

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING** – Approved 4/30/20**Minutes of Meeting of April 9, 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: Michael Bennett, Soheil Boroushaki (excused), William Garrow, Mutombo Nkulu-N’Sengha, Caleb Owens, Jeanne Robertson (excused), Carmen Saunders-Russell, John Whitener

The Faculty Senate Minutes for [March 12, 2020](#) were approved with minor editorial changes.

**1. Announcements**

President Stein gave a brief overview of how to use Zoom. Senators were asked to message Senator Henige if they missed roll call.

**2. President’s Report- President Dianne Harrison**

President Harrison congratulated Michael Neubauer and Samira Moughrabi on being elected as the new Faculty President and Faculty Vice President. President Harrison also congratulated the 2020-21 newly elected officers and Senators. President Harrison thanked Faculty President Mary-Pat Stein for her service. President Harrison also thanked faculty for their help in this transition to virtual learning.

President Harrison reported on the following:

<https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/presreport040920.pdf>

A Senator inquired about university groundskeeping and vandalism. President Harrison said that due to COVID-19, there is a longer rotation for groundskeeping. The university has locked buildings and increased campus security. Another Senator asked for an update on campus COVID-19 related cases. It was shared that three people were tested. One person tested positive. The individual that tested positive is self-isolating. A Senator requested information on COVID-19 testing for students. President Harrison shared that the County of Los Angeles and the LA Department of Public Health have COVID-19 guidance on their websites. CSUN also has guidelines on the Health Center website and the COVID-19 webpage.

**COVID-19 website:** <https://www.csun.edu/covid-19>

A Senator also shared information about Dignity Health’s free Virtual Care Anywhere program for people that are experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms.

**Dignity Healthcare website:** <https://www.dignityhealth.org/cov19-video-visits>

A Senator inquired about the budget, unfunded mandates and funds for the Sierra Hall Annex.

It was mentioned that \$30-40 million of mandatory costs will be covered. The Sierra Hall Annex has not yet been approved. Questions about the Sierra Hall Annex can be directed to VP Colin Donahue.

### **3. Policy Item**

Christina Mayberry, Chair of Educational Policies Committee

Elizabeth Adams, AVP of Undergraduate Studies

#### **First Reading – [Full-Time Enrollment Policy](#)**

This policy revision will add language to the existing Full-Time Enrollment policy. It will allow students enrolled in the Semester at CSUN program through the Tseng College to be considered full-time at 6 units during the summer. The Tseng College of Extended Learning wants to allow international students to enroll in the Semester at CSUN program during the summer term but currently cannot approve student visas unless students enroll in 12 units.

A Senator requested that the word “international” should be added to the policy change. Another Senator requested to capitalize or bold “Semester at CSUN”. President Stein requested that if Senators have any additional feedback they can email her and she will forward it to Christina Mayberry and AVP Elizabeth Adams.

### **4. Policy Item**

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

#### **First Reading- [Section 635.2.2 \(Receipt of Evaluation Letters\)](#)**

Schmidt-Levy said that there has been confusion about the start of the 10-day period, the request to receive the letters electronically and the time of the placement in mailboxes. This policy change will clarify the start of the 10-day clock for the receipt of evaluation letters.

A Senator requested that a copy of the letter is attached via email. Schmidt-Levy said that it is an option and it is mentioned in section a of the policy. Faculty may request an electronic copy. Schmidt-Levy will check with Faculty Affairs to see if it is possible to send the letter attached to the notification email. A Senator inquired about the 10- day timeline. Schmidt-Levy will double check with PP&R. A Senator inquired about how the 10 days affects lecturers. President Stein said that Section 700 is for lecturers. Schmidt-Levy said that she would look into it and see how it can be incorporated into Section 700. A Senator also inquired about stopping the 10-day clock and late responses. Schmidt-Levy encouraged faculty not to wait until the last day to respond. The 10 days are specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. President Stein requested that any further questions be emailed to her or Judy Schmidt-Levy.

### **5. Provost’s Report- Provost Mary Beth Walker**

Provost Mary Beth Walker reported on the following:

1. Provost Walker thanked faculty for all the work they have been doing. Provost Walker introduced Dr. Melanie Bocanegra, the new AVP of Student Success. Dr. Bocanegra will be hosting the final student success webinar on Thursday April 16, 2020 at 2:00pm. An email

will be sent out with the Zoom information.

2. Due to recent concerns about students “ghosting” and not showing up via Zoom, Academic Affairs conducted a faculty poll on student engagement. Of the 270 faculty that responded to the poll, 90% reported that more than half of their students have been engaged in the virtual environment.
3. Enrollment of new freshmen and transfer students along with the reenrollment of current students is a concern. Enrollment will have budget implications. Any budget updates will be shared with the campus community.
4. Provost Walker shared that Associated Students were pleased with the added flexibility in grading options. Provost Walker is concerned with how the pandemic will affect faculty. Provost Walker has continued to meet with the CFA and the Senate Executive Committee along with other campus partners. Provost Walker and Nate Thomas recently sent out an email with information on post-tenure review, RTP and the evaluation of faculty during the pandemic. For probationary faculty they can delay the tenure clock.
5. Provost Walker thanked Faculty Development and Information Technology for providing emergency training sessions on Zoom and virtual learning. Faculty Development will conduct an e-learning institute over the summer.

A Senator asked if CSU campuses were advocating to change current policies in light of the current pandemic. Provost Walker said that there are many discussions being held daily about various topics such as GI 2025, student evaluation of faculty, admissions and enrollment. Provost Walker requested that faculty contact her with their concerns. A Senator inquired about the need for continued communication and requested an additional Faculty Senate meeting. It was shared that there is another Faculty Senate meeting on April 30, 2020.

## **6. Updates on SEF, Grading for Spring 2020**

Faculty President Stein shared that a memo was sent out recently about student evaluation of faculty (SEF). Faculty can choose to put their evaluations in their PIF and PAF or not at all. President Stein said that the Senate Executive Committee has continued to provide consultation on issues important to faculty. A Senator inquired about student evaluation of faculty with respect to lecturers. President Stein said it includes tenure track and lecturers. SEC voted to support AS 3418 which provides guidance around issues affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

## **7. 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 said that the Senate is still waiting for bills to be passed. The 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.

## 8. Senate Reports

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

1. Senator Schutte said that the ASCSU report was sent out to all Senators.
2. Senator Schutte requested that Senators read AS 3418, AS 3419 and AS 3420. AB 1460 is pending.

A Senator inquired about the \$3 Billion extension of San Diego State University buying property in Mission Valley and the potential 15,000 student increase mentioned in the report. Senator Schutte said that the process is pending due to the concern of the public private nature of the partnership. Another Senator requested for Senator Schutte to request information on statewide teacher preparation from APEP Standing Committee of the ASCSU. A Senator recommended for Senators to read Senate Bill 874 (2020). Senator Bendavid shared CFA's stance on various bills.

**Link to written report:** [https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/ascsureport\\_march.pdf](https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/ascsureport_march.pdf)

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

Nate Thomas shared that the contract ends on June 30, 2020. He will keep everyone posted. A Senator asked if there was a downside to having another extension. Thomas said that with an extension there comes a monetary piece. As of right now, they do not know what will happen with the budget. The benefit would be that anything that is currently in the contract would stay in the contract. A Senator inquired about the CFA and unfunded mandates. Thomas said that he has not yet received any updates. Another Senator expressed concern about extending the current contract, the budget, compensation and faculty workload. Thomas said that faculty workload will definitely be addressed in bargaining. A Senator inquired about extending the contract due to the Presidential and Chancellor searches being put on hold. Thomas said that CFA is discussing this topic.

A written report was sent to the Senators.

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

## 9. New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51pm.

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