

CSUN ARF EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Friday, September 13, 2024
Orchard Conference Center

APPROVED BY THE ARF BOARD FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024

1. Meeting called to order at 10:25 a.m. by President Diane Schwartz.

Agenda was adopted. Review of minutes of prior Board meeting and annual June general membership meeting was delayed until the October Board meeting.

2. Members in attendance, in person: Diane Schwartz, Cynthia Rawitch, Michael Barrett, Pat Miller, Cathy Jeppson, Steven Stepanek, Sharon Klein, Dan Blake, Bob Kiddoo; on Zoom: Ann Perkins, Cynthia Desrochers, Tim Fox, Gene Turner; excused: Pat Nicholson.

3. President's Announcements: a) Today's meeting is 60 minutes in light of earlier brunch and afternoon meeting start times. b) It is important that standing committees have members in addition to the chair, to serve as backup and help with the work. The Executive Board will help identify members and will approve members. Suggestions should be brought to the October meeting. c) Diane has appointed Michael Barrett to serve as ARF's representative to Faculty Senate and Tim Fox to continue as ARF's rep to CSU-ERFSA. d) Diane reminds board members to RSVP and mark their calendars for the thank you lunch with ERFSA, Monday, Oct. 21 11:30a. (Location later decided as the Orchard Center.)

4. There were no announcements from Board members.

5. Reports

1. Treasurer: Cathy Jeppson distributed the report. (See attached.) Diane noted the nice dividends ARF's accounts have gotten in the past year.

2. Program: Pat Miller reported that the meeting and event schedule for the coming year is holding steady. The event this afternoon—brunch and program with retired acting chancellor Jolene Koester—attracted 48 attendees for brunch and 73 for the meeting, including 15 alumni. Pat reviewed the rest of the Fall meetings. The performance event this year will be January 18, 2025 when STOMP will come to the Soraya for a Sunday afternoon (3p.m.) performance. Soraya has blocked off an area for our members to sit together. Details of the pre/post reception still to be decided.

Annual ARF field trip to be decided. The Committee and others are considering a number of possibilities.

3. Membership: Tim Fox reported that membership renewal letters to existing members went out earlier this week. Letters to new potential members will go out later in September. Keeping up with changes in email addresses is always an issue and can only be implemented when we know about such changes. There was a brief discussion of issues around retired faculty emails and directory.

4. Remembrance: Cynthia reiterated the need for volunteers from each College to serve as contacts when a faculty member from that College passes. (Finding someone to write the obituary is easier through a member of the same college.) Volunteers do not necessarily have to write the in memoriam personally. Cathy Jeppson and Sharon Klein volunteered their services. Tim Fox offered to send a membership list by College to Cynthia.

5. Newsletter: Ann Perkins reminded all that the deadline for the November newsletter is Oct. 23. She said she would include an announcement asking for volunteers for the standing committees.

6. Historian: Executive Board members had questions and suggestions for Dan Blake, who said he would look into Sharon Klein's question about whether the committee continues to acquire and store reports/memorabilia from the other committees. Steven Stepanek noted that the CSUN archivist does want anything related to CSUN history. Stepanek noted that the Library accepts older memorabilia in physical form but prefers more current to be digital. There was a brief discussion of the need to help pull together a history of the Faculty Club. John Broesamle's book, "Storm Over Valley State" was recommended as a good source of information.

7. Webmaster Gene Turner said the website needs updated instructions for our annual graduate student awards.

8. Faculty Senate: Representative Michael Barrett reported briefly: on a) the contentious issues around campus protests, i.e. Time, Place and Manner rules and regulations. Faculty Senate opposes the new rules, instead supporting academic freedom and free speech. Senators wanted to know why such changes were implemented over the summer when faculty were not around, and noted the lack of consultation with students and faculty; b) CSUN is one of only eight CSU campuses that saw an increase in enrollment. It was up about 1 percent; c) Senate heard a report on a new CSUN program which reaches out to students who left without earning a degree. 800 students have come back this Fall as a result of this program.

9. ERFSA rep Tim Fox said there is a statewide ERFSA meeting in October.

10. Old and new business reports were delayed until the October meeting.

11. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 for brunch and afternoon speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Rawitch for Pat Nichelson