

# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING 11-12-2019 APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 12-10-2019  
Sub. To Exec. Comm. \_\_\_\_\_ Approved by Exec. Comm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sub. To Acad. Senate \_\_\_\_\_ Approved by Acad. Senate \_\_\_\_\_  
POLICY ITEMS \_\_\_\_\_

## Members Present:

Dianne Bartlow, Lindsay Brown, Nazaret Dermendjian, Ellis Godard, Kim Henige, Greg Knotts, Linda Noblejas-Sapuay (recording), Jerald Schutte, Diane Stephens (non-voting), Kate Stevenson, Dino Vrongistinos, Yarma Velazquez-Vargas

## Guests:

Ken Rosenthal

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. Schutte informed everyone that Dermendjian would not be able to attend, or would attend late, as he was representing this Committee at the Academic Calendar Meeting scheduled at the same time. Schutte will chair the meeting again on Dermendjian's behalf.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of the University Conference Center.

### 3. Approval of the ERC Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2019

The minutes of the ERC meeting of October 8, 2019 were approved with abstentions.

### 4. ERC Chair's Report

No report.

## 5. Executive Secretary's Report

Stephens reported on the following:

### a. Budget

She informed everyone that the next UPBG meeting is scheduled on November 22, 2019. The University budget was finalized late last month and budgets are being allocated to the colleges in the midst of Questica (i.e., budget software) implementation including budgeting down to the departments by line item.

### b. Human Resources

There are currently 69 approved tenure-track faculty searches underway for Fall 2020.

The search for the Director of Finance and Operations for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences has been reposted.

### c. Facilities – Sierra Hall

Stephens thanked those that participated in the focus groups for the Sierra Annex Classroom Building last month. Faculty participation as well as student input from the open forums yielded information about preferred learning environments (and other criteria such as gathering space, outdoor space, etc.) Our consultants will be finalizing Sierra Annex criteria documents soon and will be able to go out to bid to design/build teams in early Spring. Our studies have yielded some efficiencies and pointed to the need for an additional large lecture hall. Additional efficiencies in scheduling and studies of current utilization are yielding some space savings and the new building will likely have slightly less classrooms than those currently in Sierra Hall. It was discovered that several unscheduled rooms and some courses can be accommodated elsewhere, if needed.

### d. Classroom Technology

The Classroom Technology Committee (CTC) is recommending to the Advisory Committee on Academic Technology (ACAT) at its meeting next week that computers be replaced in all lecture rooms because they are failing. CTC is recommending that alternative solutions be investigated prior to the end of the next refresh cycle (i.e., five years) to potentially avoid this kind of expense in the future as technology evolves. Additionally, CTC is recommending that since Apple TV technology on campus is currently unsupported, it be phased out and efforts be placed to deploy scalable technology that would allow tether-less projection for a greater number of classrooms and faculty.

Discussion ensued on the plans for technology in the classrooms in Sierra Annex, gathering spaces and redesign of the Sierra Roof, funding for the 69 faculty searches, FTES, SFR formula, weighing in on an idea of a diversity initiative to Faculty Affairs or PP&R, implications of Questica and Open Book, etc.

## 6. Campus Project Update – Ken Rosenthal

There was an objection to the presentation since the material was not posted prior to the meeting for the members to review. However, the Committee members decided to continue with the presentation. Stephens apologized, on behalf of herself and the Chair, for the oversight.

Rosenthal distributed the [Campus Project Update presentation](#). It is the same presentation he provided at UPBG and the Council of Chairs. He was asked to give an update on the projects that Facilities are working on. He showed the map of where the projects are located. Rosenthal talked about current projects, their costs, sources of funds, and estimated time of completion.

- a. The Baseball Ball Park Fields Lights - we got funding from Major League Baseball (MLB). It was in design in the summer and will start construction this early winter.
- b. G6 Parking Structure – is in construction right now and is funded by Parking. Estimated completion is summer 2020.
- c. Redwood Hall Renovation – the feasibility study was completed last year and it centered on deferred maintenance, ADA accessibility, utilization of existing of locker rooms and consolidation of some of the locker rooms to create more space to make more efficient. There is no current funding for this project.
- d. USU Northridge Center Replacement – is in design and completion estimated by 2023. This will be funded by student fees that resulted in the fee referendum voted by the students last year.
- e. Bookstore Annex/Restaurant and Conference Center – it is in the Southeast corner of the bookstore where we are moving the Orange Grove Bistro and providing a conference center that can seat about 200-250 people. It is a 50/50 split funding between The University Corporation and CSU Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance fund. Gensler is the architect and the project is in plan check and hopefully construction starts in January 2020
- f. Hotel P3 Project – it is funded by a private developer, Hilton Garden Hotel. It has been approved by the Board of Trustees. It hopes to start construction in June 2020.
- g. Sierra Annex – is the replacement building for classrooms that are in Sierra Hall. It is a state funded project of roughly \$50M.
- h. Sierra Hall – is in our capital plan for 14 years. We are high enough on the list to get the project done. Once the classrooms are moved to Sierra Annex, the second phase is to do a face renovation of Sierra Hall. This will be a \$110M project and funding will be depended on the March 2020 Bond Initiative.

- i. Traffic Signal on Plummer/Darby Intersection – He expects to be out of plan check this month with LA City.
- j. Jacaranda Hall – they will be doing a study with Andrew Agnos, a CSUN alum and CEO of Autodesk (i.e., software used by architects to design buildings) who donated \$75K for this study on how to create a center for integrated manufacturing.

Rosenthal also talked about deferred maintenance projects ongoing on campus such as the Central Plant Heating Hot Water Piping Replacement, Electrical Infrastructure Replacement, Satellite Central Plant Cooling Tower Replacement, Oviatt Portico Brick Deck Replacement, Elevator Repair and Replacement, etc.

Discussion followed on questions about bidding methods used for contractors, ethical concerns on the restaurant contractor, the difference between the CSU critical infrastructure and the CSU deferred maintenance funding, what are being demolished in USU Northridge Center, sustainability goals, etc. It was suggested to invite Rick Evans from The University Corporation, if available, either in December or in February to talk about the Restaurant and Conference Center and its catering policy,

## **7. Statewide Academic Senate Report – Jerry Schutte**

Schutte reported on three things. The Chancellor will be retiring in June. As of last week, there are two separate committees for the search. One committee will choose the Chancellor. Another committee called “Stakeholders Committee” will be the advisory committee to the one that chooses the Chancellor. The Stakeholders Committee consists of the Chair and the Vice Chair of ASCSU, two students, and one president. The committee is holding four different sessions at four different campuses (i.e., Sacramento, Fresno, San Marcos, and Long Beach) on November 20, 22, and December 3, 6. All will be livestreamed. You can livestream or attend to add your input that will advise the BOT on the criteria for the new Chancellor.

Relevant to the Academic Technology Committee, the CSU CIO position was divided into two parts, the CIO that runs the enterprise part of the system and the CIO for the faculty technology group. Both are gone, one retired and another one returned back to his campus. There are interims right now in both positions. Schutte will report on what happens to this search.

Quantitative Reasoning (QR) is being voted on next Tuesday by the Board of Trustees. It has changed radically as the start date now is moved to 2027. They also have changed to have waivers issued automatically for any unified school districts or schools that do not have a particular set of courses that would qualify for QR. The meeting will also be livestreamed.

Schutte also mentioned Resolution AS397 that was passed in September. It was a resolution to seek and explore the 23 campus’ responses to what an ethnic studies

requirement should look like. They held an open forum and discussed all manner of things. They will provide a report based on the discussion and the survey that was done. The report was posted and our Faculty President should have sent you the memo. Schutte can send the information and the link if you did not get the memo.

#### **8. Student/Faculty Ratio (SFR) Discussion**

This agenda item was postponed for discussion at the next meeting. Knotts will lead the discussion.

#### **9. New Business**

The Committee has reminded that all presentations and review materials will be posted in myCSUNbox no later than two business days before the meeting.

#### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Notes:**

The next ERC meeting will be held on December 10, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in UN 250, President's Conference Room.

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