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FACULTY SENATE ACTIVITIES
California State University, Northridge

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MEETINGS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

October 4, 2007	March 13, 2008
October 25, 2007	April 10, 2008
November 29, 2007 - Cancelled	May 1, 2008
February 14, 2008	

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 5, 2007 (Special Meeting)	December 13, 2007
July 26, 2007 (Special Meeting)	January 16, 2008 (Special Meeting)
August 2, 2007 (Special Meeting)	January 31, 2008
August 9, 2007 (Special Meeting)	February 21, 2008
September 20, 2007	February 28, 2008
October 18, 2007	March 27, 2008
November 15, 2007	April 3, 2008 (Special Meeting)
	April 24, 2008

SPECIAL EVENTS

Faculty Retreat – January 13-14, 2008
 Faculty Elections – March 11-27, 2008
 Honored Faculty Reception – May 19, 2008
 Faculty Governance Orientation for New Executive Committee and Standing Committee
 Chairs – May 15, 2008

POLICIES PASSED IN THE FACULTY SENATE

Timely Adoption of Textbooks/Instructional Materials for Accessibility Policy

Educational Equity Committee / Passed February 14, 2008;
 Approved February 28, 2008 (with executive interpretation)
 The Chancellor's Office requested all campuses to create a plan to support faculty and staff practices that will ensure timely access to instructional materials (see EO926).

Reinstatement after the Third Disqualification Policy

Educational Policies Committee / Passed February 14, 2008; Approved February 25, 2008
 (This policy allows students a fourth and final opportunity to be admitted to CSUN, after a minimum waiting period of five years, provided that they demonstrate acquired skills or achievements that support a successful return to the University.)

Criterion for Continued Enrollment of Readmitted Previously Disqualified Students

Educational Policies Committee / Passed February 14, 2008; Approved February 25, 2008
 (This policy revises the policy for readmission to the University after being academic disqualified. Students must now earn a minimum 2.0 semester GPA each semester while in "disqualified" status instead of requiring a cumulative GPA improvement of 0.05 each semester.)

Periodic Review of Tenured Faculty (Post-Tenure Review)

Personnel Planning and Review Committee / Passed May 1, 2008; Approved May 6, 2008
 (This policy adds post-tenure provisions to Section 600 and includes a process for revising department personnel policies).

Grant-Related/Specially-Funded Instructional Faculty (GRIF)

Personnel Planning and Review Committee / Passed May 1, 2008; Approved May 6, 2008
 (This policy includes a selection process for appointing Grant-Related/Specially-Funded Instructional Faculty to Section 600. This classification allows this campus to appoint faculty of regional and national professional stature who are engaged in substantial grant activity.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Proposition 1D

Passed unanimously October 5, 2007
 (The Senate urges all members of the University Community to vote in favor of Proposition 1D on the November ballot. Current state budget monies are inadequate to address serious infrastructure needs in education. This bond issue will bring \$690 million to the CSU for infrastructure).

Campus Quality Fee Proposal

Passed April 10, 2008

(The Senate urged the campus community to support the adoption of the Campus Quality Fee Proposal and that an accountability process be established.)

ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Search Approvals. Meeting as the Personnel Planning and Review Committee in Summer, 2007, the Executive Committee considered and approved reports from the Search and Screen Committees for Associate Vice President for Student Access and Support Services, Interim Associate Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, and Interim Associate Dean of the College of Business and Economics.

Performing Arts Center Bridge Financing. In January 2008, the Executive Committee supported the President Koester's vision for a new Performing Arts Center and expressed their confidence on the approach of the University to finance that vision.

Elections. In accordance with the Faculty Bylaws, the Committee set the calendar for Faculty and Senate elections; made and received nominations for Faculty officers, representatives to the CSU Academic Senate, Senators at-large, and Senate representatives on the Standing Committees; finalized election slates; and tallied election results.

Policy Submission Template. A memo template was designed to help provide consistency in formatting and styling to Senate standing committees for submitting policy statements to the Senate for review. It has been posted on the Faculty Senate website.

Meetings with Executive Vice Chancellor and Trustees. Members of the Committee met, on separate occasions, with visiting members of the CSU Board of Trustees Kenneth Fong, Glen Toney and Peter Mehas.

Reports on Campus Projects/Issues

Michael Neubauer and Dean Beth Say (WASC co-chairs) provided a report on WASC activities on September 20, 2007 (SEC) and October 4, 2007 (Senate);

Spero Bowman (Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs) gave a presentation on the Academic Technology Initiative on September 20, 2007 (SEC) and October 25, 2007 (Senate);

Randy Harris (former Vice President for Administration and Finance) reported on campus projects on October 18, 2007 (SEC) and November 15, 2007 (SEC).

Hilary Baker (Vice President for Information Technology) provided a technology update on January 31, 2008 (SEC) and February 14, 2008 (Senate).

Colin Donahue (Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning) reported on facilities projects on January 31, 2008 (SEC) and April 10, 2008 (Senate).

Bettina Huber (Director of Institutional Research) informed SEC about the Voluntary System of Accountability (web-based College Portrait) on January 31, 2008 (SEC).

Tom McCarron (Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance) provided a budget forecast on May 1, 2008 (Senate).