

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 5/8/2014
Minutes of Meeting of April 17, 2014
Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room

Faculty President Frehlich called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Lawrence Becker (excused), Michael Bennett, Sandra Chong (excused), Dale Conner (excused), Kathy Dabbour (excused), Matthew DesLauriers, Taehyun Kim (excused), Greg Knotts (leave), Amy Levin (excused), Debra Malmberg (leave), Ani Nahapetian, Taeboem Oh (excused), Beth Phillips, Rosa Rivera Furumoto, Judy Schmidt-Levy (excused), Gary Victor, David Wakefield (excused), Christopher Woollett

The Faculty Senate [Minutes for March 13, 2014](#) were approved pending revisions to Item #4.

1. Announcements

- a. Frehlich congratulated Senators elected to various Senate positions and thanked those who agreed to run during the recent election. Shane Frehlich was elected Faculty President (2014-16), Adam Swenson was elected Vice President (2014-15), Terri Lisagor was elected Secretary (2014-15), and Jerald Schutte was elected to be CSU Statewide Academic Senator (2014-17). Holli Tonyan won the run-off election for the sixth Senator-at-Large position.
- b. Members will be elected to serve on the 2014-15 Senate Executive Committee at the May 8th Senate meeting. Frehlich encouraged Senators to consider serving.
- c. The faculty award committees are now working on selecting winners for six awards; Frehlich thanked them for their service.
- d. The Honored Faculty Reception will be on Wednesday, May 21st at 1:30 p.m. in the USU Grand Salon. Award winners, new emeritus faculty, and faculty reaching milestone service years will be honored.
- e. The faculty elections went very smoothly, with no issues experienced.
- f. Dr. Robert Gunsalus, Vice President for University Advancement, emailed all faculty about the Raising CSUN's Visibility and Reputation Initiative. This initiative is an attempt to make a CSUN degree more attractive to employers and to raise our visibility. Frehlich encouraged faculty to get involved and to participate and provide feedback when contacted.
- g. Athletics is hosting a Faculty Appreciation event today that will run until the baseball game ends. The Senators were encouraged to attend.
- h. Participants and planners of the "*Incivility in the Academe*" open forums were thanked for their work and involvement. The forums were very well attended.
- i. Goodwin announced that the Center for Teaching and Learning and the Student Council for Exceptional Children will be presenting a documentary, "*The Butterfly Circus*," on Tuesday, April 29th, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in SQ104.
- j. Young said there will be a Health Policy Summit to talk about health policy on April 21st from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the USU Northridge Center.
- k. Michaud announced an event sponsored by the Center for Southern California Studies (S&BS). Dr. I. King Jordan, in conversation with Larry Mantle, will talk about "*Access and*

Respect: 21st Century Challenges for People with Disabilities” on Thursday, April 24th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Little Theater (Nordhoff Hall). Michaud also mentioned that the Political Science Department will present “*A Conversation with United States Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine)*” on Monday, April 21st at 1:30 p.m. in the USU Grand Salon.

1. Spratt said that novelist Aimee Bender will visit campus on April 24th from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. on April 24th in the USU Lake View Terrace Room.

2. **Policy Items** – Graduate Studies Committee

Merril Simon, Chair of GSC

Crist Khachikian, Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research

Action Item – [Graduate Probation and Disqualification Policy](#)

Simon reported that GSC considered and made the revisions suggested at the last Senate meeting. Senators recommended a few additional friendly amendments to the policy.

The motion to approve the policy was passed unanimously.

First Reading – [Post-baccalaureate Credential Probation and Disqualification Policy](#)

Simon explained the justification for this policy. GSC was concerned about students who keep repeating classes in an attempt to bring up their GPA, in spite of having a very low probability of ever graduating. This policy change will help students understand the thresholds and processes for probation and disqualification.

At a previous SEC meeting, it was recommended that the Post-baccalaureate Credential Probation and Disqualification policy be separated from the Graduate Probation and Disqualification policy. The policies are exactly the same except for the GPA requirement and where the reinstatement form gets filed. For this reason, GSC requested a waiver of the first-reading. **MSP** to waive the first-reading.

Senators requested that the same friendly amendments made to the Graduate Probation and Disqualification policy also be made to this policy. A request was made to add the underscored text to the end of the policy statement: Students receiving a final disqualification will be given no further opportunities for readmission to the university.

The motion to approve the policy was passed unanimously.

3. **Resolution on the Electronic Submission of Classwork**

Link to Resolution:

<http://www.csun.edu/senate/resolutions/electronic-submission-of-classwork-resolution041714.pdf>

Chris Sales, Chair of the Academic Technology Committee

Jerald Schutte, Chair of the Educational Resources Committee

Sales said that this resolution comes forward from the Academic Technology Committee and the Educational Resources Committee as a result of the Campus Sustainability Plan calling for reduced printing across the campus, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Lab Printing’s recommendation to require a default duplex (two-sided) printing and a uniform printing quota for students. Schutte mentioned that this resolution recommends that, whenever reasonable, faculty

allow students to submit papers and other assignments electronically, and that training be offered to faculty by the Faculty Technology Center to help faculty become more proficient in electronic grading. Sales and Schutte stressed the point that the decision to allow students to submit work electronically, and to use electronic grading, is entirely up to the faculty member and is voluntary.

The phrase “whenever reasonable” was debated. It was mentioned that this phrase was evaluative and a judgment. A few expressed support of this phrase because it allowed the faculty member to determine if electronic submission or grading was a reasonable option for them. Others felt that the “1st Resolved” should be re-written or removed completely and the “2nd Resolved” be revised.

After a long discussion, **MSP** to table this resolution until the next Senate meeting so that ATC and ERC can consider feedback and Senators can discuss further.

4. Senate Reports

a. **President’s Report** – President Diane Harrison

1. **Humboldt Bus Accident** - President Harrison expressed concern and compassion for all those impacted by the horrific bus accident involving high school students and staff travelling to our sister campus on Thursday, April 10th. CSUN and the CSU immediately reached out to local schools to offer assistance to the victims, family and friends through counseling and other support services.
2. **Budget Update** – President Harrison said that there was not much new information to share about the state budget as we wait for the May Revise. The CSU will continue to advocate for an additional \$90 million for the 2014-15 budget year.

Additionally, the CSU submitted proposals to support a possible \$50M allocation by the Governor to fund “innovative models in higher education” focused on technology, assisting students toward graduation and bottlenecks. Specific proposals included the scaling up of the Pathway Program in Career Centers, reduction in remediation through state funded programs, a telepresence across the system, and the CSU goals related to bottlenecks, including the hiring of more tenure-track faculty, proficiency in the delivery of Early Start and SB1440 (Community College Transfer Bill), academic program and course scheduling tools, and a CourseMatch catalog of more than 3000 fully-online courses.

3. **Diversity** – President Harrison strongly encouraged faculty and college administrators to ensure robust recruiting activities to promote greater faculty diversity; we need to change the way we recruit to create a diverse pool that better reflects our student diversity. She said that she broadly communicates this message at All-College meetings and encourages everyone’s active participation in this critical need.
4. **International Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference** – The President attended this showcase annual event held in San Diego covering the assistive technologies available for persons with disabilities. CSUN has been a leader in this field and the President said that she is proud of the international reach in support of those in need of these technologies and services.

5. **Great Street Initiative** - Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced in his first State of the City address that Reseda Blvd. would be in Phase I of his “great street” initiative, focused on greater accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists, and would include more plant life, local art and plazas to support businesses. Councilman Mitch Englander helped support the selection of Reseda Blvd., calling it, “the gateway to Northridge and CSUN.”
 6. **David Nazarian Gift** – President Harrison said she was pleased with the generous gift by David Nazarian to support the College of Business and Economics. Gifts of this nature have a transformative impact on the university. Additional gifts of this size for VPAC and five other colleges would further the momentum of activities on campus in support of student success.
 7. **White House Visit** – President Harrison reported that Muriel Howard, President of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, invited her to a meeting at the White House with Vice President Biden on April 29, regarding the recent legislation on sexual harassment and sexual assault reporting and compliance obligations for colleges and universities. President Harrison supports the important role campus presidents and chancellors serve in education and prevention efforts.
- b. **Provost’s Report** – Vice Provost Michael Neubauer

Vice Provost Neubauer reported on the following items:

1. The hiring plan for the Colleges has been established; 80 positions for 2015-16 have been approved. We expect to fill about 70 positions for the current round of searches (80%).
 2. The eligibility index for tier two has been increased; they will check to see how the higher eligibility index has affected diversity of the freshman class, particularly with African-American students. It’s possible that they may have to lower the index to 3500.
 3. The Director of Assessment and Program Review position announcement was sent to all faculty. The Director receives 12 units of reassigned time and the possibility of summer support. Applications are due on May 12, 2014.
 4. Dr. Manuel Pastor (Dialogues with the Provost speaker) will talk about “*The Next California: Demographic Shifts, Economic Change and Implications for Higher Education*” on Monday April 21st, from 9-11:00 a.m. in CY158 (Recital Hall).
- c. **CFA Report** – CFA President Nate Thomas
Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/cfareport041714.pdf>

CFA President Thomas mentioned the following items:

1. The next CFA bargaining session will be on April 24-25th in Sacramento. Bargaining will be held at CSUN on May 8th.
2. An email will be sent soon soliciting ideas for legislation.

- d. **CSU Statewide Academic Senate Report** – Shane Frehlich, Adam Swenson & Sandra Chong
Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/sasreport041714.pdf>

Frehlich highlighted two first-reading resolutions: 1) Creation of California State University Discipline Councils and 2) Designation and Compilation of Online Course Modalities.

A Dropbox link to seven first-reading resolutions was sent to the Senators. These resolutions will be action items at the May 14-16 ASCSU Plenary meeting. Senators were encouraged to provide feedback to the CSU Statewide Academic Senators on these first-reading resolutions as well as on those being considered in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Submitted by:
Terri Lisagor, Secretary of the Faculty
Heidi Wolfbauer, Recording Secretary