

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 2/15/18
Minutes of Meeting of October 26, 2017
USU Northridge Center

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

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Michael Bennett, Jeff Campbell, Francesco Chiappelli, Deborah Cours (excused), Kate Gurewitz, Jennifer Henningfield (excused), Jill Razani, Whitney Scott, Shaikh Khanum, Belinda Stillwell, Gisela Lanzas (excused)

The Faculty [Senate Minutes September 28, 2017](#) were approved as distributed.

1. Announcements

- a. Wightman, the Director of the GE Honors Program, announced that the campus is trying to revive the Phi Kappa Phi Chapter. She is looking for faculty members who are members of Phi Kappa Phi to reconstitute a Board of Officers so they can get the chapter back and running. She asked interested Senators to send an email to: beth.wightman@csun.edu.
- b. Swenson announced a slight change to the meeting agenda. He said that President Dianne Harrison will give her report prior to Chair Christine Miller's comments to the Senate.

2. President's Report – President Dianne F Harrison

President Harrison explained the importance of student success, completion, cultural competencies and the challenges of Executive Order 1100 and Executive Order 1110. It was mentioned that Section F is embedded in the values of CSUN. President Harrison said that she has been continually advocating for CSUN at the Chancellor's Office and with state legislators. She emphasized to the Chancellor that CSUN can accomplish the goals of EO 1100 without eliminating Section F.

Within the last 24 hours, President Harrison was informed that CSUN can retain Section F, provided that CSUN meets the intent of Executive Order 1100. President Harrison thanked the students, faculty, and administrators for their collective efforts to bring about change. President Harrison said that moving forward with keeping Section F requires that we maintain a 48 credit GE requirement, which would include sections A-F. Also transfer students that come to CSUN cannot be required to take additional courses in Section F if they transfer to us with their lower division courses satisfied, i.e. ADT or AA.

President Harrison shared that there is a system-wide task force on General Education that is working on improving student success. President Harrison stressed that the work is not over and she will push for the implementation of Section F for all of the CSU campuses. We have the opportunity to demonstrate that it can successfully be done. President Harrison challenged the

Faculty Senate to assist with her efforts, by helping create a written plan to save Section F.

3. **ASCSU Chair Christine Miller**

ASCSU Chair Christine Miller, Professor of Communication Studies from Sacramento State, said that it is her goal to visit all 23 CSU campuses during her term as chair. She has already visited 19 campuses and CSUN is #20. With regard to the Executive Orders (EOs), she said that 22 campuses have either passed or have in development resolutions that speak to these EOs. Sixteen campuses have passed resolutions, six have them in process, with three campuses being decided today, and two campuses have them coming up for consideration.

Miller said that all of the resolutions are critical of the EOs. The critiques range from process, to content, to timeline. The process arguments are about shared governance issues, the contact arguments are about specific changes and restrictions, and the timeline arguments are about the overly ambitious and unrealistic timeline for change. The trends among these resolutions have to do with delay of timelines, and about the EOs being reconsidered or rescinded. None of the resolutions suggest not being at the table to discuss these issues; all in some way engage faculty.

At many campuses, the faculty are trying to do their job by working on the curriculum while maintaining the unique culture and character of their campus. Miller praised President Harrison for having the behind the scene conversations with the Chancellor's Office to find ways to meet the system mandates while preserving the curriculum that took years of thoughtful planning. She said it's an enormous challenge as these resolutions attest. Miller concluded by saying that she is confident that the CSUN Senators will persevere in their efforts to stay at the table to engage about what GE will look like now that Section F has been preserved.

4. **Public Comment on Executive Orders**

Senators, faculty and students expressed their concerns regarding Executive Order 1100 and Executive Order 1110. Students urged Senators to consider the importance of **GE Section F: Comparative Cultural Studies** to their educational experience, when voting on the reconsideration motion.

5. **Reconsideration of the Motion Passed at the last Senate Meeting Concerning Executive Order 1100 (revised) and Executive Order 1110**

The Faculty Senate members voted to not reconsider the motion* passed at the last Senate meeting on September 28, 2017.

***MSP:** The Faculty Senate of CSU Northridge and its Standing Committees will not participate in the implementation of Executive Order 1100 (revised) and Executive Order 1110.

6. **SEC Resolution in Response to EO 1100 (revised) and EO 1110**

As one of the writers of the draft resolution, Stein said that this resolution is an attempt to explain why the faculty voted to not participate in implementing these Executive Orders. She said that the resolution conveys to the Chancellor that we want data, and it states that we want the opportunity to provide the best education to our students and to help them to graduate in the

shortest time possible. The Senate briefly discussed the 5th Whereas statement to clarify its meaning.

MSF: to send the resolution back to SEC so they can rewrite the original 6th Resolved clause to remove any ambiguity.

MSP: to delete all of the Resolved clauses on the original resolution except for the second clause.

MSP: to revise, add, and retain the Resolved clauses listed below to read,

Resolved, that the CSUN Faculty Senate challenge the right of Chancellor White to enact EO 1100 (revised) and EO 1110 without substantive input from faculty and that the CSUN Faculty Senate therefore demand rescission of EO 1100 (revised) and EO 1110; and be it further

Resolved, that the CSUN Faculty Senate urge the Chancellor's Office to follow shared governance in consultation with faculty consistent with provisions in the Statewide Senate Constitution, the Board of Trustees standing orders, and AAUP principles; and be it further

Resolved, that the CSUN Faculty Senate urges the Chancellor's Office to work with a task force created by CSUN's AS for the purpose of incorporating student input and maintaining transparency on all matters related to EO 1100 and EO 1110. The results will be forwarded to the GE Task Force for consideration.

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be shared with Chancellor Timothy White, President Dianne Harrison, CSUN Associated Students, the Academic Senate CSU, CSU Senate Chairs, the CSUN Council of Chairs, and the Sundial.

MSP: to approve the following resolution

Whereas, the Chancellor's Office introduced Executive Order 1100 (revised) and 1110 without meaningful, deliberate and data-driven consultation with CSUN faculty; and

Whereas, implementation of EO 1100 (revised) and 1110 would require sweeping and dramatic curricular changes including but not limited to: design of mathematics curriculum that will enable underprepared students to succeed in university-level introductory courses; creation of approximately 20 upper-division Section B science GE courses; making adaptations to CSUN's requirement for cross-cultural competency, maintaining these courses and programs as distinct and integral components of students' educations; and

Whereas, making curricular changes such as those described above necessarily requires considerable time, care, consideration and deliberation by CSUN faculty to maintain and enhance student success; and

Whereas, such consideration and deliberation are rightfully the responsibility and provenance of the faculty, given the principle of shared governance; and

Whereas, the addition of three units of upper division GE in Section B will likely result in declining graduation rates for non-STEM students; and

Whereas, at CSUN, courses in cross-cultural studies are important to provide all students exposure to diverse cultures and thinking and are, in particular, critical to underrepresented students by providing opportunities to connect to CSUN and find a sense of belonging on

campus (factors necessary for persistence and student success); and

Whereas, any diminishment of cross-cultural studies would send exactly the wrong message to our diverse student body and to the communities we serve in this particular historical moment; be it therefore

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7. **Policy Item** – Educational Policies Committee
Christina Mayberry, Chair of EPC and Elizabeth Adams, Undergraduate Studies

Action Item – [Withdrawal Unauthorized](#)

Due to the late hour, this policy was not discussed. This will come up for discussion and a vote at the next Senate meeting.

8. **Senate Reports**

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

Due to the late hour, there was no Provost's Report.

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

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfareport092817.pdf>

A written report was sent to the Senators.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kim Henige, Secretary of the Faculty

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