

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - Approved 10/27/16**Minutes of Meeting of September 22, 2016**

Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room

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

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Sevag Alexanian (excused), Amanda Baugh (excused), Jeff Campbell, Francisco Chiappelli, Nazaret Dermendjian (excused), Sarah “Vicky” Jaque, Virginia Kennedy (excused), Rachel Mackelprang, Debra Malmberg (excused), Coleen Martin, Luiz Mendes (excused), Freya Rojo, Whitney Scott, Steven Stepanek (excused), Dana Stone Harris (excused), Adam Swenson (excused), Paula Thomson (excused), Meiqin Wang (excused)

The Faculty [Senate Minutes for May 12, 2016](#) were approved as distributed.

1. Announcements

- a. Stein asked permission to reverse the order of agenda items #9 (Graduation Initiative 2025) and #10 (Provost’s Report). There were no objections.
- b. Smith invited members to an Open Access conference entitled, “A Day of Data” on Tuesday, October 25th from 8:30-3 pm, in the Oviatt Library, Ferman Presentation Room. Flyers were left on the back table.
- c. Schmidt-Levy asked Senators to watch their email for the announcement to apply for the Exceptional Levels of Service to Students Awards. They will be due the 2nd week in October.
- d. Schmidt-Levy announced a University Counseling Services Open House scheduled for October 19th and October 20th, from 10-1 pm. Flyers were left on the back table.
- e. AS Vice President, Kenya Lopez, introduced herself. She will attend Senate meetings this semester, as a substitute for AS President Sevag Alexanian, who has a class conflict.
- f. Wimberley asked Senators to spread the word that there will be a Banned Books Readout on Friday, September 30th, at 12 pm in the Oviatt Library, Ferman Presentation Room.
- g. Lisagor announced that AS and the Office of Student Affairs are sponsoring the purchase of TurboVote. She asked Senators to encourage their students to register by the October 24th deadline.

2. Introduction of Standing Committee Chairs

The Senate Standing Committees chairs introduced themselves and briefly described their committee’s charge.

Academic Technology Committee: Chris Sales, Computer Science

Educational Equity Committee: Boris Ricks, Political Science

Educational Policies Committee: Larry Becker, Political Science

Educational Resources Committee: Nazaret Dermendjian, Civil Engineer. & Construction Mgt.

Extended Learning Committee: Luiz Mendes, Oviatt Library (Fall 16 only) and Virginia Kennedy, Special Education

Graduate Studies Committee: Mary-Pat Stein, Biology

Library Committee: Mario Ontiveros, Art

Personnel Planning and Review Committee: Sheila Grant, Psychology

Research and Grants Committee: Virginia Huynh, Child & Adolescent Development

3. Active Shooter Awareness Website and Video

Chief Anne Glavin, Department of Police Services (DPS)

Chief Anne Glavin reported that a new [Active Shooter website and short video](#) is now available on the DPS website. She is making the rounds to ask for faculty support in getting the word out about training, and to ask faculty to show the short video in their classes, and to use the resources available on this website. She said that when people learn how to protect themselves, they feel empowered and confident. We want our students to feel that way on this campus and anywhere they go. The takeaway message, if ever in an active shooter situation, is: GET OUT, HIDE OUT, HELP OUT and FIGHT. Chief Glavin asked Senators to contact her office for free posters and bookmarks that include this message.

4. Moodle to Canvas Transition

Deone Zell, Faculty Technology Center (FTC)

Zell announced that a new Learning Management System (LMS), “Canvas”, is coming soon. In Spring 2016, the California State University (CSU) system evaluated four LMSs and Canvas was scored very high by the CSU and CSUN. She said that Canvas offers superior performance in terms of ease-of-use, analytics, grading, course migrations and openness. Canvas is also being used by the California Community College system; other CSU campuses are implementing in a similar timeframe as CSUN. Zell shared some of the functionality and things you can do in Canvas. There is a multi-semester timeline to migrate. Faculty can use Moodle and Canvas in Spring 2017, Summer 2017, and Fall 2017. Beginning Spring 2018, Moodle will be discontinued, and the entire campus will have switched to Canvas. The FTC will help migrate courses and offer support including workshops, walk-in, and online support. Information about the transition is available at: <http://www.csun.edu/it/canvas>

5. Graduation Initiative (GI) 2025

Kristy Michaud, Student Success Innovations

Michaud provided background on GI 2025. CSUN submitted a proposal for meeting the goals that have been issued to our campus by the CSU. The plan applies only to FTF 4-year and FTF 2-year targets. One-time funding of \$35 million has been allocated to the CSU, with \$3.35 million for CSUN, once our plan is approved.

Metric	2025 Goals	Most Recent Rate	
FTF 6-year rate	66%	50%	
FTF 4-year rate	30%	13%	
FTT 2-year rate	43%	31%	
FTT 4-year	81%	71%	
Gap – URM*	0	11%	*Under-Represented Minority
Gap – Pell	0	8%	

Michaud highlighted the short and long term projects that are currently in process, or being launched, that will help students to move more successfully toward graduation. Team leaders will begin these projects right away. The first Town Hall series discussion is next Friday, September 30th, from 12 to 1:30 pm with other Town Hall meetings scheduled throughout year. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. However space is limited so an RSVP is required – www.csun.edu/ossi.

6. Senate Reports

a. President's Report – President Dianne Harrison

President Harrison reported on the following items:

1. **Fall Enrollments** – We have 9,000 new students (4,500 freshman and 4,500 transfer students). Our total CSUN enrollment is about 40,000 students.
2. **Partnership with Metro** – Metro is offering a Metro U-Pass discount for students, which is considerably less than what students have paid in the past. It has tripled the number of passes purchased in the last three weeks. Metro is also offering more busses with schedules later in the evening.
3. **Class Attendance** – A few CSU campuses are being audited on financial aid processes to include verification of attendance. We have been asked to ensure that we have practices in place to ensure students are actually attending classes for which they are receiving financial aid. President Harrison asked Faculty President Swenson, VP William Watkins, and others, to help with a plan to track and report student attendance in compliance with financial aid regulations. If this issue is not resolved, it could result in campuses having to give back a substantial amount of money.
4. **Welcome Address** – President Harrison encouraged Senators to read her Welcome Address that's posted on the President's website. She highlighted the announcement that Diversity & Inclusion would be added as a university priority.
5. **Graduation Initiative (GI) 2025** – The CSU has created goals for each campus that include four-year and six-year (FTF) and two-year and four-year (FTT) graduation rates. The CSU recently held a symposium, with presentations on successful strategies and plans to help reach graduation targets. CSUN's goal is to raise our four-year (FTF) rate from 13% to 30% and our six-year rate from 50% to 66%. President Harrison said that we are here to meet our students where they are, with some capable of achieving a four-year degree path. She is confident that, given the right support, more of our students will rise when we raise our expectations. We emphasized that we will provide resources for all of our students, including those requiring more time to graduate. Campuses have submitted plans, and are hoping to receive funds, once plans are approved by the State. One-time funding for CSUN is anticipated to be \$3.35 million; we will use this money to hire graduation specialists for each college, scale-up programs to help more students, and focus on other strategies that will help students graduate on-time. She encouraged the Senators to work together on these initiatives. The CSU Student Success Dashboard data, with information on how CSUN's targets were calculated, as shared in her presentation, is on this site -www.calstate.edu/csupeers.
6. **Marilyn Magaram Center 25th Anniversary** – President Harrison said this anniversary celebration was a spectacular event. She congratulated Professor Annette Besnilian on this success.
7. **David Nazarian College of Business & Economics 50th Anniversary** – This evening, President Harrison will attend a gala event to celebrate the DNCBE's 50th anniversary.

b. Provost's Report – Associate Vice President Crist Khachikian

AVP Khachikian reported on the following items:

1. **Student Success** – Khachikian said that Provost Li acknowledges and thanks the faculty for their hard work to help students succeed here at CSUN, now and in the past. In August, CSUN's graduation proposal was reviewed by a group of faculty and administrators and was submitted to the Chancellor's Office by September 1st.

Khachikian said there will be plenty of opportunities for faculty to discuss this topic more in open forums and meetings during this academic year.

2. **Faculty Hiring** – Khachikian said that about 62 new faculty positions are being allocated for next year. This includes 17 positions for growth, 11 positions due to attrition and salary savings, about 23 carry-over positions from last year, and 6-9 cluster hires positions.

c. **Statewide Academic Senate CSU Report** – Senator Jerald Schutte

Link to 5/19/16 written report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/sasreport051916.pdf>

Link to 9/22/16 written report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/sasreport092216.pdf>

Schutte highlighted the following items:

1. (See Item 6a. 5/19/16 report) AS-3250-16/FGA Resolution Regarding Evaluation of Online Teaching. The CSU is collecting data on the use of online classes. They will evaluate the profiles of students who take these courses, and the faculty who teach them. Schutte serves on the Committee on Online Instruction, so he plans to keep Senators informed throughout the year.
2. (See Item 5a. 9/22/16 report) The CSU did not get the preferred contract with Wiley, so many of the previous journals and other items will not be available. Also Lexus Nexus has to be cut due to lack of resources.
3. Schutte explained the budget process and said that this year's budget is intimately tied with the graduation initiative. Last Spring, the ASCSU sent representatives to Sacramento to lobby for additional funds, to help improve graduation rates. At the time of the May revision, an additional \$35 million was allocated for campuses with approved plans.
4. The Governor's budget is \$158 million more than we had last year, but this doesn't cover the \$170 million that is the increment for the salary increases.
5. A number of task forces were set-up. A Mathematics Task Force recommended a fourth year of math for high school students applying to the CSU. Also, a committee will be set-up to explore ways to advance instruction in math. Resolutions were passed on these.
6. Task forces on Intellectual Property, Academic Freedom, and Tenure Density have also been established. Schutte serves on the Tenure Density Committee; he explained this more in detail and said he will report throughout the year.

d. **CFA Report** – CFA President Nate Thomas

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfareport092216.pdf>

Thomas said that CFA is doing road shows. They will start bargaining in April and May, so he encouraged Senators to complete the survey so they know what needs to be addressed. Once again, salary increases will be on the table.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Terri Lisagor, Secretary of the Faculty

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