

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 4/19/2012
Minutes of Meeting of March 8, 2012
Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room

Faculty President Stepanek called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Michael Barrett, Cecile Bendavid (excused), Michael Bennett, Douglas Carranza, Gabriela Chavira (excused), Vicentiu Covrig (excused), Daniel Cutcher, Susan Fitzpatrick-Behrens, Sean Flanagan (excused), Amanda Flavin, Abel Franco, Eric Garcia (excused), Nicholas Habib, Cathy Jeppson (excused), Amy Levin (excused), Terri Lisagor (excused), Jennifer Matos (excused), Douglas McLaughlin (excused), Daniel Odom, Jeff Stork (excused), Steven Thachuk (excused), Dayanthie Weeraratne, Steven Wexler, Jeff Wiegley

The Faculty Senate Minutes for December 1, 2011 and February 9, 2012 were approved as distributed.

1. Announcements

- a. E-mails were sent to all faculty and Senators announcing the start of the Spring 2012 elections. Due to a temporary problem with e-mail submissions on Wednesday (3/7) morning, the e-mails will be resent. The voting links, sample ballots and candidate bio information is posted on the Faculty Senate website. The election will close on March 28th.
- b. The inaugural Terry Piper Lecture will be on March 14, 2012 from 9:30 – 11:00am in the Northridge Center, USU. Dr. Marcia Baxter Magolda will talk about, “Building Learning Partnerships for Student Success.” RSVP’s are due by Friday, March 9.
- c. Ashley Skylar is CSU, Northridge’s campus communications liaison for Cal State Online. Skylar referred to an e-mail sent by Stepanek announcing Cal State Online, an initiative to create a system wide office to assist in the coordination of online programs. Skylar explained the background for the initiative and pointed out locations/links where Senators can find more on CSU options for online learning, goals, and an open letter providing background and general information about Cal State Online. Senators were asked to send Skylar feedback by March 29th. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for Online Course and Program Delivery Services will go out on April 2nd. The Cal State Online website is: <http://www.calstateonline.net>.

2. **University President Search Committee Update**

Veda Ward, Member of Presidential Search Advisory Committee

The Board of Trustees will meet on March 19th and 20th to make their selection of our next university president. The Chancellor will make an announcement shortly thereafter. Both Ward and Stepanek said that their experience on the Search Committee was quite exciting and informative.

3. **Policy Items – Educational Policies Committee**

Don Brownlee, Chair of EPC

Action Item – [Basic Skills Policy](#)

Brownlee brought attention to the sections of the policy that were revised since the last Senate meeting. He mentioned that if the policy is not approved at today's meeting, it would not make the deadline for next year's catalog.

The motion to approve the policy was passed.

Action Item – [Undergraduate Academic Internship Policy](#)

Brownlee pointed out the changes made to the policy since the last Senate meeting. An expanded summary of supporting reasons was added to the document and displayed on the screen for Senators to read. In response to questions, Brownlee said that the proposed policy establishes minimum faculty contact hours (12) and student work hours (45) which is consistent with Carnegie credit unit standards. The 12 hours of minimum contact with CSUN faculty is required per course regardless of the course units.

Brownlee also brought attention to the procedures section which states that exceptions for approved internship courses that are out of compliance with the policy must seek approval from EPC.

MSP to delete the word “work” from IVB. to read, “45 student hours per unit per semester is expected and may not be exceeded without approval of EPC.”

The motion to approve the policy was passed.

4. **Mandatory Early Start Resolution**

Cheryl Spector, Academic First Year Experiences

Link to approved resolution:

<http://www.csun.edu/senate/resolutions/mesresolution030812.pdf>

Spector explained the reasons for bringing forward this resolution to the Senate for support. Some of the comments from Senators include: 1) In some of the Whereas statements, is there evidence to support what is being stated? 2) The Whereas statements do not support the Resolved statements and 3) The resolution does not have strength and is not effective as written.

Spector said that this is a resolution to register our protest and our unhappiness because we do not have the power or authority to not implement the Executive Order. She said that this mandate violates shared governance, will cost students and campuses money, and students will not benefit from the program.

A SEC member explained SEC's rationale for recommending that this be a resolution of protest rather than opposition. She said that it made sense to oppose the Executive Order in the early stages but when implementation became mandatory, we now have to proceed. This resolution best represents the objections and protests.

MSP to approve the resolution.

5. President's Report – Interim President Harry Hellenbrand

Interim President Hellenbrand reported on the following topics:

- a. **WASC** – Interim President Hellenbrand and Vice Provost Rawitch recently attended a final meeting with WASC. They anticipate a good decision and we should receive the WASC decision letter very soon.
- b. **Presidential Search** – The Board of Trustees is expected to make their decision on the selection of our new president on March 19th with the anticipation of the new president beginning in June or July.
- c. **Budget** – Interim President Hellenbrand reported from his visits with elected officials during CSU Capitol Hill Day that the current focus in Washington, D.C. is to preserve program funding. Interim President Hellenbrand also mentioned the recent non-reconfirmation by the Senate of Board of Trustees Chair Herb Carter. Additionally, two more trustees are up for reconfirmation. The outcome of the November ballot initiatives will determine whether the Board of Trustees supports another fee increase.

6. Information Security Policies Update

Chris Olsen, Senior Director IT Infrastructure Services

Link to CSU Information Security Policy Campus Integration Document:

http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/csu_security_policy_030812.pdf

Olsen reported that a few years ago the Board of Trustees noticed an increase in incidents of loss of security in the CSU. They decided a uniform set of policies needed to be in place. In addition, campuses were audited on security and it was decided that stronger policies were necessary. Campus Information Technology/Information Security policies have been updated to harmonize with System-wide policies. The changes resulting from the new policies will be rolled in over time to minimum campus impact.

Two areas of greatest impact to all faculty, staff, and student workers are: 1) to require using a minimum of an 8-character CSUN password with some frequency of reset and 2) to require completion of an online Information Security Awareness Training, with some periodic refreshers.

Olsen concluded by saying that IT will never ask for your password; so please be alert when receiving fraudulent emails and never give your password or social security number.

7. Senate Reports

a. Provost's Report – Vice President William Watkins

Vice President Watkins reported the following:

1. On February 23rd, a communication was sent to the campus community regarding our Spring enrollment. We are committed to managing enrollments for this coming Fall. We plan to allocate more resources to continuing students so they can take more units (average is 11.8 units). We have fewer incoming transfers and will admit fewer first time freshman (4800 students) by using the criteria for impaction (admit highest scores on eligibility index first) for tier 2 admits. We are not permitted to admit any students in Spring 2013. And, we will be able to exceed our FTES target by 5 percent for 2012-13.
2. We submitted a proposal for Phase Two for student housing in the Residential Life area. In 2009, the Freshman Suites opened which is a great success. Phase Two will have 400 beds and will open in 2015.
3. The Student Recreation Center (SRC) is going well. There are 16,000 members (15,000 students) with 4,000 people using the SRC every day (Monday – Thursday).
4. Deaf 101 (training to work with deaf students) will be taught next week by Flavia Fleischer and Roz Rosen.
5. GradFest is today and tomorrow (March 8-9). 10,000 students are expected to graduate this coming year. Senators were encouraged to participate in commencement activities.
6. Senators were invited to attend the inaugural Terry Piper Lecture on March 14, 2012 from 9:30 – 11:00am in the Northridge Center, USU. Dr. Marcia Baxter Magolda will talk about, Building Learning Partnerships for Student Success.
7. Four students will receive the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award. Senators were asked to encourage their students to apply for this award. The deadline is April 9, 2012.

b. CFA Report – Nate Thomas

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/cfareport030812.pdf>

Thomas reported that a strike vote has been authorized by the CFA Board of Directors. CSUN voting will take place on April 16th and April 27th. Pledge cards were passed around to the Senators. CFA urges members to pledge now to vote “yes” in the strike. A “yes” vote authorizes a series of 2-day rolling strikes on all 23 campuses. Thomas said that the best way to avoid a strike is to have a strike vote.

Senator Leland Lee (D-San Francisco/San Mateo) announced legislation to reform the CSU Board of Trustees, specifically designating nine of the 25 trustees to be students, faculty, or workers from within the university system. Senator Yee's bill would double

the number of student trustees to four and would ensure that at least three faculty members and two non-faculty employees serve on the Board of Trustees.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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