

FACULTY SENATE MEETING – Approved 9/28/17
Minutes of Meeting of May 11, 2017
Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room

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

The Secretary called the roll. Senators not present were: Andrew Ainsworth, Linda Alvarez, Jeff Campbell, Francesco Chiappelli, Michael Hoggan (excused), Vicky Jacque (excused), Virginia Kennedy (excused), JC Lee, Debbie Ma, Chris Sales (excused), Bruce Shapiro, Mary-Pat Stein (excused), Elizabeth Sussman (excused), Paula Thomson (excused)

The Faculty [Senate Minutes April 13, 2017](#) were approved as distributed.

1. Announcements

- a. Wimberely announced that on June 17th, the Library's Catalog and One-Search Interface will have a different display and capabilities. Links to the old systems may no longer work and will need to be updated. A flyer providing more information was made available.
- b. Smith announced that a team of five students from Computer Science, Computer Engineering, and Art took first place at the Chapman University "Datafest" in late April. These students competed with students from USC, UCI, UCSB, CSU Fullerton, Chapman University, among others.
- c. Smith also announced that the University will run a "DataJam" in the Fall. This event is sponsored by Research and Graduate Studies. Planning has begun and will continue through Summer. Faculty who wish to help should email: sherrie.hixon@csun.edu.
- d. Spector invited Senators to the Freshman Convocation on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. on the Oviatt Library Lawn. A Save-the-Date has been sent to Chairs. The keynote speaker will be announced soon. Spector asked Senators to include space on their syllabus for this item.
- e. Ginsburg announced that on May 3rd the CTVA Film Option held their Student Film Showcase, and once again, the Department has been placed in the top 30 film programs in the U.S.

2. Election of 2017-18 Senate Executive Committee

The 2017-18 Faculty Senate was convened for the purpose of electing the 2017-18 Senate Executive Committee (SEC). The Faculty Secretary called role and the new Senators stood and stated what department they are from.

Eleven Senators were nominated to serve on SEC. The following six Senators were elected: Sheila Grant (Psychology), Julia Heinen (Music), Michael Neubauer (Mathematics), Judy Schmidt-Levy (Counseling Services), Cheryl Spector (English), and Jon Stahl (Cinema and Television Arts). The following individuals serve as ex-officio members: Adam Swenson

(Faculty President), Terri Lisagor (Faculty Vice President), Kim Henige (Faculty Secretary), Sandra Chong (CSU Statewide Academic Senator), and Yi Li (Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs).

3. **Policy Items** – Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Sheila Grant, Chair of PP&R

Action Item – [622.4.1 \(Appointment and Evaluation of Deans of Colleges and the Library\)](#)

Grant mentioned that the proposed changes to this policy are to guarantee the fairest possible representation of departments when appointing Deans. The proposed wording allows for Colleges with three or more departments to be limited to only one representative from a given department. For Colleges with fewer departments, it guarantees that each department has at least one member elected to the committee.

MSP to revise Section 622.4.a. to read (italicized words were added):

- a) Three members elected by the faculty of the College concerned. These members shall be elected from among the tenured senior rank *Associate and Full Professors* or Librarians or ~~Student Services Professionals, including chairs,~~ in that College.

At the last Senate meeting, Senators recommended that Section 622.4.d. be revised to read:

One student member chosen by the other members of the committee. In addition, PP&R added the statement: It is strongly recommended that the student member be chosen in consultation with Associated Students.

The AS President apologized for missing the last Senate meeting, and therefore did not have the opportunity to participate in the discussion. At today's meeting, the AS President said that the AS Board overwhelmingly supports the stance that the student representative be the AS President or chosen designee. After Senators reiterated the reasons for last month's suggested revision, and the AS President expressed his views, a vote was taken.

MSP to revise Section 622.4.d. to read: *The Associated Students President or designee*; and to delete the following sentence since it is no longer needed: *It is strongly recommended that the student member be chosen in consultation with Associated Students.*

First Reading – [Section 622.6.2 \(Appointment and Evaluation of Department Chairs\)](#)

Schmidt-Levy said that this policy revision helps to broaden the right of all tenure-track faculty to make nominations for Department Chair. It also allows for self-nomination and clarifies the voting procedure and the responsibilities of the Department Search and Screen Committee (DSSC). The DSSC is responsible for taking an advisory vote and to certify the search process. Next, the Dean is required to communicate the Dean's recommendation and the Department's voting results to the President, and removes the requirement of the Dean to forward the DSSC's recommendation.

A revision was suggested to add the underlined text to the last sentence of Section 622.6.2.b. to read:

A Search and Screen Committee member who becomes a candidate shall resign from the committee and be replaced.

A Senator, who represents Lecturers, as well as other members of the Senate, supported the recommendation that PP&R consider allowing Lecturers to have a role in the appointment and evaluation of Department Chairs.

4. **Senate Reports**

a. **Provost's Report** – Vice Provost Beverly Cabello

Cabello reported on the following items:

1. There are 63 second-year probationary faculty and 139 third-six year faculty currently up for RTP.
2. There are four searches underway: two Interim Dean searches and two permanent Dean searches in both the College of Business (DNCBE) and the College of Education.
3. Provost Li and Vice Provost Cabello recently attended the 51st Annual Staff Service Award Celebration, the Faculty Innovation Showcase, and the Chair's Appreciation Brunch. Tonight they will attend the 2017 Principal Investigators Research Reception.

b. **Faculty Athletics Report** – Professor Edward Jackiewicz, Faculty Athletics Representative Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/farreport051117.pdf>

Jackiewicz said that the role of the Faculty Athletics Representative is to look out for the well-being of student athletes and to improve connections between athletic and academic communities on our campus. He highlighted a few of the topics mentioned in his written report. The overall GPA for athletes is a 2.89; eighty-one students have a GPA of 3.5 or above. Jackiewicz was proud to announce that Nicole Thompson from Engineering was the Big West Conference Student of the Year. This is quite impressive, because she competed with about 2000 student athletes. The President of NCAA, Mark Emmert, recently visited the campus and was very impressed with our academic programs. There is new NCAA legislation allowing for more “free time” for student athletes (one day off per week) to improve the student's academic, athletic, and mental health and well-being. He mentioned a few of their programs, including breakfast meetings with faculty, faculty mentoring, and office hours in the Matador Achievement Center. Fourteen student athletes will be going on a service trip to Costa Rica this summer. He suggested that departments come in groups to the games and that Senators contact him should they wish to become more involved.

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

Link to written report: <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/cfareport051117.pdf>

Thomas distributed a written report.

5. **New Business**

A Senator raised a concern and asked for feedback about whether the materials a faculty member uses in the classroom become the property of the University. Swenson said that the Chancellor's Office has drafted a system-wide Intellectual Property Policy that is being circulated to the CSU campuses. He said that this policy will be negotiated with CFA and he is collecting feedback and passing it along to the Chancellor's Office. He encouraged Senators to send any feedback to our campus' Research and Grants Committee Chair. Virginia Huynh, Chair of the R&G Committee, said that the committee is currently working on a resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Submitted by:

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