

MINUTES

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS
Wednesday, March 19, 2008
KEL 5207
12-2 p.m.

Members Present	Patty Seleski, Chair Rika Yoshii, APC Marshall Whittlesey, GEC Gabriela Sonntag, PAC	Janet McDaniel, Vice Chair Kathleen Watson, BLP Joan Hanor, LATAC Dick Montanari, ASCSU	Betsy Read, FAC Radhika Ramamurthi, NEAC
Ex Officio Present	Emily Cutrer, Provost; Judy Papenhausen, Nursing; Janet Powell, CFA		
Guests:	David Barsky, AVP-AP; April Grommo, CMS-SA Project Manager		
Not present	Glen Brodowsky, Secty/ASCSU; Olaf Hansen, UCC; Martha Stoddard Holmes, SAC		
Staff	Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator		

I. Approval of Agenda

ADD: New VIII: Consent Calendar Item (renumber remaining items

X. Old Business, Whittlesey's alternate resolution

XI. New Business, F. Legislative lobbying

Motion #1 M/S/P*

To approve the agenda as amended.

II. Approval of Minutes of 3/12/08

Motion #2 M/S/P (2 abstentions)

To approve the minutes as presented.

III. Chair's Report, Patty Seleski

A. Announcements: The provost's office will host a reception this evening for part-time faculty. An open faculty forum with the president will be held tomorrow during University Hour. Tomorrow evening is the spring faculty research colloquium; William Burns, CoBA, is the speaker.

B. Referrals to Committees None.

IV. Vice Chair's Report, Janet McDaniel: McDaniel attended a PAC meeting today as part of her effort to meet once with each committee this year. UBC met last Friday and is working on a series of recommendations to the Executive Council, which will be finalized this week. UBC has expressed willingness to stay involved in the process as it develops over the summer, and is discussing how this year's process might have been improved. Seleski indicated that she has concerns about the way the UBC functions which she may communicate to the president and Executive Council.

V. Provost's Report, Emily Cutrer: Unable to attend.

VI. ASCSU Report: Dick Montanari Montanari noted that ASCSU Legislative Days will be April 8. He also noted that letter templates to be used for writing legislators are available on CSUSM's Budget Central website.

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

Legend: M = Moved S = Seconded D = Defeated P = Passed L = Lost W = Withdrawn

He attended a recent meeting of the system's Commission on Extended University, including a discussion of funding for summer school; as of this time, the Chancellor's Office expects campuses to offer summer school via the YRO method and not through Extended Learning. It is unclear how this will impact our own planned EL summer offerings.

VII. CFA Report, Janet Powell: Unable to attend.

VIII. Consent Calendar Item

NEAC Recommendation A handout was provided.

Motion #3 M/S/P*

To forward the recommendation to the April 9 Senate Consent Calendar.

IX. Brief Oral Committee Reports

BLP: The committee has completed its review of the bachelor's degree in Global Studies, and expects to complete its revision of Table 3 of the P form today.

Watson, who serves on the Academic Affairs Structure Task Force, reported that the group is putting together principles for making decisions concerning creating/splitting/merging of schools and colleges, as well as a process for such proposals. Academic Senate would have early input as well as later approval. There is interest among the faculty members in having broader input, such as to the current restructuring of the provost's office.

GEC: Whittlesey urged EC members to visit Seleski's blog and respond to the General Education entry. The committee may be bringing modifications to the GE policy this spring or next fall. Barsky is meeting with department chairs to update lower division area C-3 offerings. GEC expects to complete the Area E recertifications by the end of the semester.

NEAC: The sample ballot is posted on the web and is updated continuously; closing date is April 8. The committee is concerned about lack of response for PAC and PLC. Brodowsky volunteered to run for PLC from CoBA. NEAC is concerned about departments holding multiple seats on PTC; Seleski suggested NEAC consider language that only one representative per academic unit may serve on the PTC. Faculty have expressed concerns to NEAC members about the tremendous effort required for PTC, only to have their work disregarded.

Watson suggested that the Election Rules be changed to allow prior year Senators to run for officer positions; EC members agreed to discuss this at a subsequent EC meeting.

SAC: A handout was provided. The committee has developed a proposed three-year trial process for awarding lottery grant funds based on either FTES (for instructional units) or the average allocation for the prior three-years; input on the proposal is currently being collected from campus divisions. SAC makes award recommendations based on proposal quality and dean/director recommendations. A lengthy discussion ensued. Concern was expressed that pre-determining funding by unit may hamper the award of funds based on quality, and that the proposed structure may hinder multi-unit collaborations. EC members were invited to submit written questions and comments to SAC.

X. Old Business

Resolutions on Class Size & Quality (Montanari) and Budget Priorities (Whittlesey) Two draft resolutions were provided. A lengthy discussion ensued. EC members expressed concern about numerous aspects of the impact of budget cuts on faculty workload, class size, and quality of instruction, and about why budget cuts necessarily must impact instruction (i.e., why not reduce FTES, or cut funding elsewhere?). Ultimately it was decided that Montanari and Whittlesey would work to combine these resolutions.

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

XI. New Business

A. NEAC Referendum Language A handout was provided. Yoshii provided a rationale for the second amendment: “APC needs to work closely with the Graduate Studies Council headed by the Dean of Graduate Studies. The most efficient method is to require the Dean of Graduate Studies to attend APC meetings.” It was recommended that the role of Graduate Studies and its relationship to Senate be agendized next year. It was pointed out that the language concerning PAC’s membership requires correction by the EC. Concern was expressed about adding a part-time faculty seat on LATAC, since service is not required of part-time faculty and we have no means of compensating them for their service. Hanor noted that part-time faculty have expressed interest in serving on LATAC. It was noted that administrators serve on every Senate committee, but that faculty are excluded from a number of administrative committees.

B. APC GPA Adjustment Policy EC members agreed to postpone this item until next week.

C. FAC CoBA RTP Policy Concerns expressed by EC members included: (1) possible “bleed over” of standards to other academic departments (a footnote concerning book authorship recommended); (2) that the document should specify that faculty member is responsible for providing evidence of quality rating of journals/conferences; and (3) ensuring the document is written for the appropriate audiences: junior faculty, PRC, PTC, provost, and arbitrator.

The remaining agenda items were postponed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.
Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator

Approved: _____
Glen Brodowsky, Secretary 07/08

Date: _____

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