

MINUTES

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS
Wednesday, March 18, 2009
KEL 5207
12-2 p.m.

Members Present	Janet McDaniel, Chair Emily Cutrer, Provost Jackie Trischman, FAC Olaf Hansen, UCC	Shaoyi He, Vice Chair Rika Yoshii, APC Youwen Ouyang, GEC/LATAC	Andre Kündgen, Secty. Kathleen Watson, BLP Martha S-Holmes, SAC
Not Present	G. Brodowsky, ASCSU/NEAC; Fritz Kreisler, CFA; Dick Montanari, ASCSU; Laurie Stowell, PAC		
Guests	Marie Thomas		
Staff	Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator		

I. Approval of Agenda

ADD: XI. Science Fair – Trischman

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

II. Approval of Minutes of 3/11/09 The minutes were not yet available.

III. Chair's Report, Janet McDaniel: There may be a meeting of the University Space Advisory Committee next Thursday, and Meulemans will not be able to attend as the Senate's representative; Trischman and Hansen indicated they may be able to fill in. The World Languages department is accepting donations for a plaque in honor of Kevin Igasaki to be mounted at the entrance to the Language Learning Center. McDaniel attended the university-wide meeting on strategic planning and yesterday's Academic Affairs Leadership Council (AALC) discussion of the three year rolling plans; both sessions were very productive. Board of Trustees chair and recent campus visitor Jeffrey Bleich is rumored to be in discussions with the Obama administration about a possible position in the Capitol.

IV. Vice Chair's Report, Shaoyi He: He attended a meeting of the Veterans and Active Duty Educational Steering Committee and learned of a new program on all CSU campuses whereby in-service soldiers may be identified by Generals for college education; if the soldiers meet the admissions requirements, they are admitted into the program of their choice. Wal-Mart may be making scholarship funds available for CSUSM veterans. He and Watson met with the UBC last Friday and reviewed templates and the narrative in working draft 3.2 of the proposed three-year rolling plan budget process. The templates are designed to work with reports in PeopleSoft and will facilitate budget review across the divisions and from year to year.

X. New Business (*taken out of order*)

C. NEAC Constitution – Referendum Changes Thomas reviewed five proposed amendments to the Constitution: (1) grammatical/punctuation/clarification type changes; (2) a new article specifying the length of term of Senate officers; (3) a change in the language concerning advance notice to Senators of agenda items; (4) the addition of the Project and Degree Audit Coordinator as a non-voting member of APC; and (4) the addition of the Learning Outcomes Assessment Fellow as a non-voting member of PAC.

Motion #2 M/S/P*
To initiate the referendum as proposed by NEAC.

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

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

V. Provost's Report, Emily Cutrer: The Post Promotion Increase (PPI) process is underway; letters of eligibility have gone out but faculty should check their own records and confirm eligibility with AVP-PAR Jeffries' office. Cutrer handed out and reviewed a document of enrollment data and explained our current admissions plan.

VI. ASCSU Report, Brodowsky/Montanari: Attending committee and plenary meeting.

VII. CFA Report, Fritz Kreisler: Unable to attend.

VIII. Brief Committee Reports

BLP: The committee is completing its work on the Master's in Nursing and beginning its review of Biotech. They are also discussing the accreditation process in anticipation of the WASC team's visit.

GEC: No report.

NEAC: No report.

SAC: The committee is working on necessary revisions to the Student Grade Appeals policy in response to the recent audit, and continues its work on the question of student athletes and class absences. SAC has learned that there is a relevant executive order (967) entitled, "The California Student Athlete Fair Opportunity Act of 2005," which seeks to ensure that student athletes have equal opportunity to pursue their degrees and supports the idea of accommodations for student athletes. EC members discussed whether SAC should develop guidelines or a policy and whether same should apply only to student athletes or to students more broadly. EC members advised SAC to develop a policy applicable to student athletes.

IX. Old Business None.

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A. Intellectual Property Issues Yoshii provided a handout which included CSU guidelines for policies concerning student rights to intellectual property. EC members discussed: (1) the impact on student research of requiring ownership waivers; (2) the current, onerous method of developing single use forms, each requiring legal review; and (3) whether there should or could be a standard policy and form. LATAC and SAC will compose an ad hoc committee and work with AVP-R Gonzalez and the Chancellor's Office staff to address this issue.

B. NEAC Constitution - Editorial Changes per Art. 8.5 This group of title changes proposed by NEAC for EC approval, pursuant to Article 8.5, comes moved and seconded by NEAC.

Motion #3 M/S/P*
To approve the changes as proposed by NEAC.

XI. EC Members' Concerns & Announcements

A. Articulation of Online Courses Hansen noted that UCSD accepts the transfer of on-line math courses only if the exams are proctored. It was argued that, if the courses are being transferred from accredited school, the format of the course should not be an issue. It was further argued that course descriptions do not always address the method(s) of course delivery. It was agreed that decisions concerning articulation of courses should be left at the department level.

B. Science Festival Trischman provided an update on the upcoming festival, entitled "Spotlight on Science in the Valley of Discovery," to be held April 1st from 4-8 p.m. There will be activities for most age groups. Parking is free.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
Prepared by Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator

Approved by the Executive Committee _____
Andre Kündgen, Secretary Date