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FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of November 17, 2022

Via Zoom

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

The Faculty Senate Minutes for October 20, 2022 were approved.

1. Announcements

- a. Nichole Ipach, Vice President for University Relations and Advancement, announced the new Sierra Annex building's naming will take place by the end of January 2023. Faculty may email name ideas to Nichole, who will share them with the Naming Committee. There are some rules about building names, such as taking names from our area's native plants and geography.
 - b. Karin Crowhurst, Chair of the Research and Grants Committee, announced the upcoming year's RSCA grant competition will be augmented. Rather than a \$5,000 grant or 3 units of release time, this year (and this year only), we will be offering grants up to \$12,000. This can be compensated all in money (\$12,000), or \$6,000 plus 3 units of release time, or 6 units of release time. The number of people funded will still be the same as previous years, so this increase is not at the expense of the number of grants awarded. The Request for Proposal will come out shortly.
2. Secretary of the Senate Yoko Mimura called the roll. Senators not present were Bennett, Davila, Domagni, Duran (excused), Franco, Greathouse (excused), Jackson, Jarvis (excused), Jessica Kim (excused), Knotts, Kunpen Li (excused), Liu (excused), Mendoza (excused), Poloskov, Spratt (excused), Stein (excused), Tamayo, Tonyan (excused), Tripp (excused), Turner, and Villela (excused).

3. President's Report – Erika D. Beck

President Beck greeted the senators and acknowledged the flurry of activity and academic engagement as the Fall semester nears conclusion.

President Beck shared that she looks forward to the arrival of incoming provost, Dr. Meera Komarraju, in January and her confidence that Dr. Komarraju will serve as an uncompromising

advocate for our students' equitable educational opportunities and for the transformative work our faculty facilitate every day. She expressed her appreciation in advance for their support of Dr. Komarraju's successful transition.

President Beck also shared her hopes that the senators will join the celebration for Provost Walker on December 15 to thank her for her exemplary leadership.

President Beck provided an enrollment update. At census, Institutional Research reported FTES enrollment 5% below our internal target for the fall. Continuing enrollment for Spring 23 is tracking ahead by 4% as compared to last year, and we are accepting applications for the Spring term for the first time in many years.

Overall applications submitted for Fall 23 are even with Fall 22 compared to this date last year. While first-time freshman applications are up more than 10%, the ongoing substantive declines in community college enrollment continue to impact us and first-time transfer applications are down 26%.

President Beck shared a brief update regarding the CSU Title IX campus assessment by Cozen O'Connor. She has learned that we should soon expect a survey to solicit campus-wide feedback and a written report early in the spring semester. Upon receipt of the report, President Beck will share it widely and we will work together to ensure that we are a community that values, supports and uplifts every member and that everyone has the opportunity to work, live and learn in an environment free from sexual harassment, discrimination, violence or misconduct of any form.

Over the last month, President Beck met with members across campus and beyond.

Along with senate officers and cabinet members, President Beck hosted a welcome breakfast for tenure-track faculty who were hired during the pandemic.

President Beck provided welcome remarks at the Matador SUCCESS event that focused on CSUN's Social Justice Legacy: EOP, Ethnic Studies, and the Path Forward; and she was honored to welcome Kimberlé Crenshaw, distinguished professor of law at Columbia University and UCLA, for our Fall Essential Talk on Critical Race Theory and Its Impact on Social Change.

President Beck was an invited panelist at the *LA Times*' Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility forum, where she had the opportunity to share CSUN's commitment to building an equity-minded culture.

President Beck was honored to be elected to the Board of Directors at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting.

As a Board Member of the CSU Water Advocacy Towards Education and Research Presidential Oversight Committee, President Beck was very pleased to continue to advance CSUN's commitment to sustainability at their recent meeting, and she attended the annual CSU Graduation Initiative Convening where a statewide audience reviewed the most recent data and data-informed strategies to enhance student success and address the range of challenges that our students are facing in a post-pandemic world.

President Beck met with faculty from across the campus to learn more about their research, scholarly and creative work, including Doctors Kung, Ghodoosi and Gharehgozli of the David Nazarian College of Business and Economics; lecturer Aram Khachatourians and Doctors Schaal and Mahjoob of the College of Mathematics and Computer Science, and she toured the chemistry and biology labs in the College of Science and Mathematics with Doctors Andersen and Fischhaber, and the Vivarium with Doctors de Bellard, Espinoza and Flores.

She enjoyed speaking with students at her second Campus Conversation hosted by Associated Students and moderated by AS President Shayan Moshtael.

President Beck was pleased to attend the welcome reception for new Athletics Director Shawn Chin-Farrell in the PACU Arena with CSUN friends, donors and community members, providing an opportunity to reignite post-pandemic Matador spirit which is a focus of our Associated Students leaders this year as we work together to facilitate a sense of belonging for our students, pride for our alumni, and opportunities for engagement with our neighbors and the communities that we serve.

She was also delighted to attend the American Friends of Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's LA Gala Luncheon hosted by Soraya Nazarian, and the debut performance of the Israel Philharmonic in Los Angeles at The Soraya alongside a wide complement of our Jewish community leaders and our Jewish Studies faculty.

The Soraya hosted another magical night, A Musical Tribute to Dolores Huerta, co-sponsored by our CFA, with Ms. Huerta herself in attendance as guest of honor.

President Beck welcomed guests to CSUN for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Premier America Credit Union retail branch in the Campus Store Complex, which will also support PACU's commitment to student success with internship opportunities, a speaker series, and financial literacy workshops.

President Beck provided remarks at the College of Health and Human Development's Inaugural Conference: Promoting Inclusive Excellence Through Innovative and Creative Synergies. She shared high regard and gratitude to Interim Dean Best and the HHD faculty whose research and work were on display.

President Beck was pleased to provide welcome remarks for the Veterans Resource Center's 10th Anniversary Celebration and to thank our dedicated colleagues and friends who had the vision and drive to establish the Veterans Resource Center a decade ago. In closing, President Beck shared that CSUN has been named as one of the most engaged campuses for student voting by All In Campus Democracy Challenge for 2022—the inaugural year of this recognition. She thanked the senators for their impactful work, confident that our students' voting rate is the direct result of their collective and longstanding dedication to embedding the critical importance of civic engagement into our curriculum and our co-curricular activities.

4. **Provost's Report** – Mary-Beth Walker

Provost Walker updated the Faculty Senate the following:

- a. McKinsey Scott Fund: First year allocation on academic excellence went to each College for the Dean to support innovative activities (\$1 million) and for visiting faculty (\$500,000) with the scope matching the Road Map.
- b. Administrator evaluations: Four evaluations are in progress. There will be six reviews in the Spring.
- c. Spring 2023 student enrollment: Preliminary analysis of the students who did not return this Fall lead to a survey. The primary reason for not returning was to take time off; a large number of students said they intend to return. Provost Walker encouraged the Senators to utilize Canvas (i.e., Canvas Insights) to reach out to students and share this message with their colleagues.

Comments and questions from the Senators included concerns about added responsibilities our students have and their spillover on academic engagement; more issues to address when faculty reach out and hear back from the struggling students with stories, and how more burden falls on the faculty; and challenges to have classes during Thanksgiving week.

5. **Campus Food Services**

The University Corporation: Rick D. Evans, Executive Director; H. Cairns, Director of Administrative Services; M. Lennon, Associate Director for Facilities

Chartwells: O. Galvez, District Manager overseeing CSUN, CSU San Bernardino, and CSU Fullerton; S. Thoutte, Director of Food Services at CSUN

Executive Director of The University Corporation, Rick Evans, and Chartwells District Manager, Omar Galvez, shared the circumstances campus food services have been facing and the changes to address them. Among the challenges the pandemic presented for the Fall 2022 opening included staff shortages and supply chain issues. Chartwells implemented some updates in the past few days, such as bringing back hot grab-and-go foods at Arbor Grill. Other suggestions the Senate Executive Committee members brought up recently are all under consideration, if not already implemented.

6. **Associated Students President Report** – Shayan Moshtael & Katie Karrom

- a. AS hosted a *Big Lecture* with Lauren Ridloff.
- b. AS President Moshtael met with the Athletic Director to strengthen the relationship for enhancing student experiences beyond the classroom.
- c. AS will launch a social media campaign for justice in Iran and Armenia.
- d. AS is putting together a campus food survey for everyone, including faculty and staff, to share our campus dining experiences. K. Karrom gave an overview of the survey.

7. **Statewide Academic Senate Report** – Adam Swenson, Senior Statewide Academic Senator

- a. The report from the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) November 2022 Plenary was sent to the Senators. At the Plenary, the Senate passed a

resolution recommending that the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) accept the proposed Cal-GETC transfer GE framework which was negotiated pursuant to AB928.

- b. Trustees are working on the issue of executive compensation, especially after leaving the position.

8. CFA Report – Nate Thomas, CFA CSUN Chapter President

CFA CSUN Chapter Faculty Senate Report was sent to the Senators.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 pm.

Submitted by: Yoko Mimura, Secretary of the Faculty