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# Moore, Valera bid adieu at senate meeting

By Brad Tittington  
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Senate President Terry Moore and Student Body Vice President Luis Valera said their good-byes on Monday as they attended their last senate meeting while in office.

Starting May 1, Rick Kimbrough will take over the senate president seat and Scott Ceci will take over for Valera.

In an emotional statement, Moore thanked everyone for their hard work over the past year.

"You guys kept us afloat through a variety of storms," Moore said to the senators. "I've learned more in this body than in any class. I've watched you grow and become better senators. You've helped me become a better person. It's hard letting three-and-a-half years of your life go. I am leaving the senate in good hands. Good luck to all of you. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with all of you."

Moore also gave a heartfelt thank you to Business Manager Jim Moore.

"He is the backbone of CSUN," Terry Moore said.

"Thanks for all your hard work," Moore continued. "I appreciate it."

Valera also thanked the senate for their hard work and dedication.

"Thank you for a very memo-



by Erik Thompson / The Rebel Yell

Terry Moore, Joaquin Trujillo and Michael Kawazoe at a recent senate meeting.

able year," Valera said. "I have seen four senate sessions come and go and you are by far the most proactive senators I have seen."

Valera also took a moment to thank Senate President Moore for his role on campus and as a role model.

"There is one word that comes to mind when it comes to Terry Moore, leadership," Valera said.

The senate also thanked Moore and Valera for their support over the past year and for their dedication to the students. Some of the senators thanked Student

Body President Joe Mills, even though he was not present at the meeting.

At the meeting, the senators discussed a variety of issues and had a few heated debates about some of the issues.

The first item discussed was the "authorization as permissible by the CSUN Constitution Article VI, Item C, Section 4, Subsection f, for the 1998-99 Executive Board to administer expenditures not to exceed \$500 beginning May 1, 1998 and continuing through April 30, 1999," which passed unani-

mously.

The next item on the agenda was the stipends for the executive board for the upcoming year. The item called for the student body president to receive a \$920 a month stipend and a 42 credit fee waiver. The student body vice president and senate president would receive a \$870 stipend and 42 credit fee waiver, as slated by the item. This item originally failed but later in the meeting passed.

The next item called for a \$420 stipend and 24 credit fee waiver for the senate president pro-

tempore. The item was amended to allow a \$400 stipend and a 24 credit fee waiver and the item passed.

The next item on the agenda was amended to call for all directors to receive a \$400 a month stipend and a 24 credit fee waiver. After a lot of argument, the motion failed.

The next item was the discussion/approval of "spending an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for the Executive Branch Banquet to be held at the UNLV Boyd Dining Room, which passed.

The next item was the discussion/approval of "spending an amount not to exceed \$400 for Executive Branch plaques," which also passed.

The final item on the agenda was the discussion/approval of travel expenses for Terry Moore, Kimbrough, Ceci and Will Price to the Board of Regents meeting in Fallon, NV. The motion that passed allows for the following expenses: airfare \$456, lodging \$147.66, motor pool car rental not to exceed \$75, per diem \$540.

During the discussion of this item, Sally Mills said that the senators were discriminating against her son because he is supposed to go to the meeting as he is the only one to vote at the meeting.

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## Over 500 awards presented at the 31st Honors Convocation

By Tracie Walker  
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The thirty-first Honors Convocation distributed approximately 600 awards to faculty and students Tuesday, according to Andy Fry, the Executive Assistant to the President.

"At least 400 recipients showed up for the convocation, so we are quite pleased," said Fry.

University President Carol Harter opened by saying, "The honoring of those who bring distinction to us is the heart of academic values."

Amy Clark, a psychology major and sole recipient of the Outstanding Student in Psychology and of the Psi Chi Distinguished Service Award agreed.

"It is nice for students to be honored for their hard work," said Clark.

"One thing that impacted me was seeing how many students from all the different colleges are working just as hard as you," said sophomore Tom Butler, an electrical engineering major who received four awards and scholarships from the College of Engineering, the College of Sciences, and the Honors College.

"It is easy to get so wrapped up in your own major," said Butler, "but you come to something like this and you get a broad view of the university."

Amy Baadsgaard, also an engineering sophomore and recipient of an award and a scholarship from the College of Engineering was glad to

see faculty rewarded as well as students.

"Professors work just as hard as students and the awards were well-deserved," said Baadsgaard. "It was also neat to see them in their caps and gowns."

The colorful array of gowns is determined by the professors' alma mater and by their department.

Ron Smith, President of the Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society who sponsored the event along with the Office of the President, said the convocation grows every year due to increased enrollment and additional scholarship donors from the community.

"We are grateful for the increased participation from the community and from students," said Smith.

The dean of the newly formed Greenspun College of Urban Affairs, Dr. Martha Watson, gave the convocation address.

Watson summarized the autobiography of Mary Church Terrell, co-founder of the NAACP, and explained the impact it has made on her life.

"We should meet her challenge to make a just society, one in which diversity means enrichment not conflict," said Watson.

Watson, a specialist in rhetoric, public speaking and the Women's Reform Movement and author of two books, was hired in July of 1997.

## Government ethics discussion subject

By Darryl Richardson  
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The role of governmental officials, businesses and media outlets in ethically questionable situations was the subject of a lively debate Tuesday evening in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom.

The event was moderated by Dr. Craig Walton, director of UNLV's Institute for Ethics and Policy Studies. Members of the panel were Linda Bell of the Clark County Public Defenders Office, Roger Buehrer, communications administrator for Southwest Gas, Alan Feldman, vice president for public affairs for Mirage Resorts, Emily Neilson, news director at KLAS-TV, Channel 8, political columnist Jon Ralston, Sandra Thompson, associate editor of the Las Vegas Sun and Charlie Zobell, managing editor of the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

Walton began the program by posing a hypothetical question to Thompson and then he built on the situation with each successive panelist. This question involved several possible ethical violations by political candidates, businesses and media outlets.

One of the evening's major points concerned the difference between a newspaper's news and

opinion pages. After both representatives from the newspapers said that they would talk to their reporters about stories concerning ethical violations before writing editorials about them, Feldman said, "It is unethical to have any discussion between the news and editorial departments." This, he said, could lead to the public not knowing where the news pages ended and the editorial pages began.

However, Thompson strongly disagreed with that viewpoint.

"You do need to have the reporters involved," she said. "You need not just their notes, but their perceptions of the individuals involved to get the full picture of the situation. They are closer to the story and have a better sense of what is going on."

Another part of the debate focused on candidates and businesses. Buehrer, whose company's former CEO, Kenny Guinn, is running for governor, said that there is a stringent policy in place at the company to decide who the company will donate campaign funds to.

"For a candidate to receive (political action committee) money, they must go through a screening process, followed by an

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