

MINUTES

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS
Wednesday, March 15, 2006
KEL 5207
12 – 2 p.m.

Members Present	Gilbert Valadez, Vice Chair	Rosario Díaz-Greenberg, Secty.	
	Mohammad Oskoorouchi, APC	Kathleen Watson, BLP	Marshall Whittlesey, GEC
	David Walker, LATAAC	Glen Brodowsky, NEAC	Gabriela Sonntag, PAC
	Andre Kundgen, SAC	Sharon Elise, UCC	Dick Montanari, ASCSU
Ex Officio Present	Judy Papenhausen, HHS; Janet Powell, CFA; Robert Sheath, Provost		
Not Present	Karen Haynes, President; Linda Holt, Chair; Marie Thomas, FAC		
Guest	Mary Elizabeth Stivers, AVP-AR		
Staff	Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator		

I. Approval of Agenda

ADD: XII. New Business, A. Student Evaluations for WPAF – Stivers *Time Certain 12:30 p.m.*

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

II. Approval of Minutes of 3/8/06

A correction was made to the minutes.

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

III. Chair's Report, Linda Holt

A. Announcements: Valadez is chairing on behalf of Holt who is ill.

B. Referrals to Committees: None.

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

V. Secretary's Report, Rosario Diaz-Greenberg: The following items have been returned by the University administration:

EC Resolution Concerning the Recent CSU Board of Trustees Decision to Augment
Compensation for Top Administrators *Acknowledged*

PAC Resolution on Academic Department Assessment Support *Supported*

VI. President's Report, Karen Haynes: Attending Board of Trustees meeting.

VII. Provost's Report, Robert Sheath: An Academic Affairs division proposal has been submitted to CUSP (Council of University Strategic Planners, made up of AVPs from all the divisions). They will make a request based on input from all the divisions. The President's Cabinet will meet March 20th for five hours to discuss strategic planning and budgeting, and will give advice to UBC which will rank order the budget items for the President. It has been suggested that WASC have separate budget consideration. There will be a systemwide workshop on "re-benching" this Friday for

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Southern California; seven will attend from our campus. The issue will be looked at from three points of view: FTES generation, graduate differential, and special nursing considerations.

VIII. Statewide Senate Report, Dick Montanari: The ASCSU considered 18 resolutions at its plenary session last week. The Chancellor reported that he has heard a number of positive comments about the system at the national level, particularly about efforts to coordinate with community colleges and high schools to attract students. Issues discussed included (1) an amendment to the ASCSU constitution to reverse an increase in the size of the Senate but retain the emeritus member who receives no release time, (2) a request to publishers to provide electronic access to their publications for students with special needs, (3) support for the Early Assessment Program, (4) re-institution of the annual Academic Conference, (5) providing lecturers with timely academic support, (6) approval of the meeting calendar for 06/07, (7) the ASCSU's annual award to a distinguished legislative staff person, (8) the problem of faculty salary inversion, (9) availability of a paper copy of the CSU catalog, (10) a request for creation of a statewide database of extension enrollees, (11) opposition to SB 1412 – a new iteration of Morrow's "student bill of rights," (12) response to aspects of the Patriot Act, (13) opposition to Liu's AB 2168 which proposes a "common core" of general education curriculum for all CSUs, (14) special recognition for faculty workload with regard to doctoral level classes, and (15) recommended Title 5 language specifying the design of an independent doctoral program.

XII. New Business (*taken out of order for time certain*)

A. Student Evaluations for the WPAF Stivers has learned that our practice with regard to the inclusion of student evaluations in the WPAF is not in line with the CBA. A handout of the pertinent language was provided. It specifies that, when less than 100% of evaluations are to be included, there will be consultation between the faculty member and department chair (or equivalent) regarding which classes shall be included. The EC agreed that a joint memo to faculty from Stivers and FAC explaining this requirement will suffice for the Fall 2006 cycle. The matter of correcting our policies in this regard was referred to FAC.

(Agenda resumed.)

IX. CFA Report, Janet Powell: Elise reported about an Equity Conference she and others attended last weekend. Issues discussed included faculty rights with regard to family leave policies, course evaluations, granting of sabbatical leaves, and affirmative action in hiring. Powell noted that the March 9 rally was successful, as were several others held around the state. About 300 or so attended our rally. Statewide negotiations are nearing agreement on year-round operations for Summer '06.

X. Brief Committee Updates

BLP: The committee is reviewing P forms and expects to bring these to Senate for passage this year. They are still reviewing the Masters in Social Work will start reviewing changes in the MBA program. There was discussion about providing information to the senators electronically prior to the meetings to help expedite the process.

GEC: The committee is considering another proposal to facilitate graduation: that of allowing Social Sciences majors to double count certain major's courses for GE.

NEAC: A sample ballot for the spring elections will go out tomorrow. NEAC will be meeting with Don Barrett tomorrow to discuss changes to the Standing Rules.

SAC: The committee is reviewing lottery proposals totaling \$40k; unfortunately, only \$10k is available for awards. The committee continues to seek feedback concerning the Academic Honesty policy. SAC and ASI are going to provide graduating students will invitation letters for faculty to encourage faculty attendance at the ceremonies.

XI. Old Business

A. Senate Chair Workload Survey Results Valadez noted that the officers averaged two years' data to help inform the process. All chairs work very hard, and this process was conducted to point out where additional course releases were needed; there is no intention of reducing current course releases. This sort of survey should be conducted periodically as needed to ensure that course releases are adequately distributed. It was noted that in some instances,

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averages shown are not accurate since the current year includes additional activities. The EC discussed possible changes to the distribution of course releases. Sheath noted that a three-unit course release for the PAC chair is currently included in the division's budget request. Montanari suggested that any request for additional release time be presented to the EC in the form of a motion. Continuation of this discussion was postponed until March 22.

B. Graduate Programs Issues Elise noted that the issue goes beyond curricular issues, and includes the need for a faculty governance voice and connection to the Senate. It was noted that, currently, there is no formal mechanism for interaction between the Senate and the Graduate Studies Council. Montanari will draft a motion for the March 22 EC meeting to form a task force to review and propose a graduate programs structure, governance, and administration policies. It was suggested that we look at governance models on other campuses.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.
Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator

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

DATE: _____

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