

# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING 05-12-2020 APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 09-08-2020  
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, Linda Noblejas-Sapuay (recording), Jerald Schutte, Diane Stephens (non-voting), Dino Vrongistinos, Yarma Velazquez-Vargas

## Members Absent:

Greg Knotts, Kate Stevenson

### 1. Call to Order

The virtual meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of the Statewide Academic Senate Report.

### 3. Approval of the ERC Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2020

The minutes of the ERC meeting of April 14, 2020 were approved.

### 4. Approval of the ERC Annual Report for 2019-2020

The ERC Annual Report for 2019-2020 was approved.

### 5. ERC Chair's Report

Dermendjian thanked Bartlow, Brown, Schutte, and Vrongistinos for their participation and input as members of ERC. He expressed appreciation to Schutte, who will be retiring, for the many years of service as former Chair of ERC and also as the representative of the Statewide Academic Senate. Godard has been reappointed by the Senate to serve on ERC and Elizabeth Sussman is a new Senate appointee. Dermendjian stated that another Senate appointee and two Presidential appointees will be joining the Committee starting in Fall.

Dermendjian stated that UPBG has not met yet so there are no revisions to the budget information that was provided by Vice President Donahue and Provost Walker at the last month's meeting. The Governor is expected to provide his May Revision next week.

## 6. Statewide Academic Senate Report

Schutte thanked Dermendjian for the kind words. He said that he has been with ERC for fifteen years and he considers ERC his home. He leaves ERC with sweet memories. He will still be around and will be able to contribute to the Statewide Senate as a consultant on the legislative side of things and as board member for The University Corporation.

Schutte reported on three things. The first was that Chancellor White had a heartfelt session with them last Thursday. He was very open about his concerns about the state of higher education, the CSU, and the impacts of the Coronavirus that resulted in the announcement this morning that instruction in the Fall will be fully online, with limited exceptions. White also suggested that the entire academic year may be online due to what he is hearing from the experts that there will likely be a serious reoccurrence in November compounded by the flu and a worse reoccurrence in March of next year. He emphasized that the faculty take advantage of the training series during summer to prepare for full online instruction.

Secondly, the Department of Finance has indicated that the State of California has lost somewhere between \$20B and \$50B in this budget year. The Governor will be releasing the revised budget this week to stabilize the projections. We will probably have the final budget revisions in August. The CSU will have a budget in late September so the university will schedule classes and assume curriculum with unknown funding. However, it was reported that this spring and the rest of the academic year, there will be a loss of \$220M dollars for next year's budget and the auxiliaries will experience a \$117M dollars loss, system wide. The good news is that most of the other half of the CARES Act money, the half not going to student aid, can be used to help subsidize these losses. In addition to that, we have \$470M in the raining day fund for the CSU. If you take the CARES money and the rainy day fund there will be ample funds to cover the deficit for next year. We just need to hope that our enrollment is stable.

The auxiliaries will continue to have losses since they are not funded by the state. Housing and meal plans are in limbo if we go online. The Chancellor is not comfortable to bring people back in the dorms.

There was an election for the Statewide Academic Senate. Rob Collins was elected Chair and Darlene Yee-Melichar as Vice Chair. Adam Swenson was voted in to replace Schutte. He will be submitting the reports that will have the minutes and the resolutions that were passed in the next couple of days and ask Noblejas-Sapuyay to put it in myCSUNbox for the Committee.

He added that SB1460 has not been voted in the State Senate. It has been revised in a form of a suggested Chancellor's Office compromise between the ASCSU and the 1460. It is being presented today at the Board of Trustees meeting. It is an informational item and only suggests one change in Title 5 and that is the three unit Ethnic Studies requirement for the CSU to graduate. The vote will take place during the July meeting of the Board of Trustees.

## **7. Executive Secretary's Report**

Stephens shared that she is a member of the Task Force, appointed by the Provost that is chaired by incoming Faculty President Neubauer, that will be examining scheduling in the Fall as it relates to COVID-19. She is also a member of a subcommittee in Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that is working on Fall scheduling. Chancellor White's description today was very specific. He focused on having online presence for fall and is not going beyond that. The Chancellor identified some specific possible exemptions from online instruction that could be in-person, including Nursing simulation, engineering senior design, life sciences, creative and performing arts, etc.

They are assessing capacity and square footage of all rooms on campus under the social distancing rules. A group of folks from Facilities Planning are meeting with faculty regarding research labs to verify capacity of their spaces with social distancing. These kinds of data will affect our on-campus presence in Fall.

The intent to register data from May 1<sup>st</sup> showed good numbers of students intending to enroll. We are not sure if prior yield experience will hold in our current environment. If it does, we are expecting a decrease in freshmen enrollment and an increase in transfer student enrollment. Shifting demand for GE offerings between lower- and upper-division will occur. Discussion ensued.

## **8. Election of Chair**

Nazaret Dermendjian was re-elected as Chair.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

### **Notes:**

The next ERC meeting will be held on September 8, 2020, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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