

MINUTES

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS
Wednesday, September 20, 2006
KEL 5207
12 – 2 p.m.

Members Present	Gilbert Valadez, Chair Mohammad Oskoorouchi, APC Marshall Whittlesey, GEC Gabriela Sonntag, PAC Glen Brodowsky, ASCSU	Patty Seleski, Vice Chair Kathleen Watson, BLP Shaoyi He, LATAC Moses Ochanji, SAC Dick Montanari, ASCSU	Rosario Díaz-Greenberg, Secty. Kathy Hayden, FAC David Chien, NEAC Olaf Hansen, UCC
Ex Officio Present	Emily Cutrer, Provost; Judy Papenhausen, Nursing		
Guest	Jan Jackson, Dean of Extended Studies		
Not Present	Janet Powell, CFA		
Staff	Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator		

I. Approval of Agenda

ADD: New. IV. Vice Chair's Report (renumber remaining items accordingly)
Brief Committee Reports: Add reports for GEC and NEAC

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

II. Approval of Minutes of 9/13/06

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

III. Chair's Report, Gilbert Valadez

A. Announcements: The seat for the faculty Trustee member is expiring at the end of this year, and nominations are currently being sought. Woolf has more information on the nomination process if you are interested. Nominations are due December 18th. The term is 2 years. Our campus needs to identify a faculty member to serve on a systemwide steering committee for a proposed CSU planning initiative as a successor to Cornerstones. The steering committee is expected to conduct its work between October 2006 and May 2008. Woolf will be e-mailing more information about planned meeting dates shortly. Sharon Hamill, Psychology faculty member, needs help with the upcoming CSUSM 5k run/walk for Alzheimer's research, scheduled for October 8th. If you are interested in helping to chalk the route on October 7th, or in helping with registration, set up, or knock down on October 8th, please contact Hamill or Woolf. President Haynes announced today a new position for a Coordinator for Educational Equity and Diversity. This position may become a permanent position in the university next year. The President's Award for Scholarship & Creative Activity committee will be seeking nominations shortly. Woolf sent an e-mail today with information regarding CSU presidents' compensation. Oskoorouchi announced that his new baby girl, Ayla, was born September 12 at 5 p.m., weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Ayla is a Turkish name which means moonlight, or the glow around the moon.

B. Referrals to Committees:

NEAC Search Committee: AVP-Research & Int'l Programs/Dean of Grad. Studies (2 at large)

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

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IV. Vice Chair's Report, Patty Seleski: Seleski, Valadez and Watson attended a UBC meeting September 15 and heard reports on the mission for the year, reviewed a multi-year spreadsheet, and talked about challenges for the year. They hope to keep the EC and Senate informed and ensure the process is as transparent as possible.

V. Secretary's Report, Rosario Diaz-Greenberg: No report.

VI. Provost's Report, Emily Cutrer: A handout was provided of a draft timeline for strategic planning, first developed by the Academic Affairs Leadership Council (formerly the Provost's Council). BLP has also had input to the document. Both groups will be looking for top priorities first separately, and then together. It is hoped that this process will enjoy more faculty voice, and facilitate communication with the colleges and programs. Concerning the AVP-Research & International Programs/Dean of Graduate Studies search, the decision has been made to conduct an internal search based on a desire to provide opportunities to on-campus individuals as well as the nature and level of the position. EC members expressed concern about the search appearing to be a fait accompli, and the need to ensure that it is conducted as a true, open search.

XII. Information Item (taken out of order for time certain)

Extended Studies Overview and Carnegie "Community Engagement" Designation: Jan Jackson, Dean of Extended Studies, provided materials and an extensive overview of the Extended Studies operation. She also explained that the decision to apply for the new Carnegie designation was made, and application submitted, over the summer. Several faculty members were involved in the process. The designation is not expected to bring with it any commitment or additional responsibilities; rather it is made in recognition of what the campus is already doing. Information submitted for the application may be viewed at: <http://www.csusm.edu/president/ALLDOCS/partnerships.doc>.

(Agenda resumed.)

VII. Statewide Senate Report: At last week's plenary meeting and interim committee meetings, topics discussed included executive compensation and a proposed Early Assessment Program (a PowerPoint handout was provided) for English and Mathematics. Also discussed was an initiative for a "no child left behind" type of exit testing program for college students being proposed by U.S. Department of Education Secretary Margaret Spellings. Montanari noted that Trustee Jeffrey Bleich and new Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer Gary Reichard, both of whom spoke supportively of the faculty. Chancellor Reed also spoke regarding the budget and was upbeat. Two motions were passed; one for a new bond act, and one concerning openness regarding executive compensation policies.

VIII. CFA Report, Janet Powell: Not present.

IX. Brief Committee Reports

APC: The committee is discussing a new Advanced Placement Credit policy, and reconsidering the academic calendar due to liability concerns related to student housing and move-in dates (students prefer to move in on the weekend) vis a vis spring semester start dates. EC members discussed issues concerning summer session and difficulties with drop dates, time for grading, etc. It was suggested that, as APC reviews the calendar, it consider whether some of the systemwide imperatives may actually be flexible guidelines; other CSU campuses seem to have more flexibility in scheduling than we do.

FAC: The committee will be addressing all of the items on their unfinished business list. In response to WASC, the committee will also be developing a "part-time faculty life" policy which will codify things we are already doing to bring part-time faculty into the campus community. In addition, the committee will be reviewing the university RTP policy to ensure that the phrase "rebuttal and response" is used consistently throughout. FAC is also considering how to handle faculty evaluations for team-taught courses. The student evaluation forms are scheduled for review this year; current bargaining may have some impact on this discussion. Matthew Ceppi will be gathering data from faculty to facilitate this discussion. The committee will also be discussing last year's suggestion of moving away from a university-wide RTP committee.

LATAC: The committee is working to correct an editorial issue concerning the Intellectual Property policy and will be resubmitted a corrected version to the administration shortly. The committee will next consider its other charges.

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PAC: The committee is considering the changing role of external reviewers as it considers the new guidelines being currently tested. They are also discussing ways to maximize the upcoming visit by Peggy Maki on October 3 for the WASC Development Series. Maki will be meeting with PAC to provide input concerning our assessment processes; it is hoped that she will be able to also meet with other faculty groups who are undergoing or have undergone program review.

UCC: The committee approved some changes to the Global Studies minor and has started reviewing the proposed Anthropology major.

GEC: The committee is seeking input concerning the history of the Computer Competency Requirement and why it is that no CSUSM courses are accepted to satisfy the requirement, while some community college courses are. They are also interested in learning the basis for the two-year window – before or after matriculation – allowed for satisfying this requirement. Woolf offered to research Senate records on these topics. EC members suggested that the campus support the CCR financially, and that Extended Studies might provide workshops for the CCR.

NEAC: The committee received a copy of the Foundation’s Articles of Incorporation which specifies that a faculty member serve on the Board of Directors, and specifies that this member be selected by a committee of the Board, ratified by the President, and elected by the Board. In light of this, NEAC has decided that the selection process will be left to the Foundation without NEAC involvement.

Papenhausen invited EC members to attend the September 21 open house and tour the newly remodeled SMAAC teaching facility.

Due to lack of time, the remaining agenda item was deferred to the September 27 EC meeting.

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

APPROVED: _____
Rosario Diaz-Greenberg, Secretary 05-07

DATE: _____