



Inside Faculty Senate

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SHARED GOVERNANCE...

The Purpose of the Faculty Senate is to assure faculty participation in the formulation of institutional policies and goals, in the implementation of those policies and goals, and in their evaluation.

The constituency of the Senate shall be all members of the College faculty holding professional contracts as authorized by the Board of Regents.

The Senate is composed of Academic and Administrative faculty, elected by their peers.

The Senate functions through Committees made up of CSN members, who review and develop policies.

Senate Leadership:

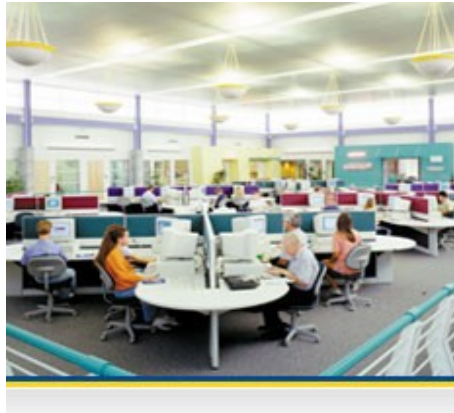
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Chair-Elect: Mark Rauls
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Virginia McRoyal
Admin. Assistant
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Faculty Senate Webpage:
<http://www.csn.edu/pages/347.asp>

Meeting dates and information
Pending Policies
Committees
Bylaws
Volunteer Opportunities

Approved Policies
<http://www.csn.edu/pages/1722.asp>



2008 -2009 Senate Membership:

- Jennifer Basquiat-A&L
- Kim Brown-Admin. Fac.
- Steve Knowalow-A&L
- Laura McBride-A&L
- Eric Moreau-A&L
- Patrick Quinn-A&L
- Jodie Mandel-A&L
- Robb Bay-BHP
- Bob Aberle-BHP
- Bob Gutschick-BHP
- Terry Pippin-BHP
- Ken Bettita-Coun.
- Deborah Mzhickteno-Coun.
- Melissa Schalles-HS
- Heidi Schneider-HS
- Tracy Sherman-HS
- Susan Scheublein-HS
- Judy Scott-HS
- Paul Grennell-Lib.
- Lynn Best-Lib.
- Tom Finneran-AAT
- Mike Connolly-AAT
- Joe Miller-AAT
- Sandra Kingma-AAT
- Bert Chiasson-M&S
- Patrick Villa-M&S
- Joel Johnson-M&S
- Chuck Milne-M&S
- Sue Blizard-M&S
- Joshua Levin-EBSS
- De Anna Beachley-EBSS
- Shari Lyman-EBSS
- Diana Anson-EBSS

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Senate Updates

<http://www.csn.edu/pages/2494.asp>

Budget News

Now that the federal stimulus plan is signed Nevada legislators are determining whether to apply for a waiver or to look at revenue enhancement to qualify for aid. If they apply for the waiver it may use up valuable time and will not fix the problems with our budget process. You may want to encourage your legislators to make the hard decisions now to modernize our revenue generation system; assure them that you will remain a loyal constituent.

Benefits Update

The Public Employees Benefits Program legislative Committee met Feb. 18th in Carson City with a teleconference meeting in Las Vegas and streaming video on the web. Concerned state employees filled both conference rooms and many of their representatives provided testimony. NFA represented NSHE institutions and our own NFA President Shari Lyman spoke. Legislative leaders have more specific control over our benefits than over our salaries, so it would be wise to make sure these committee members know our thoughts on this subject.

Policy Updates

Senate passed/amended four policies at our February meeting: Course Syllabus, Nepotism, Minor Children on Campus, and Dean's List. You can view the passed versions at:

<http://www.csn.edu/pages/2494.asp>

Drafts of the Faculty Evaluation Policy and the Academic Dishonesty Policies will be going out to Senate in March as will a report on faculty living out of state.

Committee Update

Senate established a Service Learning and a Leadership Ad-hoc Committee to research these two topics and recommend training for interested faculty. **Please see page 3 for more Service Learning information.**

Shari Lyman will chair an Ad-hoc committee to review the DE Standards and Guidelines Policy. This review was written into the original policy to ensure that we evaluated the Policy after a sufficient period to gauge its effectiveness. You can read the DE policy at: <http://www.csn.edu/pages/1722.asp>

Angel Update

The Online Resources Committee is currently collecting feedback on remaining Angel issues and training needs. The Committee will categorize the information to facilitate resolutions; some issues need to go to Angel, some to OTS, and some to CAPE for consideration.

You can send your comments/suggestions to dale.etheridge@csn.edu.

Nevada Faculty Alliance Update and Membership Drive

Senate extends heartfelt appreciation to our NFA leaders and members; these folks have ensured CSN representation at all Sage and PEPB hearings and have responded forcefully to misleading reports and detrimental recommendations.

NFA is currently running a half-off dues membership drive.

Anyone who joins NFA now will only pay half the dues for one year. Contact [Shari Lyman](#) for information.

Student Government Update

Student Government is planning a second Rally March 26th and a bus trip to Carson City. Student Government has requested Faculty Senate consider amending our Textbook Policy to include information that helps faculty avoid book ordering practices that hurt students. This includes practices that prevent students from selling their books back; bundling books with other media, such as website access keys, is one example.

Useful Tips and Links

Benefits Updates

<http://unlvfaculty.blogspot.com/>

Communicating with Legislators

If you do not know who your representatives are, you can look them up at:

<http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/Election/English/Pages/lookup.aspx>

or

<http://mapserve.leg.state.nv.us/website/lcb/viewer.htm>

Contacting the Governor & Accessing the SAGE Commission's Memos:

<http://gov.state.nv.us/>

Contacting the Regents:

<http://system.nevada.edu/Board-of-R/Bios/index.htm>

Chancellor's Memos

<http://system.nevada.edu/>

NSHE Educate Nevada Website

<http://www.educatenevada.org/>

Legislative Hearings

You can watch legislative hearing over streaming video at:

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/>

Click on: Live Meetings

Listen or View

On the right hand side of the page

New Issue Of Academe

<http://www.aaup.org/AAUP/pubsres/academe/2009/JF/>

Current Service Learning Opportunities

Director of Student Life Vitaliano Figueroa has links to community partners eager to have faculty, staff, and students volunteer. You can access this information at: <http://www.csn.edu/pages/2632.asp>

You can also contact Vitaliano at Vitaliano.figueroa@csn.edu
651-4609

Facebook Networking

Many faculty, students and staff across NSHE are sharing information on Facebook pages. If you would like to join, you can create an account at www.facebook.com. If you need further information, contact

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