

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING** – Approved 9/26/19**Minutes of Meeting of May 9, 2019**

Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room

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

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Linda Alvarez, Soheil Boroushaki, Inga Chira (excused), Monica Garcia (excused), Dena Herman, Peri Klemm (excused), Gisela Lanzas (excused), Susan Love (excused), Debra Berry Malmberg (excused), Gina Masequesmay, Chris Sales (excused), Carmen Saunders-Russell, Tineke Scholten, Bruce Shapiro (excused), Lissa Stapleton (excused), Adam Swenson, Adriano Zambom

The Faculty Senate Minutes for [April 11, 2019](#) were approved as distributed.

**1. Announcements**

- a. Faculty President Stein announced that the Honored Faculty Reception will be held on Monday May 20, 2019 at 1:30pm in the USU Grand Salon.
- b. Faculty President and the Faculty Senate thanked Interim Provost Stella Theodoulou for her service to the Senate and the university.

**2. Convening of the 2019-20 Senate***Introduction of new Officers and new Senators*

The 2019-20 Faculty Senate was convened for the purpose of electing the 2019-20 Senate Executive Committee (SEC). Mary-Pat Stein, the Faculty President introduced the new faculty officers and requested for all new Senators to stand and make a brief introduction that included their name and department. The faculty officers are Mary-Pat Stein (Faculty President), Michael Neubauer (Vice President) and Kim Henige (Secretary).

*Election of 2019-20 Senate Executive Committee*

President Stein shared a brief PowerPoint explaining the responsibilities of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). Ten Senators were nominated to serve on SEC. President Stein requested that all nominees briefly introduce themselves to the Senate. The following six Senators were elected: Nazaret Dermendjian (Civil Engineering and Construction Management), Kenneth Luna (Linguistics/TESL), Cheryl Spector (English), Elizabeth Sussman (Family and Consumer Sciences), Holli Tonyan (Psychology) and Jeffrey Wiegley (Computer Science). The following individuals serve as ex-officio members: Mary-Pat Stein (Faculty President), Kim Henige (Faculty Secretary), Michael Neubauer (Faculty Vice President) and Jerald Schutte (CSU Statewide Academic Senator), and Mary Beth Walker (Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, non-voting).

### 3. **Resolution in Support of Statewide Academic Senate Resolution on CSU Electronic Core Collection Funding**

Mark Stover, Dean of Oviatt Library  
Annette Besnilian, Chair of Library Committee

Dean Mark Stover said that this resolution is in support of funding resources for the CSU libraries. For about ten years, the budget for CSU libraries has stagnated at \$5 million with no changes. About seven of the CSU Faculty Senates have passed similar resolutions in support of the Statewide Academic Senate's Resolution on CSU Electronic Core Collection Funding.

**MSP:** to approve the Resolution in Support of the Statewide Academic Senate Resolution on CSU Electronic Core Collection Funding with the requested changes. The Senate voted; motion passed.

Approved Resolution:

[Resolution in Support of Statewide Academic Senate Resolution on CSU Electronic Core Collection Funding \(May 2019\)](#)

### 4. **Senate Reports**

#### a. **Provost's Report-** Interim Provost Stella Theodoulou

Interim Provost Stella Theodoulou reported on the following:

1. Interim Provost Theodoulou is reviewing a total of 133 RTP files (14 E&CS, 29 HHD, 19 HUM, 2 Counseling, 18 S&BS, 18 S&M, 13 BAE, 3 Library, 14 AMC, 3 COE). She has already reviewed 100 files. Interim Theodoulou is very proud of the productivity of the faculty and the number of faculty going up for tenure and promotion.
2. After consultation with PP&R, Research and Graduate Studies is going to be split into two new stand-alone units. The two units are Research and Sponsored Programs and Graduate Studies. The university will not be adding new management positions (MPPs) to the units. It is a reorganization.
3. Interim Provost Theodoulou is awaiting approval for 35 new faculty hires for next year. Interim Provost Theodoulou thanked the Senators for their work this past year and said that the new Provost will be starting soon.

A Senator mentioned that because of the split of the Research and Graduate Studies unit, the Senate will have to make a change to Section 600 next year.

#### b. **AB1460 Statewide Academic Senate CSU Update** – Jerry Schutte

Senator Schutte gave the Senate a brief overview of AB1460, the current status of AB1460 and the Statewide Academic Senate of the CSU's (ASCSU) response to the bill. Senator Schutte mentioned that all 53 of the Statewide Senators strongly subscribe to having an ethnic studies requirement. The ASCSU opposed the bill because they did not believe that the legislature has the right to legislate curriculum and the law prohibits CFA from entering

into negotiations. Senator Schutte mentioned that the legislature and CFA did not consult with the ASCSU about the bill. Another concern was that the bill excludes Women and Gender Studies, Queer Studies and Central American Studies. Other concerns were the 3 unit requirement, double-counting and course substitutions. The ASCSU opposed the bill, expressed their concerns to Shirley Weber's office (the author of AB1460) and were given the opportunity to submit their amendments to the bill to help with ambiguities.

A Senator asked if it is unprecedented for the legislature to legislate curriculum decisions. It was explained that he was not aware of whether it was unprecedented or not for the legislature to effect curriculum, but that he thought it was not. Another Senator asked if the CSUN Faculty Senate is expecting a response to the Resolution of No Confidence in Chancellor Timothy White. President Stein said that the Senate is not expecting a response to the resolution.

c. **CFA Report** – CFA President Nate Thomas

**Link to written report:**

[https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfareport\\_may.pdf](https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfareport_may.pdf)

President Stein mentioned that if anyone has any questions about the CFA report they can contact Nate Thomas. A written report was sent to the Senators.

## 5. New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

President Dianne Harrison's written report was shared with the Senate via email.

**Link to written report:**

[https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/presidentsreport\\_05092019.pdf](https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/presidentsreport_05092019.pdf)

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