

due to a communication problem, but that process is now underway; and (5) teams are to begin campus visits for the “facilitating graduation” initiative, which the trustees are particularly interested in. Stanislaus is lauded as having better outcomes in this regard than similar institutions, thanks to their “check in, check up, check out” process (for more information, visit www.aascu.org/gro/docs.htm – see the Graduation Rate Outcome Study 2005).

B. Referrals to Committees:

NEAC Instructionally Related Activities Fee Committee – 1 at large 05-07

IV. Vice Chair’s Report, Gilbert Valadez: No report.

V. Secretary’s Report, Rosario Diaz-Greenberg: Holt noted that the following items have been returned by the University administration:

UCC Curricular Forms Revisions *Approved*

VI. President’s Report, Karen Haynes: Unable to attend.

VII. Provost’s Report, Robert Sheath: Unable to attend.

VIII. Statewide Senate Report: Brodowsky noted that resolutions are being developed concerning early and timely hiring of lecturers and textbook prices. Another issue being discussed is the Ed.D. workload issue. Brodowsky is working on a retention study. The ASCSU is also considering resurrecting the annual Academic Conference which joins faculty with trustees and administration. The systemwide HR office is putting together a packet of information on temporary health care available for incoming employees. There is concern about Margaret Spellings’ initiative on standardized testing for college graduates, as well as Bill Morrow’s “Student Bill of Rights” bill amendment.

IX. CFA Report, Janet Powell: The CFA is hosting two members of the bargaining team on Monday, February 20. Planning is underway for an all-union campus rally on March 9 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Powell has requested information from CFA about whether any surveys have been conducted concerning parking fees.

X. Brief Committee Updates

BLP: The committee is reviewing P forms for five programs. BLP will be reviewing Academic Affairs units’ budget proposals and advising the provost on strengths and weaknesses prior to review by the Academic Affairs Budget Subcommittee. This provides the Senate more input on the budget process than enjoyed previously.

GEC: The committee has almost completed work on the campus response to a systemwide GE survey; this will be shared with the EC for input prior to submittal. The committee is seeking input concerning the idea to reduce the GE requirement from 51 units to the minimum of 48 by merging two areas within Area D, in an effort to facilitate graduation. EC comments included (1) whether the Area D issue is really an impediment to timely graduation; (2) that our goal should be to graduate an educated workforce, not to simply process students in and out; (3) that the 120 unit minimum was never intended as a mandated maximum; (4) a concern that courses such as women’s studies, ethnic studies, equality studies are unfairly targeted by these decisions; and (5) a need to identify the real issues which impede graduation and focus our efforts there.

NEAC: An on-line election is underway for the three-year ASCSU seat currently held by Brodowsky. The Assigned Time Task Force is seated and is getting underway. Brodowsky noted that NEAC recently had two volunteers and appointed one of these to the Student Grievance Committee, but this person has decided to step down. The other volunteer is willing to take the seat. NEAC seeks advice on whether to make the substitution or put out a new call. The EC agreed that NEAC could make the recommendation to the EC which will act on the Senate’s behalf to approve the appointment. Following a CoBA election, the PTC is now fully seated in time for its work to begin.

SAC: The Student Fee Advisory Committee will be meeting shortly to review fee proposals. The Lottery proposals will be reviewed shortly; there are fewer CoAS proposals this year, but more university-wide proposals. Papers for the Student Research Competition are due February 17th.

**All motions were passed unanimously unless stated otherwise.*

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XI. Old Business

A. Faculty Parking Holt requested the EC members submit questions for the parking discussion which will be scheduled for next week. These will be provided ahead of time to the administration to ensure a focused discussion.

B. LATAAC Intellectual Property Policy Walker noted that this item went to the Senate in December for a first reading and the second reading was postponed so that the document could be reviewed by campus legal counsel. A couple of changes were made to the policy: (1) specifying that the university will initiate the conversation about negotiating rights, and (2) the definition of "fair use" includes a reference to the training requirement. The committee recommends the document be submitted to the Senate in March for a second reading. The EC discussed the options of first or second reading.

Motion #3 M/S/P* (Brodowsky)
To forward the policy to the March Senate agenda for a second reading.

XII. New Business

A. FAC Policy on the Evaluation of Temporary Counselor Faculty (SSP-ARs) Thomas noted that this is a new policy (an interim policy is currently in use), based in part on the CoAS RTP policy.

Motion #4 M/S/P* (Brodowsky)
To forward the policy to the March Senate agenda for a first reading.

B. APC Resolution: Change to Add/Drop and Withdrawal Policy Oskoorouchi noted that current policy language prohibits students from turning in a signed add/drop form to the Enrollment Office on the first day of classes, although there is no longer a need for this prohibition. APC recommends eliminating this prohibition.

Motion #5 M/S/P* (Brodowsky)
To forward the policy revision to the March Senate agenda for a first reading.

E. Technical Correction to Summer Overload Worksheet for Undergraduates (*taken out of order for time certain*) Barsky distributed a worksheet explaining a proposed change to the calculation for summer overload ("Barsky units"), made necessary by the recent change from six-week to five-week blocks for summer session. The EC agreed to approve the correction on behalf of the Senate.

C. Informational Presentations for Senate Meetings Holt noted that on some occasions, informational presentations take up a large portion of Senate meeting time, leaving little time for business. Should the number of presentations be limited? Should the time allotted for such presentations be limited? EC members discussed and agreed that presentations be limited to one per meeting; in the case of late spring meetings, allow either no presentations or a very brief presentation. EC members also agreed that the time allotted for a presentation be limited to a specific number of minutes, and include time for questions and answers.

D. Draft Meeting Schedule 2006/07 Holt noted that it is proposed the January meeting be eliminated from the schedule, since most committees will have had no time to meet since the December meeting. She also noted that the Senate may wish to move its meeting time to coordinate with the new University Hour scheduling. It was suggested that the EC meet for a very brief time on Senate days, and only to review items for that day's Senate agenda. This topic will be discussed again next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.
Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator

APPROVED: _____
Rosario Diaz-Greenberg, Secretary 05/06

DATE: _____

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