

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 2/18/2021**Minutes of Meeting of November 19, 2020**

Via Zoom

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

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Jack Bagwell, Michael Bennett, Maria Elena De Bellard, Marquita Gammage (excused), Elizabeth Poloskov, Holli Tonyan (excused), Meiqin Wang (excused), John Whitener

The Faculty Senate Minutes for [October 22, 2020](#) were approved with minor editorial changes.

1. Announcements

- a. Senator Spear shared that there is a new committee of faculty interested in reforming student evaluation of faculty procedures at CSUN. If faculty are interested in joining the interest group they can contact Senator Suzanne Spear or the chair of the Educational Equity Committee, Senator Martha Escobar. Senator Spear will be submitting a proposal to present at the Faculty Retreat on student evaluation of faculty.
- b. Faculty Vice President White shared her interest in hearing the perspective of Senators. A short faculty senate questionnaire will be shared with the Senate in the near future that will include questions about expectations, processes, faculty senate structure and shared governance.

2. Policy Items – Personnel, Planning and Review Committee

Judy Schmidt-Levy, PP&R Designee

First Reading – [Section 612.3 \(Membership of PP&R Committee\)](#)

Faculty President Neubauer briefly shared the policy process of first and second readings. Senator Schmidt-Levy said that this policy item is editorial and deals with inconsistencies in Section 600 and the Faculty Bylaws. This policy removes language in Section 600 that refers to sections of the Faculty Bylaws that have changed over the course of time. Faculty President Neubauer said that Senator Vrongistinos originally pointed out that the current policy refers to two sections in the Bylaws that no longer exist.

There was no feedback on this policy item.

First Reading – [Section 641.2.3 \(Service Credit\)](#)

Senator Schmidt-Levy said that the proposed Service Credit policy clarifies that hiring departments and Deans will write the offer letter or MOU that specifically describes how previous work will be counted in the CSUN RTP process.

Concerns were expressed for PP&R to consider. It was suggested that CFA should be consulted.

3. Oviatt Library Naming Response

Faculty President Neubauer reported that the Oviatt Library Advisory Working Group recommended that the name “Delmar T. Oviatt” be removed from the library. President Harrison asked for a vote of the Senate in the matter. Associated Students President, Senator Merida shared that the Associated Students Senate voted in support of the Oviatt Library Working Group’s recommendation a couple weeks ago.

MSP: That the CSUN Faculty Senate agree with the recommendation in the report that the name Delmar T. Oviatt be removed from the library. The Senate discussed the motion. The Faculty Senate voted and the motion passed.

A Senator inquired about the building naming process. President Harrison briefly shared the process on naming buildings. The library will be called the University Library, for now. Faculty President Neubauer thanked the Oviatt Library Advisory Working Group for their work on the committee. Faculty President Neubauer will send a letter on behalf of the Faculty Senate to President Harrison to take to the Board of Trustees. The discussion about the CSUN campus policy on naming buildings will come back to the Faculty Senate at a future meeting.

4. **President’s Report** – President Dianne Harrison

President Harrison thanked the Oviatt Library Advisory Working Group for their work and reported on the following:

<https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/presidentsreport-111920.pdf>

Senator Swenson and Faculty President Neubauer thanked President Harrison for her service to CSUN.

5. Information Item: 2021-2022 Academic Calendar

Diane Guido, AVP of Faculty Affairs

Michelle Kilmnick, Director of Faculty Affairs

Michelle Kilmnick, the Director of Faculty Affairs, briefly gave an update on the draft 2021-2022 Academic Calendar, process for selecting the calendar dates, the university calendar committee, the timeline of approval, and the guidelines from the Chancellor’s Office. Newly added is summer 2022 information and voter registration dates.

6. **Provost’s Report**- Provost Mary Beth Walker

Provost Mary Beth Walker reported on the following:

1. The search was just completed for the AVP for Research and Sponsored Programs. The announcement will go out on Friday November 20, 2020. Faculty searches have started and restarted. The goal is to get some of the searches completed before the holiday break.
2. CSUN has placed Strategic Enrollment Management in one office that encompasses Admissions and Records, Student Outreach and Recruitment, and Financial Aid. The three areas are combined to help with recruitment, retention and to unify communication. This office is housed in the division of Student Affairs. David Dufault-Hunter has been named the

new Interim AVP of Strategic Enrollment Management. The permanent search will be held in about a year. Other CSU's and colleges and universities across the country have a strategic enrollment management unit.

3. Cal State Apply is still open. The deadline to apply is December 4, 2020. CSUN plans to work diligently with admitted students to increase the yield (to register at CSUN).
4. CSUN will be doing work to see what they should put in place to help with student preparedness for incoming freshmen.
5. There has not been a decision about the fall semester. The Chancellor-select will make a decision most likely in the spring regarding what will happen in the fall with instruction.

7. Senate Reports

a. Statewide Academic Senate CSU Report– Elizabeth Sussman

Senator Sussman reported on the following:

1. Senator Sussman gave the Senate a brief overview of the November 5-6 ASCSU meetings. The ASCSU only got through 5 resolutions due to a busy schedule.
2. The resolution *Adopting the Amended Recommended Core Competencies for Ethnic Studies* was approved.
3. The resolution *Culturally Responsive, Antiracist Mental Health Services and Well-Being are Critical to CSU Success* was approved.
4. There was a special session on Friday November 13, 2020 from 5:00pm until almost 8:00pm. The ASCSU passed a resolution requesting that campuses be given greater autonomy for the implementation of the Ethnic Studies requirement.
5. The Education Committee of the Board of Trustees met recently and voted to remove “and social justice” as a part of the requirement.
6. The ASCSU will have a special meeting on December 4, 2020. The November ASCSU report will be distributed once it is completed.

Senator Swenson shared that he brought the *Resolution in Support of Armenian Community* to the Statewide Senate and it is waiting to be placed on the agenda. He will report back once he has an update. A Senator inquired if the ASCSU has passed anything related to Student Evaluation of Faculty. Senator Sussman said they haven't passed anything, yet. A Senator asked about the status of a statewide study on the impacts of artificial intelligence on the CSU. Senator Swenson said that there was a white paper passed. Professor Jerry Schutte said that it was offered as a formal resolution to do the study and the resolution was referred back to the technology committee.

Link to written report:

<https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/ascsu-nov.pdf>

b. CFA Report – CFA President Nate Thomas

Nate Thomas shared that tomorrow is the last bargaining session before the year end. Thomas said if faculty have ideas about legislation that CFA can co-sponsor to submit them

by December 10, 2020. Thomas sent the information via email. Thomas said that the word “furlough” does not exist in the union contract.

A Senator brought to Thomas’s attention the PP&R earlier discussion about service credit upon hire, the Service Credit policy language and MOUs. Thomas will take these requests back to the CFA executive board. Senator Schmidt-Levy requested that a representative from CFA attend a PP&R meeting to discuss the issue. Thomas said that he will meet with PP&R.

A Senator requested a bargaining update and Senator Thomas said in the CFA report there is a website with all of the bargaining information. Another Senator inquired about the position of CFA on student evaluation of faculty. Thomas said that CFA is working with the Provost and Faculty Affairs on the issue. Senator Ruiz shared that Senator Escobar will spearheading a resolution on Student Evaluation of Faculty.

A written report was sent to the Senators.

Link to written report:

<https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfareport-nov.pdf>

8. New Business

There was no new business. Faculty President Neubauer thanked the Senate for their work for the fall semester.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41pm.

Submitted by: Yoko Mimura, Secretary of the Faculty and Nicole Wilson, Recording Secretary