Faculty Senate Library Committee (FSLC) Meeting Minutes | September 7, 2022

Via Zoom | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Abel Franco (Chair), Vanessa Goodwin, Ruting Jia, Rika Meyer, Aglaia Mortcheva, Mark Stover, Yvette Tran, Del Williams, Suyan Zheng

Not present: Jamie Johnson

Prepared by: Gina Flores

Call to Order: The committee chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

A motion was raised to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2022 meeting, as well as the AY2021-22 Annual Summary Report. The motion was passed with seven members in favor for both items.

Welcome and Introductions

- Members introduced themselves, and shared their roles at CSUN.

Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Liaison: Del Williams

- Del introduced herself and provided a description of her role as the SEC liaison.
- Any policy-related changes that pertain to the Library that need attention from the SEC may be shared directly with Del.

FSLC Meeting Modality for 2022-2023

- A motion was raised as to whether the FSLC meetings should remain fully on Zoom, or as a hybrid option.
- Voting results: 4 were in favor of remaining on Zoom only, and 2 were in favor of the hybrid option.
- The meetings will remain fully on Zoom, and a reevaluation will take place in the spring semester.

Vote on FSLC member absences: Ali Al-Sharadqah and Chin-hsin Liu

- Regarding the two members currently on a sabbatical, a motion was raised to approve Chin-hsin’s one-semester leave from the committee and to consult with the Faculty Senate president on Ali’s year-long absence.
- Voting results: The motion passed with 6 members in favor.
- Action item: Mark will get in touch with Michael Neubauer to determine whether Ali is eligible to remain on the FSLC, or if the college will need to elect a new member.

Dean’s Report

- The Library Portico construction project will continue for a few more months.
- The Freudian Sip in the Library Lobby has reopened. Issues with staffing and stocking food items have been problematic. Work is in progress on making necessary improvements, as soon as possible.
- There are three places on campus where masks are required: 1) In classroom while instruction is taking place, 2) in labs while instruction is taking place, and 3) in public space in the Library.
Library programming is very important to the dean. The Library sponsors, as well as cosponsors, many events on campus. For the fall semester, the following programming is being offered:

- Special Collections & Archives 2022-2023 Exhibit, “The Politics of Low and Slow,” curated by CSUN Chicano/a/x Studies Professor Denise Sandoval. Located in the West Wing of the Library’s 2nd Floor, the exhibit celebrates Chicano lowrider culture in Los Angeles. The exhibit opening reception is planned for Sunday, October 9 from noon to 3:00 p.m.
- The Creative Maker Studio Launch Party will be held on September 8 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- The CSUN Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) fall event, “Get Career Wise” will be held on September 14 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. in the USU Northridge Center, West Valley Room.
- The Karin J. Duran and Richard Nupoll Endowed Education Librarian reception will be held on September 20 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the TCC/M&M foyer, celebrating the first endowed librarian position in the CSU system.
- The Library is sponsoring the 10th Annual Banned Books Readout, along with CSUN Journalism, Pride Center, and Queer Studies, on September 29 from 12:15 – 1:45 p.m. in the USU Theatre. This year’s theme is “Belonging on the Shelf,” with special guest speaker Karimah Tennyson-Marsh.
- The 14th Annual Research Fellows will be held on October 13 from 2:00 -4:00 p.m. in the Ferman Presentation Room. Librarian Christina Hennessey is among the Fellows this year.

General discussion:
- A question was raised on how the mask policy is being enforced in the Library. Mark shared that the policy is not enforced, but staff and faculty may voluntarily remind students to put on a mask. Also, many reservable study rooms are available for any students who may feel safer in a private space.
- From the student perspective, Yvette shared that most students are aware of the mask policy, but they choose not to wear one.

New Business
- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.