

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 12/6/18
Minutes of Meeting of October 25, 2018
Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room

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

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Marcella DeVeaux, Dena Herman, Ellen Jarosz (excused), Danielle Jarvis (excused), Rodica Kohn, Nkulu-N'Shenga Mutombo (excused), Whitney Scott, Lissa Stapleton, Gina Umeck (excused), Theresa White

The Faculty [Senate Minutes September 27, 2018](#) were approved as revised.

1. Announcements

- a. Faculty President Mary-Pat Stein welcomed the attendees, acknowledged the concerns of students, faculty and staff regarding the executive orders and gave a brief apology for any mistakes that she has made. Faculty President Stein said that she has learned from her mistakes and will do better. Faculty President Stein said that her goal is to find ways to bring the campus together (faculty, staff, students, administration) and help students succeed.

2. Introduction of Standing Committee Chairs

The Senate Standing Committee chairs introduced themselves and briefly described their committee's charge:

Academic Technology: Chris Sales, Computer Science

Educational Equity: Marcella DeVeaux, Journalism (not in attendance)

Educational Policies: Christina Mayberry, Oviatt Library

Educational Resources: Nazaret Dermendjian, Civil Engineering and Construction Mgt.

Extended Learning: Virginia Kennedy, Special Education

Graduate Studies: Casey terHorst, Biology

Library: Annette Besnilian, Family and Consumer Sciences

Personnel Planning & Review: Jeff Wiegley, Computer Science

Research and Grants: Dena Herman, Family and Consumer Sciences (not in attendance)

3. Policy Items – Graduate Studies Committee

Casey terHorst, Chair of GSC

Action Item – [Culminating Experience for Graduate Programs](#)

GSC Chair Casey terHorst said this policy came to the Senate last May and the proposed policy would provide clarification as to who may serve on a graduate student thesis, dissertation, or project committee.

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

MSP to approve the policy revisions.

First Reading – [Graduate Probation and Disqualification](#)

GSC Chair Casey terHorst said that the proposed policy revision would give clarification on when a graduate student can be placed on academic probation and disqualified.

Senators discussed the timeframe for submitting disqualification paperwork.

First Reading – [Post-baccalaureate Credential Probation and Disqualification](#)

GSC Chair Casey terHorst said that the proposed policy revision would give clarification on when a post-baccalaureate student can be placed on academic probation and disqualified.

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

4. Voting/Discussion of Motions of No Confidence

Senators discussed the Motion of No Confidence for President Dianne Harrison that was tabled at the October 25, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting. A Senator requested that a list of grievances should be created explaining the reasoning for the vote of no confidence for President Dianne Harrison before a vote is taken. Several Senators expressed concern regarding voting on a motion without having supporting evidence. Another Senator requested that the vote of no confidence should only be directed at the Chancellor of the CSU System, since the Chancellor issues the executive orders, the Associate Vice Chancellor carries out the executive orders and the President does not have any ability to affect the executive orders.

Senators discussed the motions of no confidence. Senator Will Garrow requested for Kathryn Sorrells (Professor of Communication Studies) to speak on his behalf. Faculty President Stein requested for the Senate to vote on the matter. Senators voted to allow Professor Kathryn Sorrells to speak on the Senate floor. Professor Sorrells shared a list of grievances supporting the motions of no confidence with the Senate and recommended that there should be a Motion of No Confidence for President Harrison and Chancellor Timothy White.

Motions

A Senator requested to amend the motion for the vote of no confidence for President Harrison (from the September 27, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting) to include a list of grievances that would be created by an ad hoc committee. The motion was seconded and placed on the Senate floor for discussion. Senator Swenson explained that the motion would not be a Motion to Amend. Instead it is a Motion to Refer.

MSP: Motion to Refer the Motion of No Confidence for President Dianne Harrison to an ad hoc committee (Senator Gina Masequesmay, Senator William Garrow and Professor Kathryn Sorrells) who will work on a list of grievances for the motion. The ad hoc committee will share the draft with the Senate by November 15, 2018.

A Senator requested to amend the Motion to Refer to also include a list of grievances for Chancellor Timothy White (one Motion of No Confidence with grievances for President Harrison

and Chancellor Timothy White). Senators discussed the motions. A Senator requested more time to consult with the faculty they represent in their departments/colleges before casting a vote on the Motion of No Confidence. Another Senator made a motion to create two separate Motions of No Confidence with grievance lists, one for President Dianne Harrison and another for Chancellor Timothy White. A Senator called the question. A motion was made for a secret ballot. The motion was seconded.

The Senate voted on the request to have only one Motion of No Confidence that includes a grievance list for President Harrison and Chancellor Timothy White. Vote was 4-56; motion failed. The Senate discussed having two separate grievance lists/motions instead of one.

A Senator inquired about the Motion to Refer to an Ad hoc Committee for Chancellor White. Faculty President Stein indicated that it would be handled in new business. A Senator then called the question (on the Motion to Refer for President Harrison). The Senate voted to call the question.

A Senator made a motion for a closed ballot on all voting. The motion was seconded. This motion was out of order due to Robert's Rules of Order. A Senator made a motion for a paper ballot on the Motion to Refer and it was seconded and passed.

MSP: Motion to Refer the Motion of No Confidence for President Dianne Harrison to an Ad hoc committee (Senator Gina Masequesmay, Senator William Garrow and Professor Kathryn Sorrells) who will work on a list of grievances for the motion. The Ad hoc committee will share the draft with the Senate by November 15, 2018. A vote will be taken at the next Faculty Senate meeting on December 6, 2018. Vote was 57-6; motion passed.

5. Executive Order Discussion

Faculty President Mary-Pat Stein asked the Senate to decide if they would like to have a discussion on the executive order options. Faculty President Stein mentioned that there are faculty and students that do not want the Senate to discuss the options.

A Senator made a motion to not discuss the options. The motion was seconded. Senators discussed the motion to not discuss the options. Senators expressed concern about not being involved in the decision making process. A Senator called the question. Another Senator requested a paper ballot. A vote was taken and majority of Senators voted in favor calling the question and the use of a paper ballot for the motion to not discuss the options.

MS: Motion to not discuss the Executive Order Options. Vote was 18-38; motion failed. Majority favored discussing the Executive Order Options.

6. Committee of the Whole: EO 1100R Discussion

Faculty President Mary-Pat Stein discussed the executive order options with the Faculty Senate. Faculty President Stein mentioned that the options PowerPoint was shared with Senators prior to the meeting.

Executive Order 1100R PowerPoint:

https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/options%20presentation_0.pdf

A Senator expressed concern regarding discussing the options when the Faculty Senate voted twice to not participate in the implementation of the executive orders. Faculty President Stein explained that the options are being discussed because the university is in "post-implementation" of the executive orders, since President Harrison administratively implemented EO1100R on August 28, 2018. Senators discussed whether we are in post implementation or not, the executive order options, faculty participation in curriculum, double counting, the need for impact reports for each individual department and shared governance.

7. Senate Reports

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

Schutte shared that he has an upcoming meeting with Associate Vice Chancellor James Minor on November 7, 2018 and plans on sharing an update on the Executive Order Options. Schutte mentioned that if anyone has any questions about the Statewide Academic Senate CSU Report to contact any of the CSUN's Statewide Senators (Jerry Schutte, Elizabeth Sussman, Adam Swenson).

Link to written report: https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/sasreport_092718.pdf

A report was sent to the Senators for the September ASCSU plenary meeting.

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

Link to written report: https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfareport_102518.pdf

Faculty President Stein mentioned that faculty members are getting a raise. A written report was sent to the Senators.

8. New Business

Faculty President Stein requested that all Senators share the Executive Order Options presented at the meeting with their constituents for feedback. At the next meeting the Senate will discuss whether or not they will have a vote on the Executive Order Options.

A Senator made a Motion to Refer the Motion of No Confidence for Chancellor Timothy White to an ad hoc committee. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

MSP: Motion to Refer the Motion of No Confidence for Chancellor Timothy White to an ad hoc committee (Senator Gina Masequesmay, Senator William Garrow and Professor Kathryn Sorrells), who will work on a list of grievances for the motion. The ad hoc committee will share the draft with the Senate by November 15, 2018. A vote will be taken at the next Faculty Senate meeting on December 6, 2018.

Faculty President Stein gave a brief update on the Provost Search. The committee reviewed 110 applicants, conducted 13 interviews and has narrowed it down to a few candidates. The plan is to conduct interviews the first week of the spring semester and hire a new Provost by July.

A Senator made a Motion for mandatory training for administrators, faculty and staff on race, gender, sexuality, class and disability. The motion was seconded.

MS: Mandatory training on race, gender, sexuality, class and disability for administrators, faculty and staff. Training should be conducted by the Coalition against EO 1100R in conjunction with Ethnic Studies, Queer Studies and Gender & Women Studies faculty, in a face to face format.

A few Senators explained that there are committees that can work on this request such as the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion and the Educational Equity Committee. It was also mentioned that staff members do not fall under the purview of the Senate. The Senate tabled the motion to allow time to determine where to send the motion (which committees and/or departments). Faculty President Stein will look into the matter and follow-up with the Senator that made the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34pm.

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