

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING 05-14-2019 APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 09-10-2019
Sub. To Exec. Comm. _____ Approved by Exec. Comm. _____
Sub. To Acad. Senate _____ Approved by Acad. Senate _____
POLICY ITEMS _____

Members Present:

Lindsay Brown, Nazaret Dermendjian, Kim Henige, Greg Knotts, Linda Noblejas-Sapuay (recording), Jerald Schutte, Josh Sides, Dino Vrongistinos, Melanie Williams

Members Excused:

Dianne Bartlow, Diane Stephens (non-voting), Yarma Velazquez-Vargas

Guests:

Callie Juarez (representing Diane Stephens)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the ERC Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2019

The minutes of the ERC meeting of March 12, 2019 were approved.

4. Approval of the ERC Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The ERC annual report for FY 2018-2019 was approved with abstentions.

5. ERC Chair's Report

Dermendjian stated that UPBG has not met so he has no updates in terms of the budget. The May Revise has just been released by the Governor's Office and any news on that will be provided at the next meeting. He stated that for the upcoming fiscal year, this committee needs to keep an eye on the increase in average unit load (AUL). When AUL increases, this implies additional sections without the benefit of fees/money coming in.

The university is covering the deficit this year by dipping in the reserves but this is not a sustainable solution. We need to keep this issue in our radar.

He thanked Sides, Vrongistinos, and Brown for their participation as members of the committee as their term is expiring at the end of the semester. Sides and Brown expressed willingness to serve again. Dermendjian stated that he will let Senate Executive Committee of their interest.

6. Executive Secretary's Report – Callie Juarez

Juarez reported that the university is currently implementing a new budgeting system called Questica. For the 2018-19 budget, the College of Health and Human Development (CHHD) and the Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communications (MCCAMC) piloted the system. For the 2019-2020 budget, the entire university is currently entering their prior year adjusted base. She stated that prior to Questica, budgets have been managed on excel spreadsheets. This system will give us consistency and the ability to roll budgets forward.

Juarez also reported that both Directors of Finance and Operations for the College of Health and Human Development and College of Science and Mathematics (CSM) have been filled. Todd Oberson joined CHHD in April and Nidia Goitia will join CSM on July 1st.

7. Statewide Academic Senate Report – Jerry Schutte

Schutte reported that the Statewide Academic Senate will be meeting tomorrow. The committee goes to Sacramento in April each year to hear bills. Bills are required to be posted at the State Legislature by February 22. The committee meets on March 15 so between February 22 and March 14, they looked at about 600 bills and prioritized them as to what needs to be addressed and focused on by the CSU faculty. They came up with 22 bills that need to be looked at. Four of them they thought were crucial and the other 18 were assigned a recommended position. They strongly supported these three bills: Senate Bill (SB) 14 which is the \$8M general obligation bond; AB 829, the audiology doctorate; and SB 660, the requirement for one mental health counselor per 1500 students. However, they opposed what has proved to be the most controversial bill, AB1460 providing that every CSU student as a qualification for graduation must take a 3-unit ethnic studies course. The reason for the opposition is that the legislature should not have the role related to curriculum at the CSU. Also, it was a CFA sponsored bill. CFA, by law, cannot be involved in curriculum but yet they wrote and sponsored the bill without consultation with ASCSU. Moreover, it will cost \$10M to implement as there will be a significant number of articulation and pathways agreements that will be affected. Many on this campus strongly advocated for this yet others held the position that these kinds of things should come from the campus and not from the legislature. The bill has passed the Higher Education Committee of the Assembly and sent to the Appropriations Committee. It was put in suspense and will stay there until after the May

Revise. The outcome at this time is undetermined. ASCSU is also taking up on Thursday two resolutions. One is to accept the delivery of the General Education Task Force report and the other bill is to reject the delivery. Schutte also mentioned that they are keeping a watch position on a bill that is taking Cal Grants from the current six year limit down to four years. He will keep everyone posted on this. He asked that if there are any concerns and comments to let him know.

8. Election of Chair

The committee unanimously re-elected Nazaret Dermendjian as the Chair for AY 2019-2020.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Notes:

The next ERC meeting will be held on September 10, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in UN 211.

**** THERE WAS NO POLICY RECOMMENDATION PUT FORTH AT THIS MEETING FOR SENATE CONSIDERATION.***