



FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES – Approved
December 9, 2021 Meeting
Via Zoom

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

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were Jeff Campbell, Marquita Gammage, Tomo Hattori, Julian Lozos (excused), Theresa Montaña (excused), Mary-Pat Stein (excused), and Francisco Tamayo

The Faculty Senate Minutes for November 18, 2021, was approved.

1. Introductions – Theresa White, Vice President of Faculty, and Katherine Stevenson, Senator

Six (6) Senators as part of the Senator introductory series were introduced to the Senate: Lindsay Henson Brown, University Library and Chair, Personnel Planning and Review Committee; Krystal Howard, Liberal Studies; Matthew Jackson, Theater; Kim Henige, Kinesiology; Jinah Kim, Communication Studies; Wayne Smith, Management

2. Announcements – Judith Debonis, Chair, Faculty Retreat Committee

Professor DeBonis shared the theme of the Faculty Retreat “Journeys & Connections,” retreat location -Orchard Conference Center, and number of registered attendees.

3. CSU California Desert Consortium – Terry McGlynn, Director, California Desert Studies Consortium, Biology, CSU Dominguez Hills

CSUN is a Consortium member. The facility at Zzyyx Road is available for research groups. The campus has accommodations for students during their research projects.

4. Faculty Technology – Ranjit Philip, VP Information Technology, Helen Heinrich, AVP Academic Technology

Introduced a new series of workshops for faculty on the Academic Tech webpage for faculty to access. One new series is workshops such as Ask an Expert – every Monday at 11:00 am.

5. Basic Needs Initiative – William Watkins, VP Student Affairs and Dean of Students; Nelida Duran, Family and Consumer Sciences; Deborah Hammod Executive Director, University Student Union; Shelley Ruelas-Bischoff, Associate Vice President for Student Life

Dr. Duran shared research findings on CSU student basic needs. Centrally located partnerships are to provide student engagement opportunities and resources for basic needs for students experiencing homelessness and food insecurity, among others.

6. President's Report – Erica Beck

The was sent to the Senators.

7. Associated Students Report – Jonathan Hay, AS President

AS President Hay shared issues students expressed: 1) students are not aware of resources on campus, 2) advisement hours are not posted, 3) advisors have small windows for counseling sessions, 4) permission numbers for class enrollment roll out slowly, and 5) if a student is not feeling well and reaches out to their professor to let them know, the students feel like they will be punished. On 12/10/21 students will have a campus conversation with Provost Walker.

8. Provost Report – Mary-Beth Walker

In response to the AS President Hay, Dr. Watkins and Provost Walker have been working to make improvements across the university such as the number of advisors and transfer students coming to the university. Further, the next generation Degree Progress Reports will be more dynamic to let students take initiative.

Provost Walker spoke on the update on searches for the Chief Information Officer (CIO), Vice President Information Technology, was underway. The search for the Dean of College of Humanities resumed, and the search for the Dean of College of Health and Human Development just began.

9. Information item

Danielle Spratt, Chair of Graduate Studies Committee; Amy Levin, AVP Graduate Studies

Dr. Spratt explained the logistics surrounding the Graduate Student Withdrawal Policy.

10. Information item – 2022-23 Academic Calendar

Diane Guido, AVP; Michelle Kilmick, Director, Faculty Affairs presented the 2022-23 calendar.

11. Policy Item

Dan Weingarten, Chair of Educational Policies Committee; Elizabeth Adams, AVP Undergraduate Studies

Dr. Adams explained the changes in the GE plan require separate sets of SLOs in Sections B and C.

First Reading – General Education Section B SLOs

First Reading – General Education Section C SLOs

These will be February meeting action items.

12. Bylaws Change – Designated Lecturer seat on Senate Executive Committee

Cecil Bendavid, Senator

Faculty President Neubauer explained the process for bylaw change.

MS: Voting is open on Canvas for the Senators

13. Bylaws Change – Charge of the Educational Resources Committee

Katherine Stevenson, Chair of Educational Resources Committee

Dr. Stenvenson shared the overview of the proposed policy change with background information, including similar changes from three CSU sister campuses.

14. CFA Report – CFA CSUN Chapter President Nate Thomas

CFA President Thomas reported mediation did not work and fact finding in progress. Main issues include: salary, academic freedom, assistant coach security, and workload for mental health counselors.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Submitted by: Yoko Mimura, Secretary of the Faculty, and Deborah Kusin, Recording Secretary.