

THE MICHAEL D. EISNER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
FACULTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 2, 2018
1-3PM

FLEMING CONFERENCE ROOM

Attending: Ivor Weiner (President), Jack Bagwell, Joanie Busillo-Aguayo, Jordan Eickman, Pete Goldschmidt, Amy Hanreddy, David Kretschmer, Kathy Rowlands, Sally Spencer, Shari Tarver-Behring (Interim Dean)

1. Review and Approve minutes from March 5, 2018
 - a. <https://mycsun.box.com/s/qifqrykbsokmqsgip0tuixhry3t4pk2>
 - b. The minutes were accepted with no changes.

2. Action Item: Blenda Wilson Award – Amy
 - a. EFAC is in charge of selecting the winner for the Blenda Wilson Award.
 - b. Two members of EFAC were nominated for the Blenda Wilson Award.
 - c. Everyone in EFAC read the nomination letters and used a rubric to evaluate the nominees, but they ended up with both nominees receiving the same score from the committee. They have decided they would like to grant two awards this year.
 - d. Dean Tarver-Behring has told them that there is enough money to award two individuals this year, but wants Faculty Council to approve this.
 - e. The committee approved EFAC’s decision to confer two awards this year.

3. Dean’s Report
 - a. The Dean congratulated Joanie and Ivor on the Rally for Student Lives on March 24th. The committee agrees that it was very successful. It was also featured in the Sundial.
 - b. Dean Tarver-Behring continues to have budget meetings with the central budget staff for the university. There may be some adjustments made to staffing in the Dean’s office because of budget shortfalls.
 - i. The Dean’s office is exploring putting small line items onto grants and centers to reimburse the office for the work they do related to each of the projects.
 - ii. They are also looking at cutting some of the Dean-funded release time in all the departments.
 - iii. 22 CSU Colleges of Education are having financial issues, and the Deans are discussing how to address those systematic budget problems. Those schools that have Liberal Studies programs are faring better financially than those that don’t.
 - c. The efforts around recruitment continue, and there is a change in some of the software that will be used (*Marketing Cloud* instead of *Pardot*.)
 - i. Tina Torres in the Credential Office has been working with the Chancellor’s Office to take care of some of the problems related to CSU Apply, and to make it more helpful to our specific applicants.
 - d. Dean Tarver-Behring also attended the L.A. Compact, which is designed to support undergraduates in completing college successfully and getting a job.
 - e. Pete reported on LAEPP (Los Angeles Educator Pathways Partnership), a group designed to look at the career tracks of students graduating from

LAUSD, and how CSUN compares to other universities in terms of student success and retention.

- f. CSUN's College of Education has one of five teachers who were nominated for induction into the National Teacher Hall of Fame in 2018: Bradley Upshaw, of Vanalden Elementary School.
 - i. The committee discussed the fact that our college is so highly awarded, and yet it seems to be overlooked by university administration.
 - ii. We will continue to explore options for getting our name and stats into the public eye.
- g. The provost met with the Dean's and let them know that he was going to be shifting into another position as Special Assistant to the President. He will be involved in the hiring of a new provost. There will be an interim provost from July 1st to December 31st. Sherry encouraged the committee members to consider giving feedback to the president and/or provost.

4. President's Report

- a. Update on Dean's Search
 - i. Zoom interviews were concluded—there were six candidates.
 - ii. The quality of the candidates was uniformly high.
 - iii. In-person interviews are hopefully going to happen on campus in April, and it will probably be 4 candidates moving forward.
- b. Conference 2019
 - i. Ivor would like to propose sponsoring a CSUN Social Justice Conference for 2019.
 - 1. The purpose is to give a strong voice to our college's social justice activities and to get it into the public eye.
 - ii. Sherry mentioned that we already have several Social Justice activities in place, including a Social Justice conference by Deaf Studies. She suggested we might want to meld some of the existing activities into one larger event.

5. Safe Schools and Communities Rally 3/24 Debrief – Joannie Aguayo-Busillo

- a. Everyone who attended the event considered it successful.
- b. The student speeches were the most universally lauded part of the event. They spoke eloquently and with passion.
- c. There was discussion about how to get our students voting, and whether CSUN could be a polling place.
- d. There will be a follow-up meeting on Wednesday the 4th at 9:00 am in ED 1214. All are invited to attend to be part of the planning process.

6. Next Steps for School Safety Subcommittees

- a. Rick, Kathy and David are going to College of the Canyons to see what they are doing to secure their classrooms. They are also working on getting someone to discuss what to do to make our glass-fronted classrooms safer.
- b. Ivor has been working with Dave Moon on 3-D modeling of the building to identify exits, etc., for emergency planning.
- c. At some point, we'll have the CSUN Chief of Police attend a meeting to discuss our concerns. However, she will be going out on medical leave until

the end of the semester, so we will focus this semester on gathering information that we can present to her when she returns.

- d. Jordan mentioned that there is a concern that hearing individuals are getting emergency information before those who are deaf or blind.
- e. Jack has been working on website links for the Faculty Council website that connect to resources related to gun violence, safety, advocacy, and voting. Jack is leading the ad hoc committee on implications for teacher education.
- f. Joanie asked us to consider if we want to link to other organization, such as "Educators Demand Action." Ivor suggested "Poor People's Campaign" as another group we might potentially link to.

7. Faculty Diversity and Quality of Life Survey Report (Amy and Dana Stone, EFAC).

Time certain 2:30pm

- a. Amy and Dana presented the results of the Quality of Life Survey from last fall. 44/75 full-time faculty responded to the survey.
 - i. 41.9% of respondents consider themselves a member of an under represented group.
 - ii. 100% of responding faculty wanted more diversity in the college.
 - iii. 30% were not satisfied with their departments' efforts to hire more diverse faculty, and 51% were not satisfied with opportunities to discuss issues related to diversity at the departmental level.
- b. Recommendations:
 - i. Collect data on part-time faculty, and survey them for their opinions on quality of life as well.
 - ii. Institutionalize the "PIF Party"
 - iii. More formal training for faculty around hiring and supporting diverse faculty.

8. Adjourn