

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 5/17/18
Minutes of Meeting of April 19, 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: Cecile Bendavid (excused), Chris Bolsmann (excused), Joannie Busillo-Aguayo (excused), Jeff Campbell, Francesco Chiappelli, Deborah Cours (excused), Luke Drake (excused), Jimmy Gandhi (excused), William Garrow, Jonathan Goldenberg, Barbara Gross (excused), Christopher Higgs (excused), Nora Moran (excused), Jill Razani (excused), Boris Ricks (excused), Jeanne Robertson (excused), Khanum Shaikh, Lissa Stapleton, Barbara Swerkes (excused), Holli Tonyan (excused)

The Faculty [Senate Minutes March 8, 2018](#) were approved as revised.

1. Announcements

- a. Faculty President Swenson congratulated the women's basketball team for winning the Big West Tournament and for going to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship.
- b. Senator Wightman announced that the GE Honors Program is hosting their Annual CSU Honors Conference on Saturday April 21, 2018 from 9:00am to 5:00pm in the East Conference Center of the USU. The conference brings together honor students from all 23 CSU's.
- c. Senator Scott announced that the Faculty Development Learning-Center will be hosting Dr. Stephen D. Brookfield for Keynote on *Acknowledging the Reality of Race in the Classroom* on Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 11:30am. A breakout session will be held at 2:00pm.
- d. Senator Michaud announced that the 2018 eLearning and Academic Innovation Showcase will be held on Thursday May 10, 2018 from 11:00am to 3:30pm in the Ferman Presentation Room of the Oviatt Library. Senator Michaud will send the information to Nicole Wilson to share with the Senate.

2. Policy Items – Graduate Studies Committee
Casey terHorst, Chair of GSC

First Reading – [Classified Status](#)

Casey terHorst mentioned that various departments on campus have been requesting to not use the GRE as an admission standard. The Graduate Studies Committee reviewed literature that found that the GRE is not predictive of success in graduate school and is biased against minorities and underprivileged students. This proposed policy change would remove CSUN's University level requirement of the GRE for admission to graduate school or granting of classified status. Individual departments and programs may still elect to require the GRE.

Senators said that the policy was persuasive and discussed how other universities have currently removed the GRE requirement for admissions. A Senate member requested that GSC add a counter argument to the policy revision.

3. **Directed Self Placement (DSP)**

Axel Montepeque and Tom Spencer-Walters, Writing Council

Montepeque and Spencer-Walters gave a brief overview of Executive Order 1110. It was mentioned that there are still many unanswered questions about the implementation of Executive Order 1110. Tom Spencer-Walters mentioned that the CSUN writing program is in compliance with EO 1110 because CSUN no longer offers developmental education.

The Writing Council is currently working to put in place a Directed Self-Placement (DSP) program that would offer guidance to FTF students to make more informed choices about being placed into 113, 114 or 115, in one of seven departments that teach Stretch composition here at CSUN. Spencer-Walters mentioned that the Writing Council did a pilot study 4 years to see if directed self-placement is helpful to students. The findings clearly supported the idea that it is.

Montepeque and Spencer-Walters gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on Directed Self Placement (DSP). It was mentioned that DSP is a mechanism that allows students to engage in critical writing, reading and decision making. Students will read an article, write a three to four page analytical essay and complete a self-reflective survey. Based on the essay and the survey results, students will receive a placement suggestion for the appropriate writing courses. Students will voluntarily choose their own first year writing composition course that meets their own academic needs.

Walters mentioned that the Chancellor's Office has decided that DSP cannot be used in place of multiple measures and it is a voluntary assessment. The Writing Council is working on a pilot program that they hope to implement in summer to provide a comprehensive way to help students make choices concerning first year composition. They are considering making the DSP available through Canvas. The goals are to encourage incoming first year students to participate in DSP and help with student success.

4. **GE Task Force Update**

Kathryn Sorrells, Co-Chair of GE Task Force

Sorrells mentioned that Brian Burkhart had a family emergency and was unable to attend the Senate meeting. Sorrells thanked Nicole Wilson for creating the GE Task Force website. The GE Task Force website has information about GE Task Force meetings and agendas.

Sorrells shared that recently, President Dianne Harrison directed the Department of Mathematics, Department of Developmental Mathematics and the College of Science and Math to move forward with the implementation of credit bearing courses in lieu of the remedial coursework in developmental math. Sorrells mentioned that the Educational Policies Committee plans on developing a public response to President Dianne Harrison. Sorrells said the GE Task Force is working on recommendations for President Harrison. The GE Task Force's charge is to make sure CSUN's General Education aligns with the California Education Code. Sorrells hopes to have the recommendations finished by the end of the spring semester and the results will be

shared with Faculty Senate, the CSUN campus community and CSUN administrators.

5. Senate Reports

a. **Provost's Report** –Provost Yi Li

Provost Yi Li reported on the following items:

1. Provost Li said in anticipation of a discussion he prepared a short report. Provost Li shared that many colleges on campus have hired new faculty members. There were about 46 new faculty positions this year.
2. Provost Li gave a brief update on admissions. CSUN offered admission to 16,009 first time freshman. Transfer student admission is still in progress.

b. **Statewide Academic Senate CSU Report** – Sandra Chong

Sandra Chong reported on the following:

1. Chong requested that the all Senators review the statewide report for resolutions that were referenced as first readings. Senators can contact, Senators Chong, Schutte and/or Swenson with questions or if they need a copy of the resolutions.
2. Chong asked Senator Schutte to give the Senate a brief update on the budget, since he sits on the fiscal committee. Schutte said that the CSU still needs an additional \$62 million to cover mandatory costs of the budget. He will be advocating in Sacramento in the coming weeks with other Senators.

Senators discussed tenure-density, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) letter, transparency, shared governance and the CSU budget.

Link to written report: <https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/sasreport041918.pdf>

c. **President's Report** – President Dianne Harrison

President Dianne Harrison reported on the following items:

1. President Harrison shared that she had just returned from a meeting with the Mayor advocating for the movement of the Metrolink station from Parthenia to Reseda as part of our continued efforts to support the transportation needs of our students, faculty and staff. President Harrison said that finding the funding for this project will be challenging.
2. Remarking on her email sent earlier in the day on Executive Order EO1110, President Harrison shared that she had to make the difficult decision to direct the Department of Mathematics, Department of Developmental Mathematics and the College of Science and Math to move forward with the implementation of credit bearing courses in lieu of the remedial coursework in developmental math. President Harrison mentioned that as a state institution, we are legally required to comply with the directives of the Chancellor's

Office, the Board of Trustees of the California State University System and with state legislation. The legislature is expecting CSUN to have the new implementation in place by fall of 2018. President Harrison stated that we will assess the results of the new courses and make improvements, if needed. Our students' success is the main concern.

3. President Harrison said that the agreement and charge of the GE Task Force still stands. The agreement is that CSUN can still maintain section F as long as it operates under the 48 unit requirement of the California Education Code. President Harrison said that she is still waiting for recommendations from the GE Task Force.
4. President Harrison shared that one of the reasons that Mark Gottfried was hired as the new Basketball Coach was due to his prior experience in student-athlete development. There was an extensive background check conducted on Coach Gottfried which confirmed that he has not had any previous NCAA violations. Gottfried's salary is the third highest in the conference and no additional state dollars are used to pay him. It was explained that approximately half of the Department of Athletics budget is from state funds and the other half is from various other sources of revenue.
5. President Harrison said that she would be attending the first meeting of the Search Committee for the Provost to provide a charge to the group as soon as she leaves the Senate meeting. She anticipates that the position will be posted soon and will remain open until faculty return in the fall. President Harrison requested that faculty share this opportunity and encourage qualified applicants to apply. President Harrison also mentioned that the Athletics Director search has been moving quickly. They hope to bring candidates to campus as soon as possible. The Interim Provost search is also underway and President Harrison anticipates a candidate will be hired soon.
6. President Harrison said that commencement ceremonies will begin in three weeks. This year over 11,500 students are eligible to graduate from CSUN. It was mentioned that this is the largest number ever. This year an honorary degree will be given to Judy Baca at the Mike Curb College of Arts, Media and Communication ceremony and to Younes Nazarian at the David Nazarian College of Business and Economics ceremony. President Harrison encouraged all faculty to attend.
7. President Harrison congratulated Mary-Pat Stein and Michael Neubauer on being elected as President and Vice-President of the Faculty and said that she is looking forward to working with them. President Harrison also thanked Faculty President Adam Swenson for his leadership over the past several years.

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

President Swenson mentioned that Nate Thomas was unable to attend the meeting due to a search committee meeting. The written report was distributed to Senators.

Link to written report: https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfareport_041918.pdf

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm.

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