times. Senator Schutte requested that Senators read AB 3310. It is similar to AB 1460 but for community colleges.

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

Senator Wayne Smith said that he will be attending Senate meetings in rotation with CFA President Nate Thomas. Senator Smith gave a brief CFA report and answered questions from Senators. Senators discussed bargaining, lecturer compensation for the time to convert to online teaching for the COVID-19 crisis, salary compression, online teaching and bargaining. Senator Smith said that crisis compensation for lecturers has not yet been discussed but will be a part of the negotiations. Senator Smith will share the CSU and CFA's sunshine bargaining reports with Recording Secretary Nicole Wilson. Wilson forward the reports to the Senate.

A written report was sent to the Senators.

**Link to written report:** <https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfareportmarch.pdf>

## 8. New Business

President Stein said that she will send out the election results via email on March 13, 2020 and

there will also be a runoff for the Statewide Senate position after spring break.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04pm.

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