

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 10/2/08
Minutes of Meeting of May 1, 2008
Oviatt Library Presentation Room

Faculty President Matos called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Susan Belgrad, Michael Bennett, Brian Connett (excused), Vicentiu Covrig, Catherine Coyle-Thompson, , Daniel Cutcher, Paula DiMarco (excused), Nicholas Dungey (excused), Alicia Estrada (excused), Ellis Godard, David Gray, Adam Haverstock, Barbara Jordan, Peri Klemm (excused), Greg Knotts (excused), Gary Lennon, Gina Masequesmay (excused), Lara Medina, Shannon Morgan, John O'Brien (excused), Clara Park (excused), Alberto Restori, Lou Rubino (excused), Jerald Schutte, Barbara Swerkes (excused)

The Faculty Senate [Minutes for April 10, 2008](#) were approved as distributed.

Announcements

- a. Matos and Zvi served on the selection committee for the Outstanding Graduating Senior Awards. The students raved about the CSUN faculty and thanked them for being helpful and wonderful professors.
- b. President Koester will host members of the Senate at a Faculty Governance Leadership Reception at the University House today at 5:00 p.m.
- c. The Honored Faculty Reception will be on Monday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the University Student Union, Grand Salon. A continental breakfast will be served.
- d. The faculty award winners this year are:
Outstanding Faculty: Gagik Melikyan and Carrie Saetermoe
Distinguished Teaching: Joyce Broussard, Scott Plunkett and Katherine Stevenson
Preeminent Scholarly Publication: Steven Graves
Exceptional Creative Accomplishment: Liviu Marinescu
Extraordinary Service: Rafi Efrat
Visionary Community Service-Learning: Luciana Lagana
- e. The policy item listed on the agenda (#9) recommending changes to the Certificate Program will be tabled until further notice.
- f. Senator Bendavid (CFA representative) provided copies of a press release on the Economic & Fiscal Impact of the Governor's Proposed Budget Cuts to the CSU. In summary, the report findings state that funding should increase, that fewer college-educated people mean more people on public assistance, and that tax revenues increase with more college-educated people.

Introduction of New Senators

The new senators were welcomed and introduced themselves.

President's Report – Jolene Koester

President Koester reported the following:

Performing Arts Center (PAC) – President Koester noted that last night (April 30) was the groundbreaking ceremony for the Performing Arts Center. President Koester explained that last November the construction bid came in within budget, despite rising costs of materials and labor, so this was a big incentive to move forward now with construction. In January the Board of Trustees approved the possible use of bridge funding if we are not able to obtain through fundraising all of the final \$30 million needed to cover the full cost of construction. The PAC will be an all-university academic facility as well as a public face of the University to the San Fernando Valley.

Lobbying in Sacramento – President Koester spent Monday (April 21, 2008) lobbying in Sacramento. She, other presidents, and members of the Chancellor's Office met with legislators and staffers and pitched for more money for the CSU. The message conveyed from Sacramento was that there will be budget cuts, there is no clear consensus on a pathway for turning the situation around, and there is potential for revenue (tax) increases. On this campus, we will prioritize protecting tenure-track/tenured faculty and permanent staff and we will do our best to manage enrollments.

Faculty Governance Leadership Reception – The Senators were again invited to join the President at the Faculty Governance Leadership reception at University House this afternoon.

Commencement – President Koester strongly urged the Senators and all faculty to participate in Honors Convocation and their college commencement ceremonies. It is extremely important to our students that their professors be in attendance to shake their hands and congratulate them.

Election of 2008-09 Senate Executive Committee

The following faculty were elected to serve on the 2008-09 Senate Executive Committee: Cecile Bendavid (Computer Science), Sandra Chong (Elementary Education), Maghild Lien (Mathematics), Beth Phillips (Physical Therapy), Steven Stepanek (Computer Science), and Jennifer Zvi (Center on Disabilities). The following faculty serve as Ex-Officio members: Jennifer Matos, Biology (President); Edward Alfano, Art (Vice President); Cheryl Spector, English (Secretary); Barbara Swerkes, Kinesiology (Statewide Academic Senator); and Provost Hellenbrand.

Policy Items – **Personnel Policies and Review Committee**

Karen Anderson, Chair

Action Item – [Periodic Review of Tenured Faculty \(Post-Tenure Review\) Policy](#)

Currently there are no provisions in Section 600 of the *Administrative Manual* related to periodic review of tenured faculty. But procedures for evaluation of tenured faculty are mandated by Article 15 of the *Faculty Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)* and in department-level

procedures. However, department-level procedures are outdated and inconsistent with the current Faculty Contract. This proposed policy would add post-tenure review (PTR) provisions to Section 600 and will include a process for revising departmental policies. This policy comes from the Executive Committee with a do pass.

A substitute motion to delete all references to Section 645, and to not include the proposed policy in the *Administrative Manual*, but to adopt the policy as submitted was moved, seconded, and **failed**.

Further justification in support of including this policy in Section 600 was made. The motion to approve the policy as presented was **passed**.

Action Item – [Grant-Related/Specially-Funded Instructional Faculty \(GRIF\) Policy](#)

Grant-Related/Specially Funded Instructional Faculty job classifications permit campuses to appoint faculty members of regional and national professional stature who are engaged in substantial grant activity to these classifications. The CSU system-wide GRIF policy states that, “prior to making appointments into these classifications, each campus must transmit its procedures for selection of appointees to the chancellor. Such procedures should involve faculty consultation and recommendation similar to those currently used in other faculty personnel actions.” Thus, this policy includes a selection process and PP&R is requesting that it be included in Section 600.

This policy comes from the Executive Committee with a do pass. No further discussion took place. The motion to approve the policy as presented was **passed**.

Budget Forecast

Tom McCarron, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance

In January, the Governor projected a \$14.5 billion deficit for the state. The cut for the CSU was to be \$386 million. Since then, the budget has not gotten better, and in fact, the projected state deficit has increased to \$20 billion. McCarron distributed a preliminary budget review for CSUN that assumes (optimistically) that funding for the existing compact and contracts will be met. The total projected deficit is \$24,049,300. With a possible state university fee increase or equivalent of \$5,450,000, the deficit would net \$18,599,300. The May revise does not propose further cuts to the CSU; we hope with strong lobbying efforts in Sacramento that our funding will be restored. Our FTES target has not been increased for next year.

Senate Reports

a. **Provost’s Report** – Harry Hellenbrand

Link to written report: http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/Provost’s_Report_5-1-08.rtf

b. **CFA Report** – Theresa Montaña, CFA President

Link to written report: http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/CFA_Report_5-1-08.pdf

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Heidi Wolfbauer, Recording Secretary
Cheryl Spector, Secretary of the Faculty