

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 10/25/18
Minutes of Meeting of September 27, 2018
USU Northridge Center

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

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Linda Alvarez (excused), Mauro Carassai (excused), Dena Herman (excused), Christopher Higgs (excused), Virginia Kennedy (excused), Debra Berry Malmberg (excused), Nkulu-N'Shenga Mutombo, Robert St. Pierre (excused), Adam Swenson (excused), Barbara Swerkes (excused), Gina Umeck (excused), Jeff Wiegley (excused)

The Faculty [Senate Minutes May 17, 2018](#) were approved as revised.

1. Announcements

- a. Faculty President Mary-Pat Stein welcomed the attendees and announced that the Faculty Senate meeting will be shortened due to the Townhall.

2. Introduction of Standing Committee Chairs

This agenda item was postponed to the next Faculty Senate meeting.

3. Elect One Senator-at-Large

A Senator-at-Large position formerly occupied by Professor Deborah Cours is vacant. Senate Executive Committee (SEC) nominated three faculty and Senators were given an opportunity to make additional nominations. Faculty President Stein requested that all Senators vote in Canvas for the Senator-at-Large position. President Stein said that Senators would also have the opportunity to vote online after the meeting. An email regarding voting for the Senator-at-Large position will be sent to all Senators.

4. Introduction of Chief Diversity Officer

Natalie Mason-Kinsey briefly introduced herself to the Senate as the new Chief Diversity Officer of CSUN. Mason-Kinsey thanked all of the Senators and mentioned that she is looking forward to meeting more of the Senators. Mason-Kinsey said that she has also met with all of the deans and they have all invited her to their administrative council meetings. Mason-Kinsey mentioned that she plans on sharing the results of the campus climate survey, later this semester, with the Senate. Mason-Kinsey said that she is looking forward to working with the Senate and discussing the results of the campus climate survey.

5. Senate Reports

a. Statewide Academic Senate CSU Report – Jerry Schutte

The Statewide Report was postponed to the next Faculty Senate meeting.

b. CFA Report – CFA President Nate Thomas

Nate Thomas requested to yield CFA's time for the Faculty Senate meeting in order to allow additional time for the Townhall.

Link to written report:

https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfa%20report_92718%20mtg.pdf

6. New Business/Townhall

A motion to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting to allow the Townhall meeting to occur, was made and seconded. Several Senators asked to not end the business part of the Faculty Senate meeting. Students and guests vocally lobbied to have the meeting continue. A vote on the motion to adjourn was unable to be completed. After consulting with Senate Executive Committee members, Faculty President Stein agreed to continue the meeting as the Townhall - where students and guests were allowed to participate and voice their opinions, and after which, a Senator was still able to bring a motion to the Senate.

Motions

The following motions were introduced:

A Senator presented a motion for a 6-unit CSUN graduation requirement in Gender and Women's Studies, Queer Studies and Ethnic Studies.

MS: That all students graduating from CSUN, must take 6 units of classes from Gender and Women Studies, Queer Studies and Ethnic Studies. The motion was seconded. Faculty President Mary-Pat Stein said that this motion has to be presented to the Educational Policies Committee and will be discussed at the next Senate Executive Committee Meeting.

A Senator presented a motion of no confidence for President Dianne Harrison. The motion was seconded.

MS: Vote of no confidence for President Dianne Harrison. Faculty President Mary-Pat Stein said the motion will be placed on the agenda of the next Senate meeting on October 25, 2018.

*Due to the irregularity of the meeting, no motions were discussed, voted on or passed. Instead, the first motion was referred to SEC and EPC. The second motion was tabled until a future Senate meeting.

Public Comment on Executive Order 1110 and Executive Order 1100R

Senators, faculty and students expressed their concerns regarding Executive Order 1110 and Executive Order 1100R. Senators, students and faculty shared their concerns about shared governance and the implementation of the executive orders. Students and faculty urged Senators to consider the importance of GE Section F: Comparative Cultural Studies to their educational experience and the possible effects of the implementation of EO 1100R, when voting on how to move forward. Students and faculty requested Senators to stick with the original vote to not participate in the implementation of the executive orders. Students expressed dissatisfaction with current leadership and said that they would like to hear from President Dianne Harrison. The students also said that they are currently working on inviting Chancellor Timothy White to CSUN for a meeting.

At the end of the discussion, Faculty President Mary-Pat Stein thanked the students and faculty for voicing their concerns. Faculty President Stein mentioned that she would make these issues a priority at the next Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting and refer policy items where appropriate. It was also mentioned that the Senate will conduct a vote in the future on what to do regarding the executive orders.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

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