



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:

Chair: Sondra Cosgrove

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Chair-Elect: Mark Rauls

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Past Chair: Judy Stewart

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Virginia McRoyal

Admin. Assistant

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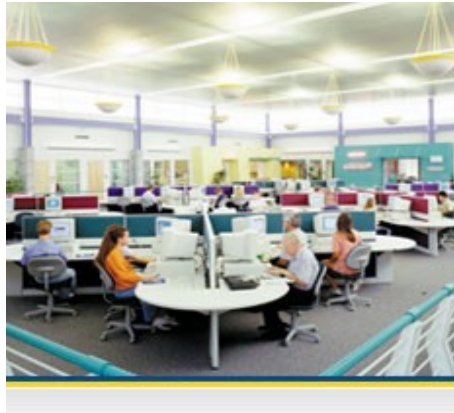
Faculty Senate Webpage:
<http://www.csn.edu/pages/347.asp>

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

The legislature is entering the homestretch on the budget, yet many questions still remain. It is still not clear if the governor will apply for a waiver rather than meet the “maintenance of effort” requirement to qualify for the Federal Stimulus aid. The Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees listened to voter testimony on March 13th and 14th, yet letters and phone calls to your representatives are still very important. You can read an analysis of the Stimulus Bill here: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/75th2009/federalstimulus/>

The NV Legislature now has a page for sending comments on budget reductions:
<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/75th2009/ConstitBudgetReductionSuggestions/>

All Other legislative information can be reached from this homepage:
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/>

Policy Updates

At the March meeting Senate discussed the Faculty Evaluation Policy, the Academic Dishonesty Policy, and a preliminary report on faculty outside of the geographic service area. The latest Evaluation Policy draft is at:
http://www.nevada.edu/~matovina/csn/Draft_Evaluation_Policy.pdf

Many thanks go to the committee for their hard work over the past year. We need to wrap up this process in the near future to meet our accreditation recommendation and to give department chairs and faculty ample time to review any new forms and procedures. The Committee is taking comments until March 25th. Hopefully, Senate can vote on this policy at the April meeting.

Committee Update

Senate officially formed the Ad-hoc DE Standards and Guidelines Review Committee Chaired by Dr. Shari Lyman. The Committee will be comprised of one member from every Department DE Committee.

You can read the DE policy at: <http://www.csn.edu/pages/1722.asp>

The Bookstore contract expires at the end of April. CSN put out a Request for Proposals for the new contract and a committee consisting of faculty and administrative staff will interview vendor candidates.

Angel Update

The Online Resources Committee is collecting feedback on Angel issues and training needs.

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

Angel has begun releasing patches to fix current technical problems and will release an update at the end of spring semester. You can see the update at:

http://www.angellearning.com/products/lms/whats_new_74.html#consortia

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 at 6 pm on the UNLV Academic Mall.

Parking is available in the Thomas and Mack lot.

To ensure that CSN gets noticed this time, attendees can drop by the Senate Office any time on the 26th or E345 at 4 pm to make signs; materials will be provided. If you plan to bring signs with you to the rally, please try to bring extra materials to donate to the Sign Making Tent.

Useful Tips and Links

Benefits Updates

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

www.nvpers.org

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/>

Nevadans for a Quality Education

<http://www.nevadansforqualityeducation.org/home.html>

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

CAPE EVENTS

You can see CAPE's calendar of events at: <http://www.csn.edu/pages/2676.asp>

These include: The CSN Great Online Teachers Retreat
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Gender Tune Up: Improving Recruitment and Retention
Preparing and Supporting Part-Time Faculty

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

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