

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS
September 5, 2001**

Minutes

Attendance

- Present:** Bud Morris – Chair, Dick Montanari – V. Chair, Sharon Hamill – Secretary, Peter Amade, Don Barrett, Bonnie Bade, Bonnie Biggs, Rochelle Boehning, Glen Brodowsky, David Chien, Maria Luiza Dantas, George Diehr, Vicki Fabry, Rocio Guillen, Kara Kornher, Janet McDaniel, Michael McDuffie, Ofer Meilich, Carmen Nava, Kathy Norman, Graham Oberem, Youwen Ouyang, Jill Pellettieri, Amber Puha, Patricia Prado-Olmos, Liliana Rossman, Michael Schmidt, Wesley Schultz, Linda Shaw, Laurie Stowell, Susan Thompson, Kathleen Watson, Jill Watts, Laura Wendling, Shaun-inn Wu
- Absent:** Roger Arnold, Mark Baldwin, Vivienne Bennett, Robert Black, Sharon Elise, Gina Grimshaw, Soheila Jorjani, Brian Norris, Sandy Parsons, Keith Trujillo, Anibal Yañez-Chavez
- Ex-Officio:** Robert Sheath – Provost, Francine Martinez – Vice President Student Affairs, Spencer McWilliams – Dean COAS, Mohamed Moustafa – Dean COBA, Steve Lilly – Dean COE, Marion Reid – Dean LIS
- Guests:** David Barsky – AVPAP, Mary Elizabeth Stivers – AVPAR, Pat Worden – Dean Graduate Studies, Bettina Huber – Institutional Research, Norm Nicholson – IITS, Richard Riehl – Enrollment Services, Steve Nichols – Associate Dean COAS

I. Approval of Agenda

CHANGE: Meeting time is 1:15 to 3 p.m. Chair noted that committees will report in rotation this academic year.

Motion #1 M/S/P
To approve the agenda as amended

II. Approval of Minutes: 8/22/01

CHANGE: Provost's Report: A minor part of provost's role will be fund raising....
CFA Report: Stanley Aronowitz to speak at CSUSM on October 25.

Motion #2 M/S/P
To approve the minutes as amended

III. Chair's Report, Bud Morris:

A. Referrals to Committees

Committee referrals thus far based on hold-over business from last academic year. About half of the list has been referred to date.

Announcements: New budget methodology task force to begin meeting September 20. Will consider budget for entire campus. There will be coverage of the AS meetings this year in Tracks. Process and timelines for faculty activity reports to be announced soon.

IV. Vice-Chair's Report, Dick Montanari

No report.

V. Secretary's Report, Sharon Hamill

No report.

VI. President's Report, Alexander Gonzalez

The Provost reported that the President was in Sacramento lobbying for the upcoming bond issue.

VII. Provost's Report, Robert Sheath

Budget task force has been approved by Cabinet and will proceed quickly to review campus budgets.

Pat Worden reported on a new program to provide seed money for proposal development (which could include software purchase, preliminary data collection, travel, etc.). Provost is making approximately \$40,000 available for this program. Information regarding the program and the process for applying will be forthcoming.

The membership of the new budget methodology task force was described at the request of G. Diehr. Each major division is represented, including the Senate. Other members are Bud Morris, Mary-Elizabeth Stivers, Sandra Punch, and Carol Bonomo and Suzanne Green. Robert Sheath is the chair and Stephen Garcia is co-chair.

VIII. CFA Report, George Diehr

Faculty are encouraged to attend a meeting regarding possible job action, to be held today at 3 p.m. in UH-458. Solicited help with tasks for upcoming teach-in on October 25.

IX. Associated Students Report, TBD

No representative present.

X. Committee Reports: APP, GEC, NEAC, SAC

APP: No report.

GEC: Working on Computer Competency Requirement. Seeking a Humanities representative for GEC committee. Committee meets every Wednesday mornings in CRA 1258. Currently reviewing Area C requirements for reform.

NEAC: A call has been issued for faculty to fill open seats on several Senate committees. Committee will meet today following Senate meeting. Will brainstorm regarding possible changes to election procedure for Senate officers.

SAC: No report.

XI. Consent Calendar: Consent Calendar items are presented to the Senate for a single vote of approval without discussion. Any item can be removed for particular consideration by request of a senator prior to the vote.

APP Course and Program Change Proposal

Motion #3 M/S/P (Schmidt/Stowell)

To approve the consent calendar.

XIII. New Business

A. University Niche Committee Report

The Chair reported that the Niche Committee had been meeting since the Spring semester. Ann Fiegen made a presentation regarding the Committee's charge and efforts, and the status of the development of a University Niche statement.

B. Morris noted that of the four suggested emphases presented to the faculty, the two which received the most interest have been modified in today's handout: Putting Learning to Work (i.e., Research and Creative Activity) and Mastering the Ability to Communicate. The other two (A Training Ground for an Engaged Citizenry, and Home to the Active Learner) contain their original wording. He also noted that the current focus for the drafts is internal, and that input from other segments of the campus community will be sought. External Affairs staff will eventually rework the language.

General discussion followed and included questions and comments regarding the effect of the niche statement on campus resources; the possibility of combining aspects of the four statements; the lack of mention of post-baccalaureate and graduate students; the need to emphasize small class sizes; that our focus should be on who we serve, rather than who we are; and the intended audience/purpose of the statement.

An open forum on the niche statement will be held on September 13 on campus. Comments are encouraged and may be forwarded to any of the committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The next Academic Senate meeting will be held October 3, 2001, from 1:15 – 3:00 p.m. in Commons 206.

Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator

Sharon Hamill, Secretary