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FACULTY SENATE ACTIVITIES
California State University, Northridge

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MEETINGS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

September 17, 2009	March 18, 2010
October 22, 2009	April 15, 2010
December 10, 2009	May 13, 2010
February 11, 2010	

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

June 26, 2009*	December 7, 2009*
July 16, 2009*	January 28, 2010
July 24, 2009*	February 25, 2010
August 3, 2009*	March 4, 2010
September 3, 2009	April 1, 2010
October 1, 2009	April 22, 2010
November 12, 2009	

*Special Meeting

SENATE-SPONSORED EVENTS

Faculty Retreat – January 12-13, 2010
 Faculty Elections – March 9-25, 2010
 Honored Faculty Reception – May 17, 2010
 Faculty Governance Orientation for new Executive Committee members and Standing Committee chairs – May 25, 2010

POLICIES PASSED IN THE FACULTY SENATE

Statement on Professional Responsibility

Personnel Planning and Review Committee / Passed December 10, 2009;
 Approved December 15, 2009

(Policy revisions were brought to the Senate to bring clarity to the statements of professional responsibility, to make explicit what was implicit in the original statements, to delete redundant or superfluous sections, and to add statements important to faculty in performing their professional responsibilities.)

Major and Minor Policy

Educational Policies Committee / Passed May 13, 2010;
 Approved May 25, 2010

(This policy revision sets a limit on the number of majors and minors a student is permitted to take and specifies that all work must be completed within 140 units. This policy was revised because of great concern for the number of students that are not getting into CSUN because of current students enrolling in high numbers of units and not graduating. It is hoped that this will provide fair access to higher education for those who are seeking admission to CSUN and give access to courses to those already admitted trying to enroll in courses.)

Administrative Graduation Policy

Educational Policies Committee / Passed May 13, 2010;
 Approved May 25, 2010

(This new policy states that the Office of Undergraduate Studies may graduate students administratively if they have accumulated over 140 units and have completed the degree requirements for any major, whether or not they have declared that major.)

RESOLUTIONS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Resolution on Restructuring of General Education Governance

Passed unanimously September 17, 2009

(This resolution recommends delaying the current General Education course recertification activities by Colleges and EPC until the start of the 2011-2012 academic year by which time the new GE Council will have assumed responsibility for GE policy and oversight at CSUN.)

March 4th Day of Action Resolution

Passed unanimously February 11, 2010

(This resolution expresses the CSUN Faculty Senate's support of the March 4th Day of Action.)

General Educational Task Force Recommendation/Resolution

Passed unanimously March 18, 2010

(This resolution endorses the implementation of the recommendations of the GE Governance Task Force report and creates the committee to be known as the General Education Council.)

Flexible Enrollment Planning for Individual CSU Campuses Resolution

Passed unanimously March 18, 2010

(This resolution was in response to the Chancellor's mandates around the current budget crisis. It is CSUN's attempt to convey to the Chancellor to consider all possible alternatives when planning reductions to enrollments.)

OTHER SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Search Approvals. Meeting as the Personnel Planning and Review Committee in Summer, 2009, the Executive Committee considered and approved a report from the Search and Screen Committee for Interim Associate Dean of the Michael D. Eisner College of Education.

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.

Academic Calendars for 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. The proposed academic calendars for the years mentioned were presented to SEC (February 25, 2010) and approved by the Senate (March 18, 2010.)

2010-11 Personnel Procedures Calendar. SEC (April 22, 2010) approved the personnel procedures calendar for 2010-11 as presented.

Meetings with CSU Board of Trustees. Members of the SEC met with Student Trustee Russel Statham on September 11, 2009 and Student Trustee Nicole Anderson on May 20, 2010.

Interview with Candidates for the Director of Equity and Diversity. Members of SEC met with two different candidates for this position on May 13 and on May 14, 2010.

REPORTS ON CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

Vickie Pedone (Chair of the General Education Governance Task Force) informed SEC (September 3, 2009) of the Spring-Summer 2009 activities of the SEC created General Education Governance Task Force charged with proposing a governance structure to handle the recertification of current and new GE courses, and the oversight of GE assessment and review.

She attended the Senate Meeting (September 17, 2009) and SEC (November 12, 2009) again to provide an update and distributed a summary report; it included some questions and concerns. An Open Forum was held at the Senate Meeting (December 10, 2009) to receive consultation before submitting a final report to SEC. Pedone returned to SEC (January 28, 2010) to present the Task Force's final recommendations.

Elizabeth Say and Michael Neubauer (WASC Co-chairs) presented to SEC (October 1, 2009) and to the Senate (October 22, 2009) the official working draft of the WASC Capacity and Preparatory Review (CPR) Report.

Cynthia Rawitch (Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies) and Steve Wexler (Chair of the Freshman Stretch Committee) attended the Senate Meeting (February 11, 2010) to providing a briefing on the new Freshman Stretch Composition Pilot that will begin in Fall 2010 with 300 students.

Tom McCarron (Vice President for Administration and Finance) reported to SEC (February 25, 2010) and Colin Donahue presented to the Senate (March 18, 2010) that a project was underway to light the soccer field and the north instructional field located by Halsted Street and Lindley Avenue.

Cynthia Rawitch (Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies) and Matt Cahn (Political Science) reported to the Senate (March 18, 2010) that Provost Hellenbrand and Dean Curzon will begin "Talking about Technology: Faculty Focus Groups" to create an awareness and understanding about the use of technology in Academic Affairs.

Carolyn Okazaki (Chair of the Educational Equity Committee) along with other members of EEC attended SEC (April 22, 2010) to request support from SEC to develop a Campus Climate Survey.

Aki Hirota (Faculty Athletics Representative) and Tina Kiesler (incoming FAR representative) briefed SEC (April 22, 2010) and distributed a written report on three areas that the FAR representative is required to observe: academic integrity, institutional control and compliance, and the well-being of student athletes.