

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 4/17/2014
Minutes of Meeting of March 13, 2014
Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room

Faculty President Frehlich called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Frankie Augustin (excused), Chhandak Basu (excused), Michael Bennett, Sloane Burke, Mu-Sheng Chang, Dale Conner (excused), Kenya Covington (excused), Matthew DesLauriers, Kate Gurewitz (excused), Michael Hoggan (excused), Cathy Jeppson (excused), Greg Knotts (leave), Amy Levin (excused), Debra Malmberg (leave), Patricia Miller (excused), Jeanine Minge (excused), Beth Phillips (excused), Boris Ricks (excused), Rosa Rivera Furumoto, Gary Victor, Christopher Woolett (excused), Kathleen Young

The Faculty Senate [Minutes for February 13, 2014](#) were approved as corrected.

1. Announcements

- a. There will be a second *Incivility in the Academe* open forum on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 3:30pm in the Colleagues Room, Sierra Center. Frehlich encouraged the Senators to attend.
- b. Leah Hollis will speak on April 2, 2014, at 6:30pm in the USU Theater on the topic, *Bully in the Ivory Tower*. Interested faculty must register online to attend this event. Flyers were made available on the back table.
- c. Faculty and Senate elections began on March 12, 2014, and will commence on March 26, 2014. Senators were encouraged to participate in these elections. Frehlich sent emails to all full-time faculty and to the Senators, which includes a link to the Moodle ballot. The election ballot links are also on the Faculty Senate website.
- d. Supporting materials for those nominated for faculty awards are due by Friday, March 21, 2014. Frehlich thanked those faculty serving on the award selection committees.
- e. Frehlich thanked Brandon Martin, Athletics Director, for hosting the Faculty Appreciation Night held on February 13, 2014.
- f. Michaud announced that Dr. I. King Jordan, President Emeritus of Gallaudet University and disability rights advocate, will be interviewed by KPCC's Larry Mantle on April 24, 2014, at 6:30pm in the Little Theater (Nordhoff Hall). The topic is, "Access and Respect: 21st Century Challenges for People with Disabilities."
- g. Nahapetian announced the Consortium of Computing Sciences in Colleges South Western Region Conference being held on March 14-15, 2014. The keynote speaker is Maria Klawe, President of Harvey Mudd College, who will speak on the topic, "Getting More Women into Tech Careers and Why It Matters" at 2:30pm on March 14, 2014, in the Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room.

2. **Election of One Senator to Serve on the Senate Executive Committee**

At the last Senate meeting, Adam Swenson was elected to serve as Vice President of the Faculty to replace Shane Frehlich. Consequently, there is one open position for a faculty member from the Senate to serve on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). Three Senators were nominated for this position. An election was held and Jared Rappaport, Cinema and Television Arts, was elected to serve on the SEC until the end of this academic year.

3. **Policy Item** – Graduate Studies Committee

Merril Simon, Chair of GSC

Crist Khachikian, Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research

First Reading – [Graduate Probation and Disqualification Policy](#)

Simon said that there was concern about graduate students who kept repeating classes in an attempt to bring up their GPA in spite of having a very low probability of ever graduating. This policy change will clarify the existing policy and help students understand the thresholds and processes for probation and disqualification.

A few suggested revisions were requested: 1) the term “following semester” in the first paragraph is confusing, 2) the reference about the Graduate Reinstatement form being submitted for “approval,” and 3) the number of disqualifications permitted in the graduate program. GSC will consider making revisions to the policy.

4. **2013-14 Budget Report and Budget Overview**

Colin Donahue, Vice President for Administration and Finance and CFO

Link to Budget Report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/2013-14-budgetpresentation.pdf>

Donahue said that our total campus operating budget is about \$500 million; our general fund budget for 2013-14 is \$353 million. In 2007-08, the state funded 65% of the total campus general fund budget-today the state appropriation represents approximately 40%.

The 2014-15 overall CSU budget is \$5.35 billion. The governor’s budget proposal includes a \$142.2 million increase to the CSU appropriation. Donahue displayed a slide that listed the potential distribution scenario based on system priorities. It was clear that we would be significantly in the negative if all items were funded. Donahue said that compensation is a big priority for the Trustees and for the campuses.

It is estimated that the 2014-15 general fund budget for CSUN will be \$357 million. Our central carry-forward as of June 30, 2014 is \$12 million (3% of overall budget). We have \$11.6 million in one-time allocations/obligations in 2013-14, which are primarily recurring costs so we need to do a careful review and analyze our reserve philosophy and decide what a safe number should be. We have over-enrolled students by about 9% this year so we need to establish a plan to reduce this number to 3% over a 3-4 year period.

The Governor proposes shifting the state debt service obligation for capital projects from the State to the CSU. The proposal would grant the CSU the authority to use general fund appropriations for capital facilities and future debt service. It would also give the CSU the opportunity to refinance some of these bonds, potentially freeing-up money for other projects. However, there is concern with short term spike in debt payments which could result in negative impacts to the

CSU budget. The CSU is analyzing the proposal and working with the Dept. of Finance to address these concerns. Related to this new authority, the proposed CSU budget includes \$15 million in ongoing base allocation for 14/15; this funding provides for debt service payments on approximately \$200 million in capital renewal projects addressing the system's aging infrastructure. If this provision remains in the final CSU budget, CSUN stands to receive \$17-18 million for our most pressing deferred maintenance needs in 14/15.

Donahue briefly outlined the campus budget process and timeline. Donahue and Frehlich encouraged the Senators to disseminate this information in their Colleges and to refer to the budget planning and management website for details and updates (<http://www.csun.edu/financial/budget>).

5. Senate Reports

a. Provost's Report – Vice Provost Michael Neubauer

Vice Provost Neubauer reported on the following items:

1. We are 9.2% over our tier-one (inside CSUN-defined local area) FTES target this year. We need to reduce this number to 3-4% over the next 3-4 years. Fortunately, there are no penalties this year for going over the target. The tier-two (outside CSUN-defined local area) eligibility index is 3700 for 2014-15. This higher index will reduce the number of applicants from this group. Neubauer explained the difference between tier-one and tier-two and how these groups are considered for acceptance to CSUN. Our goal is to have a freshman class of about 5100 students in Fall 2014, which is considerably lower than the 5800 freshman admitted this year. We are expecting the transfer class to be about the same as this year.
2. There is money allocated in next year's budget for a possible 3% compensation increase.
3. Hellenbrand has been reporting about the effects of impaction for CSUN when other CSU campuses go to impaction. We are trying to avoid impaction at CSUN.

b. CFA Report – CFA President Nate Thomas

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/senate/reports/cfareport031314.pdf>

CFA President Thomas highlighted the following items:

1. The CFA bargaining meetings are on March 13-14, 2014. The big issues are workload and salary. SSIs and GSIs are being discussed. The CSU has acknowledged that we need more tenure-track faculty. Thomas said that negotiations include salary increases for all faculty including lecturers.
2. CFA is asking faculty to join them in attending the Board of Trustees meeting on March 25. There is an opportunity for faculty to speak at the meeting. Annual Lobby Day in Sacramento is on April 1-2, 2014. Faculty interested in attending should contact Thomas.
3. CFA is co-sponsoring the talk, *Bully in the Ivory Tower*, given by Leah Hollis on April 2, 2014, at 6:30pm in the USU Theater. Thomas encouraged the Senators to attend and to remember to RSVP.

4. Thomas said we are one of a few CSU campuses negotiating “Equity 3” salary increases.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

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