



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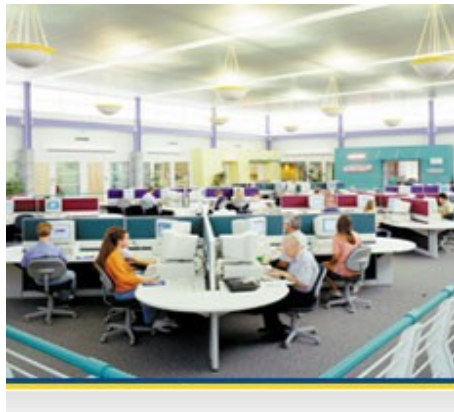
Faculty Senate Webpage:
<http://www.csn.edu/pages/347.asp>

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

[November's Draft Minutes and Documents](#)

ELECTION AND THE BUDGET

Now that the 2008 election cycle is complete NSHE has mobilized to engage new and returning elected Officials regard the current budget shortfalls. This list also includes new Board of Regents members. Regents Rosenberg and Whipple have been replaced by Bill Cobb and Robert Blakely respectively. Regent Sisolak won his bid for the County Commission, which means the governor will appoint someone to serve the remainder of his term. Based on past precedent, the Chancellor has suggested that the Governor form a committee to assist in vetting possible appointees.

The NSHE Senate Chairs jointly sent a letter in support of the Chancellor's suggestion.

CHANCELLOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE

Chancellor Jim Rogers held a press conference on Monday Nov. 17th at the West Charleston Campus. He presented a 6 point strategy for bringing in more revenue for the state's ailing budget.

[Chancellor Rogers' Remarks](#)

If you'd like to support any or all of Chancellor Rogers proposals you can read all of his detailed memos at: <http://system.nevada.edu/Initiative/Proposed-B/Budget-Cut/index.htm>

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

CSN's Student Government, in conjunction with the other NSHE Student Governments, is hosting an Education Rally at UNLV on January 22, 2009. The event will take place in the inner mall at 6 pm.

BENEFITS

Faculty Senate and the NFA are both monitoring proposed changes to our benefits program. The Governor-appointed SAGE Commission is looking at ways to reduce the state's benefits liability, while the PEBP Board is reviewing actions to curb that liability before state intervention becomes necessary. Faculty Senate and NFA representatives are in contact with both groups. You can look at the PEBP Board proposals at: <http://www.pebp.state.nv.us/informed/informed.htm>

GREEN INITIATIVES AD HOC COMMITTEE

The Green Initiatives ad hoc Committee has been busy. They have compiled a prioritized list of green initiatives that can improve CSN's ecological awareness and efficiency. Committee Chair Charles Milne will present the initiatives at the Dec. Senate meeting on Dec. 5th at 1:00 Cheyenne Campus 2410

[The Prioritized List](#)

GEN ED AD HOC COMMITTEE

Faculty Senate has convened a Gen Ed ad hoc Committee to look at our Gen Ed policies, procedures, and alignment with other NSHE institutions. Currently CSN lacks a clear process for adding or removing a course from the Gen Ed listing. To ensure fairness and impartiality, to the best of our ability, Senate is tasking this committee to identify and suggest remedies for any weaknesses we have in this area.

POLICY UPDATES

Faculty Senate passed three policies at the Nov. meeting: Tuition Refund, Adding & Dropping Courses, and a Hate Crimes policy. As soon as the President signs or ask for revision, those policies will be available through an All Faculty email. The Evaluation Committee continues their tireless work on the new Faculty Evaluation Policy, while Welfare continues to work on a Program Viability Policy. And the Online Resources Committee should be submitting their report on the technology implications of faculty living out of the state.

USEFUL TIPS AND INFORMATION

The new issue of Academe contains articles on the status of contingent faculty:

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

Communicating with our Leaders:

With the elections over state officials are gearing up for the Feb. 2nd start date of the 2009 legislature. If you are so inclined, please try to contact your legislative representatives as well as members of the Board of Regents to express your feelings as a public employee and member of NSEH.

We can serve as ambassadors for CSN by providing needed information for our elected officials.

How to find and contact your legislators:

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

General legislative information is located here:

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

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

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

Contacting the Regents:

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