



Minutes of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
June 4, 2020

APPROVED

PRESENT: Remy Arnold (ASG), Lacey Craft, Alexandra Doyle Bauer, Kelly Falcone, Molly Faulkner, Jenny Fererro, Erin Hiro, Jason Jarvinen, Teresa Laughlin, Lawrence Lawson, Beatrice Manneh, Jackie Martin, Adam Meehan, Ben Mudgett, Scott Nelson, Wendy Nelson, Patrick O'Brien, Candace Rose, Elizabeth Stephens, Craig Thompson, Fari Towfiq, Rocco Versaci, Anastasia Zavodny

ABSENT: Eduardo Aguilar, Jose Briceno, William Dalrymple, Katy Farrell, Susan Miller, Ellen Weller

GUESTS: Kendyl Magnuson (Director), Leigh Marshall (Faculty), Michael Mufson (Faculty), Jon Walker (ASG)

Please note: All votes are presumed unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

CALL TO ORDER: The video conference meeting was called to order by Senate President Rocco Versaci at 9 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Senate President Rocco Versaci announced the committee for the Faculty Senate award on Scholarship and Professional Achievement met yesterday and had four very highly qualified faculty who did some amazing work. They were Bob Garrett, Hossna Sadat, Wing Cheung and Rafiki Jenkins. Rafiki Jenkins was selected as the recipient this year.

ACTION:

A. Granting of P/NP Extension for Spring 2020 Session

Motion 1 MSC: Thompson/Laughlin The Faculty Senate directs the administration to approve all P/NP requests (for all classes) on the guidance of and on behalf of the faculty for all such petitions and requests filed for Spring term through August 15, 2020. Students shall have the flexibility to choose P/NP or to revert back to a letter grade through August 15, 2020.

President Versaci stated that we need to make it clear that the P/NP also applies to classes that are designated on the course outline of record as a "grade only" classes. Kendyl Magnuson added that an incident just occurred where a student who previously selected P/NP during the term, now wants to reverse back to a grade. Based on the extensions being made, Magnuson recommends that reversal requests be honored as well. Senator Ben Mudgett reported that the "grade only" on course outline of record was a curriculum matter and was approved on particular courses probably years ago when the CSU and UC specifically wanted letter grades in certain courses. A lot has changed. We probably need to look at the "grade only" feature on courses in the future. Looking specifically at the COVID-19 pandemic and

the effects that it's having on students and then the responses that our four-year partners are having to accommodate our students, having to quickly transition to online modality, the P/NP grade is not an issue. The four-year partners have relaxed the unit limitations for P/NP, as well as the grade only for major preparations. Pass/No pass is perfectly acceptable for admission in the Fall 2020 for major preparation. They've also flagged Spring and Summer 2020 for future students transferring whether they're transferring in two years, three years or 10 years from now. These terms are flagged so that the students will never be impacted by choosing P/NP so it's probably the right thing to do for students. Magnuson closed by stating that a communication is going out to students right away.

The motion carried.

B. Granting of "EW" and "P/NP" Extension for Summer 2020 Session:

Motion 2 MSC: Thompson/Laughlin The Faculty Senate directs the administration to approve all EW petitions and P/NP requests (for all classes) on the guidance of and on behalf of the faculty for all such petitions and requests filed for Summer 2020 term through September 4, 2020. Students shall have the flexibility to choose P/NP or to revert back to a letter grade through September 4, 2020.

Kendyl Magnuson reported the date of September 4, 2020 was selected because it gives the students ample time to react to their summer grades but also because the date needs to fall prior to the Fall census date.

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 am.

Respectfully submitted,


[Molly Faulkner \(Aug 25, 2020 09:22 PDT\)](#)

Molly Faulkner, Secretary






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