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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 29, 2005
TO: Academic Senate
FROM: Associated Students, Inc.
RE: University Hour

In the spirit of shared governance, Associated Students Inc. (ASI) has been working collaboratively with students, staff, faculty, and administrators to implement a University Hour at Cal State San Marcos. The installation of University Hour will allow time for student organization meetings, group academic advising, study groups, co-curricular programs, special events and campus community forums, among others. The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) results indicate that Cal State San Marcos students cite lack of co-curricular engagement as a main reason for leaving our campus. University Hour will also allow Cal State San Marcos to actively address our low retention rates by providing opportunities for the entire campus community to engage all students in co-curricular programming.

As the University Strategic Priorities are unveiled to the campus community, discussion has developed around high-impact, low-budget items as it relates to the fulfillment of these priorities at Cal State San Marcos. Thus, this is the perfect time to implement University Hour. University Hour will undoubtedly promote the newly developed University Strategic Priorities of Student Life, Campus Climate, Educational Equity, Community Partnership, and Academic Excellence by affording the campus community the opportunity to actively engage in activities, committee meetings and open dialogue. Therefore, the objectives outlined within these priorities will be achieved. Furthermore, the budget impact will be minimal and the effect on campus community will be great.

University Hour, which will strengthen our students' college experience, will also serve the Cal State San Marcos Mission by empowering students to be active participants in building a community through co-curricular engagement while promoting Cal State San Marcos Core Values. It will also allow ASI to fully realize its Core Values of advocacy, communication and vision by providing opportunities to speak with students, inform them on issues affecting their education and respond to the needs of a diverse student body.

California State University Los Angeles, California State University Monterey Bay, and California State Polytechnic University, Pomona are the three CSU campuses that have a University Hour in place. Additionally, Mira Costa College, our local educational partner, also has a University Hour. Campus Leadership, from each of the institutions we have spoken to, have unequivocally stated that University Hour has been immensely beneficial as an essential time for their respective campus communities to connect, develop, mature and grow. By building student life and campus climate through programs and events, student organization meetings, study groups, etc, University Hour helps current and potential students understand that at Cal State San Marcos, we are committed to "Building Vital Communities".

We have compiled background information on University Hour and had conversations with all campus constituents on the subject. The Associated Students, Inc. Board of Directors formally proposes that a University Hour be implemented between the hours of 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Tuesday(s) & Thursday(s) to be realized in the Academic Schedule in Fall 2006. For your review, the Report on University Hour will be available online beginning September 5th at www.csusm.edu/asi.

We thank you for your consideration and welcome the opportunity to engage in open dialogue regarding any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Marc DeGuzman, President & CEO

Elizabeth Sheets, Programming Specialist

CSUSM Academic Senate -- Fall 2005 Unfinished Business List

Committee	Item
APC	Changes to the Academic Calendar
APC	Unifying terms: specialization, track, concentration, emphasis, etc.
APC	Advanced Placement Credit and CLEP reviews
APC	Credit Certificate Policy - returned by administration
APC	Procedures/Deadlines for Course/Program proposals
APC	Standards and goals for on-line education
APC	Impact of class size on quality of education
BLP	P-form for M.A. in History
BLP	A Form revision
BLP	Committee membership - add IITS rep
BLP	Resolution: active budget committees in colleges
BLP	Review of AA and SA budget priorities and assmt of current ops
FAC	CoAS RTP policy
FAC	CoBA RTP policy
FAC	Political Science Dept. RTP policy
FAC	Independent study workload implications
FAC	Endowed positions policy
FAC	CoE Temp Faculty Evaluation policy
FAC	Emeritus Policy - Process for Nominations and Appeals
FAC	SSP-AR Temp Faculty Evaluation policy
FAC	Lecturer eligibility for emeritus status
GEC	Examine GEAR options
GEC	Language Other Than English Requirement
GEC	Revise LDGE forms A, B and E
GEC	Proposal for support of Second Language Learners
GEC	Review of the GE Curriculum
GEC	Examine American Institutions requirement
LATAC	Emeritus Faculty policy - annual review of privilege levels for Library & IITS
LATAC	Repository for CSUSM Graphics for presentations
NEAC	Fill open Senate/Committee seats
NEAC	Committee structure: vacancies, participation, etc.
NEAC	Survey re Senate representation and size
NEAC	Find ways to increase faculty interest and involvement in Senate
NEAC	Referenda, as needed
PAC	Program reviews, as needed
PAC	Assessment Support Task Force - submit report to EC
PAC	Assess revised PEP procedures
SAC	Promotion of Student Research Competition
SAC	Revisit Disabled Student issues and recommendations to President
SAC	Guidelines for ranking criteria of University-wide lottery proposals
SAC	Faculty participation at commencement
SAC	Student participation on committees, incentives
SAC	Student Honesty Policy - sanctions
UCC	Course and program reviews, as needed
UCC	Summit on curriculum review
UCC	Encourage colleges to provide brief written report of program proposal review
UCC	Encourage collegial consultation process prior to college level approval of forms
UCC	Graduate Studies Committee review of graduate level proposals
UCC	Program objectives/learning outcomes information on forms
UCC	Structure of Senate review of program proposals

**Executive Committee Resolution on
Naming of The McMahan House
At
California State University San Marcos**

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the California State University San Marcos Academic Senate endorses the construction and naming of The McMahan House on the campus, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the California State University San Marcos Academic Senate urges President Haynes to support the naming of The McMahan House and so recommend it to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees of the California State University.