

MINUTES

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS
Wednesday, March 26, 2008
KEL 5207
12-2 p.m.

Members Present	Patty Seleski, Chair Rika Yoshii, APC Marshall Whittlesey, GEC Martha S-Holmes, SAC	Janet McDaniel, Vice Chair Kathleen Watson, BLP Radhika Ramamurthi, NEAC Olaf Hansen, UCC	Glen Brodowsky, Secty/ASCSU Betsy Read, FAC Gabriela Sonntag, PAC
Ex Officio Present	Emily Cutrer, Provost; Judy Papenhausen, Nursing; Janet Powell, CFA		
Not present	Joan Hanor, LATAAC; Dick Montanari, ASCSU		
Staff	Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator		

I. Approval of Agenda

ADD: X. New Business, E. NEAC Election Rules

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

II. Approval of Minutes of 3/19/08

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

III. Chair's Report, Patty Seleski No report.

IV. Provost's Report, Emily Cutrer: Over 200 attended last Friday's full day event hosted by the steering committee for the Institute for Social Justice and Equity. Cutrer congratulated the committee for putting together such a successful event, which we hope will become an annual event. Costs for renaming Science Hall 2 are estimated at around \$10k minimum, and the administration has reconsidered its response concerning the Senate resolution on this matter; guidelines will be provided to the task force which was recently formed for this purpose. UBC has forwarded its recommendations to the president and Executive Council and we have been able to move forward on some faculty hires.

V. ASCSU Report: Dick Montanari Unable to attend.

VI. CFA Report, Janet Powell: There was an equity conference in LA a few weeks ago; State Senator Dean Flores spoke and gave hope that the current budget crisis could yet be turned around. Powell again stressed the importance of individuals pledging to contact the legislature. The systemwide Alliance activities are going well. CFA is keeping an eye on class sizes across the system and monitoring campus activities in this regard in response to the budget crisis.

VII. ASI Board Meeting Report, Glen Brodowsky: The board discussed the fact that the free speech area can be reserved 24 hours in advance by a community member, but that students must give two weeks' notice to use the area. Students also discussed delaying construction of the parking structure, since there is currently sufficient parking available.

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

VIII. Brief Oral Committee Reports APC, FAC, and LATAC submitted written reports. PAC and UCC had no reports.

IX. Old Business

A. Draft Resolution on Impact of Budget on Instructional Rigor and Quality In absentia, Montanari provided a revised resolution to address concerns expressed by Whittlesey and other EC members last week.

Motion #3 M/S/P (Brodowsky) (1 opposed)
To forward this item to the April 9 Senate agenda for a 1st reading.

B. NEAC Referendum Language A handout was provided. Ramamurthi noted that she has not received a revised rationale from LATAC concerning the need for that committee in particular to include a part-time faculty member. Papehausen suggested a change to the Constitution which would allow broader representation for Nursing. The EC discussed the ramifications of postponing the referendum to fall semester, and the possibility of moving forward now with some but not all of the proposed amendments. It was recommended that NEAC work with Papehausen and Watson (a member of the AA structure task force) concerning the Nursing suggestion, and then determine whether it is feasible to move forward with a referendum this semester.

C. FAC CoBA RTP Policy

Motion #4 M/S/P* (Stoddard Holmes)
To forward the policy to the April 9 Senate agenda for a 1st reading.

D. APC Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement Policy Yoshii noted that lines 73-81 were added to address the reporting procedure. It was suggested that GRE be added on line 51.

Motion #5 M/S/P (Brodowsky) (1 abstention)
To forward the policy to the April 9 Senate agenda for a 1st reading.

X. New Business

A. APC GPA Adjustment Policy A handout was provided. EC members asked that APC clarify the language at lines 106-8 as it relates to the number of times students may retake courses, and the matter of topics courses.

B. PAC Revised Program Review Policy Brodowsky noted the great amount of work that has gone into this document. It was suggested that the language be standardized as policy language (remove references to "your review," for instance). A lengthy discussion ensued. EC comments included: (1) concern about provision of resources to accomplish the reviews (release time for departments due to the significant amount of work involved); (2) there is no mention of the provost's role though she is responsible for the academic program; (3) the role of deans is not specified; (4) the process for selecting external reviewers is not specified; (5) concern about the lack of emphasis on program review in favor of outcome assessment; (6) in difficult budget times, delivery of course content should take precedence over assessment; (7) concern about the on-going, time-intensive nature of the process; (8) the process seems to rely upon a department's finding a need for improvement; (9) there are many aspects of student learning that are beyond our control, and important long-term outcomes of learning cannot be measured; and (10) a suggestion that we learn what is required by the Board of Trustees in this regard. Sonntag referred members to the new program review website and noted that an Academic Affairs town hall meeting will be held April 15 to discuss program review.

C. FAC New Faculty Grants Committee Policy Read noted that FAC recommended that, rather than precluding their participation on the committee, proposers be required to recuse themselves during discussion of their own proposals, since it would be less difficult to seat this committee under these conditions. It was suggested that language to this effect be added. It was also suggested that language be added to clarify that the Senate will conduct elections for the committee. Papehausen noted that Nursing is not represented on the

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committee. Comments included: (1) whether there should be a reporting line to Senate; (2) what would be done if five of the seven members apply for a grant; (3) whether members should be tenured; and (4) the idea of including a “floating” member.

D. APC Add-Drop Policy Revision Yoshii noted that the language has been changed to allow for the use of the new PeopleSoft permission numbers instead of add-drop forms. Comments are to be directed to Yoshii.

E. NEAC Election Rules & Guidelines Revision NEAC proposes that the rules be updated to allow for recent – in addition to current – Senate members be allowed to run for an officer position, in order to increase the number of eligible faculty. NEAC is also considering eliminating the language which allows for second-party nominations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.
Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator

Approved: _____
Glen Brodowsky, Secretary 07/08

Date: _____

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