

March 8, 2024, Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Opening: Quorum established. Meeting called to order at 1:04pm.; Meeting agenda approved

In attendance: Faculty Senate Chair, Patrick Villa; Faculty Senate Chair-Elect, Valerie Conner, Faculty Senate Past Chair, Tracy Sherman

Senators Present:

Jacob Bakke
Jeff Fulmer
Lily Morningstar
James Pristas
Amy Littman
Melissa Weinstein
Paul Minto
Darryl Raiford
Sondra Cosgrove
Joshua Levin
LaDella Levy
John Min
Flora Rudacille
Cheryce Campbell-Davis
Joann Gutschick
Gina McDade
Emily Pattni
Ayla Koch
Jim Matovina
Richard Sorrentino

Senators Absent:

James Harvey
Valerie Hecht
Michael Kimball
Brett Winkelhake

Proxies

Mary Kaye Bailey (Kay Doxilly)
Esther Pla-Cazares (Amy Palmer)
Lorraine Brown (Carla Wright)
Laura Roots (Debbie Vallin)
Karen Ahern (Margaret Taylor)

Guests:

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Michael Denman
Eric Garner
Ted Chodock
Staci Walters
Bud Adams
Michelle Vargas
Melissa Giovanni

Action Items

- Approval of February meeting minutes—Jim Matovina moved to approve February meeting minutes.
- Senate Office Tribute for Darin Dockstader

Guests—Patty Charleton

- She said there is no excuse for what Regent Boylan said to a student
- Presidential Search
 - The board hasn't taken action in terms of the search for a president
 - Chancellor's office is limited—can only do acting or interim
 - Acting will determine automatic search
 - They don't have anyone identified for president
- NW Campus
 - The footprint has been expanded
- Questions
 - Last chancellor search criticized because of lack of transparency
 - Multi-campus model
 - Question about what it is and when it is going away
 - Charleton said a model is coming back to the board
 - In a presentation to the board, it was determined that it will take 10 years to evaluate the model
 - Questions about how it can be evaluated if we don't know what it is
 - Concerns expressed that having an acting president puts CSN at a disadvantage compared to other institutions

NFA Collective Bargaining Update—Ted Chodock

- NFA didn't realize that it was on the February agenda
- An email had been sent to Patrick asking to be removed from the February agenda
- Concerns about comments that were made related to the CBA ratification and who could vote
- Fall 2022, there was an email from Faculty Senate saying per NSHE legal, that everyone can vote, even if not an NFA member
- If Question 1 passes, we are all on the same page to rally for academic freedom and tenure rights
- NFA bargaining unit is all full-time academic faculty (about 525 people)

- Question about whether or not it is a problem for NFA if people can vote without being members of NFA.
 - Concern from senators that NSHE is speaking for inclusivity and NFA is ruling against it.
 - Senators asked for clarification about that
 - Chodock said NFA membership is voluntary. If people need legal representation, who will pay for it if people don't want to pay dues.
 - NFA is around to help all faculty

CSN Finance Update—Rolando Mosqueda

- He said he is there to hear concerns and answer questions
- Question about ghost students who are trying to get financial aid
 - Mosqueda said they discovered 75 ghost students during the spring semester
 - For the first 8-week session, 2,000 students were purged for being suspicious
 - He said it affects the budget because the ghost students took seats away from actual students who would be properly enrolled.
- Question about NW Campus
 - There is talk of budgeting, and then there is expansion
 - Mosqueda said CSN received 44.5 million from the state for the planning phase, and that phase is underway
 - Construction would be part of a different process
 - CSN won't plan to budget for planning and construction unless something changes
- Question about budget reimplementation
 - Mosqueda said he will reach out to every program director to see what's needed
- Question about whether there is a decision tree to see how to handle all requests coming in
 - He said there is no need to reduce the F-25 budget. If something can't be funded, they will make a list and prioritize projects so that they aren't forgotten
- Concern about student services set up at the NW campus (Student Success, library, academic support). There is a concern about having a process to address that.
 - Mosqueda said he can't address that today, but will work with campus administration to get an answer.

DWED—Stavan Corbett

- Dual credit program that impacts adult learners
- 75 adult learners taking adult education courses and credit courses
- Geared to have 100 students for fall
- They don't want them to stop after they receive their high school equivalency
- Three grants
 - Rhodes Grant—Department of Labor funds
 - Skills Certificate, Certificate of Achievement, Career and educational pathways for students

- 3,500 adult learners in the program, and they often take a multi-generational approach—not just the student, but the family as well
- Partnerships between the workforce side and the academic side
- They are able to build into grants COLA increases for self-supporting faculty in DWED
- There is a committee that looks at whether there is any duplication between DWED and academic coursework

Course Syllabus Policy—Lorraine Brown

- Added that it should include any required course-related extra curricular career-related materials
- May not need public health directive in all courses, but maybe in some fields
- Added recommended syllabi statements
- Senator said it would be helpful to get a list of the required statements and the recommended ones so we can know what to include

Senate Chair Candidate Speeches and Questions

- Presentations and questions from senators and faculty

Blackstone Funding—Eric Garner

- Side Hustle Expo on March 28 @ June Whatley
 - Students showcase the things they do on the side to earn extra money
 - Prizes for student participants

Senate Chair Update

- President Search
 - There has been trouble getting the board to move on the presidential search
 - Acting or interim---in the position for 1 year. Looking to get a permanent president In July 2025
- BOR update
 - The board listens to public comment to an extent
 - Discussion about Regent Boylan's comment
- Safety and Security—Chief Garcia
 - Patrick asked about having certain trainings for certain buildings and maybe people will attend
 - Concerns from Senators related to AA's concerns about safety in some of the offices on campus
 - AA's feel safest when office doors are locked
 - Requests to have office doors locked were denied and requests for panic buttons were denied
 - Questions about who to call for non-emergent issues on campus
- Senate and Chair Elections—April 1-15

Shared Governance Updates

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- AFA—working on a policy for administrative faculty, and trying to wrap it up
- CSN Student government—not in attendance
- Classified Council—not in attendance

Public Comment

- Speaker series on campus
 - March 27 and March 28

Next meeting, April 5, North Las Vegas

Meeting adjourned, 4pm