ARF Exec Board Meeting   (Approved, March 11, 2020)
February 12, 2020

Board Members Present: Carolyn Arthur, Shan Barkataki, Daniel Blake, Pamela Bourgeois, John Clendenning, Timothy Fox, Catherine Jeppson, Robert Kiddoo, Sharon Klein, Virginia Lussier, Patrick Nichelson, Ann Perkins, Phyllis Russell, Diane Schwartz, Eugene Turner.

Board Member Excused: Doris Helfer.

Monthly Business
1. Call to Order: President Bourgeois called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.
2. Adoption of the Agenda: **MSP** to adopt the agenda as distributed.
3. Approval of the Minutes of November 13, 2019. John Clendenning: **MSP** to approve the minutes as distributed. Secretary Clendenning reported that the previously approved minutes of October 16, 2019, failed to include Diane Schwartz's report of the CSUN Faculty Senate (September 26, 2019). He assured the Board that he will correct and redistribute these minutes.
4. President's Announcements
   a. April/May/June Meetings. The Board will meet on Tuesday, April 7, and on May 6, 2020. There will be no meeting in June.
   b. The deadline for submitting items for the March *ARF Notes* is Saturday, February 15.

Reports
1. Treasurer. Daniel Blake presented the ARF Treasurer's Report for February 2020. The total of Account Balances as of February 10: $148,913.06. This is an increase from the previous report (November 2019) of $3,908.43. This increase is partly due to interest from our CD ($767.02). Total income: $7,778.93. Total expenses: $3,870.50 of which $2,930.41 resulted from food and entertainment expenses at the annual banquet. Overall Net Income: $3,908.43.
2. Program Chair: Sharon Klein
   a. Today's program featuring Yreina Cervantez and Denise Sandoval, professors of Chicana/o Studies at CSUN, who will speak on "Chicana Artivism and Decolonizing Aesthetics: Bridging Academia and Community."
   b. March 11. Hillary Kaplowitz will speak on Technology and Education at CSUN.
   c. April 8. Field Trip to the Los Angeles Central Library. City Librarian John Szabo will talk about the Library, his visions, and his initiatives. Tim Fox is assisting Sharon in developing links for restaurants near the Library. Alyce Akers is exploring arrangements for bus pickup and parking.
   d. In September ARF will celebrate the 100th year anniversary of Women's Suffrage. Sharon is working with Cynthia Rawitch to develop an appropriate program.

3. Membership Chair. Diane Schwartz reported that presently ARF has 220 members, an increase of 20 since November, but a decrease of 29 since June 9, 2019. There was a brief discussion of issues relating to declining membership. Bob Kiddoo said that we might reconsider liberalizing ARF rules regarding staff members. Dan Blake suggested that ARF might attract more members through enhanced interest groups. President Bourgeois suggested that the Board should have a full discussion of these issues at the March or April meeting. The Board agreed.

4. Graduate Memorial Awards Chair. Tim Fox reported that the application process is underway. Application materials were sent out by Gloria in Graduate Studies on Monday, February 10 and must be completed by the deadline of Friday, March 13. The process has been streamlined so that committee members will evaluate the applications at home and at their leisure. Tim will put the applications with their resumés on flash drives for each of the committee members. Letters of recommendation will also be collected electronically. Jim Dole will be added to the committee; continuing members: John Clendenning, Tim Fox, Gary Lobb, and Virginia Lussier. The committee expects to present its recommendations to the Board on April 7.

5. CSUN Faculty Senate Representative. Diane Schwartz reported on the meeting of December 5, 2019. Selected items from the Agenda:
   a. Announcements. The search for a new President has begun and should be completed by the end of Summer 2020.
   b. Calendar for AY 22020-21 was approved.
   c. Campus Safety: VP Colin Donahue and Chief Gregory Murphy discussed the results of a Comprehensive Security Analysis of the Campus. The campus is seeking more money for security, including a camera system upgrade and an improved door lock system.
   d. The Senate approved a policy recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee: Departments or Programs may allow students to switch from one culminating experience to another—e.g., from comprehensive examination to thesis or project.
   e. Resolution on Quantitative Reasoning. It was MSP that the Faculty Senate of CSUN oppose the fourth year of quantitative reasoning requirement under consideration by the CSU Board of Trustees. The rationale was that this additional requirement for admission would disadvantage high-school students who come from under-resourced and underserved communities.
   f. Provost's Report. Provost Mary Beth Walker updated the Senate on current administrative searches: AVP Student Success, AVP Faculty Affairs, AVP Research, and Vice Provost. She also reported that there are 68 faculty searches in progress.
   g. A motion was made that "any SLOs for an ethnic studies requirement at CSUN will go through the CSUN Ethnic Studies Council." No action; the motion was postponed till a later meeting.

Old Business

Contingency Planning Task Force: Daniel Blake reported that the tentative calendar of ARF events in 2020/21, developed by Robert Kiddoo in consultation with CSUN administration, is a working document that will help us plan our activities next year. **MSP** to receive this calendar.

New Business

John Clendenning reported that VP William Watkins has been appointed to chair an inquiry into allegations that Delmar Oviatt was a racist and an opponent of ethnic/cultural studies programs on campus and for that reason his name should be removed from the CSUN Library. John has been invited to participate in a discussion of these allegations at a meeting on campus, February 28, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Clendenning, Secretary