

MINUTES

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS
Wednesday, October 11, 2006
KEL 5207
12 – 2 p.m.

Members Present	Gilbert Valadez, Chair Mohammad Oskoorouchi, APC Marshall Whittlesey, GEC Gabriela Sonntag, PAC Dick Montanari, ASCSU	Patty Seleski, Vice Chair Kathleen Watson, BLP Shaoyi He, LATAAC Moses Ochanji, SAC	Rosario Díaz-Greenberg, Secty. Ann Fiegen, FAC David Chien, NEAC Olaf Hansen, UCC
Ex Officio Present	Emily Cutrer, Provost; Judy Papenhausen, Nursing		
Not Present	Janet Powell, CFA		
Guests	Merryl Goldberg, Gerardo Gonzalez, Arcela Nuñez-Alvarez		
Staff	Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator		

I. Approval of Agenda

CHANGE: New Business, B. Escondido Rental Ban Ordinance *Time certain 1 p.m.*

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

II. Approval of Minutes of 10/4/06

A correction to the FAC report was made.

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

III. Chair's Report, Gilbert Valadez

A. Announcements: A copy of a coded memo concerning "Access to Electronic Information Technology for Persons with Disabilities" was provided. Valadez will be attending a Senate chairs meeting in LA next week, followed by a systemwide academic conference. Cutrer will be meeting with system provosts and chairs and attending the same conference, which will focus on Facilitating Graduation.

B. Referrals to Committees: None

IV. Secretary's Report, Rosario Diaz-Greenberg: The following Senate item has been forwarded to the administration for review and response:

LATAAC Intellectual Property Policy for Faculty on Copyright – Correction

V. Provost's Report, Emily Cutrer: Cutrer distributed copies of the official fall census report to the Chancellor's Office. Our total FTE is up this year by 18.76%. Our freshman count this year is 1300, which represents 16% of our total student body, up from last year's 11%. Also distributed was a draft of the campus's strategic priorities which were discussed at a town hall meeting last week; comments are recorded in the blog on the Strategic Planning website: www.csusm.edu/plan/. The AALC (Academic Affairs Leadership Council) is reviewing the data we have related to each of the objectives to aid in their prioritization. The AALC will be meeting with BLP on the 17th to discuss the priorities. A budget call is expected to go out in November and it will include information about the strategic planning priorities. The UBC is also meeting to review the Academic Affairs budget for the past couple of years and forecasting for this year, as

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well as looking at other division's budgets. The UBC will also be discussing the cost of the additional students accepted this fall as well as how best to use the funds generated by these students' fees. There was a discussion about enrollments and budgeting at the system level, as well as about the need to add faculty and staff as our enrollment increases. Regarding the assessment of University Hour, there is currently a discussion underway about which office is responsible.

VI. Statewide Senate Report: Montanari will be attending ASCSU interim meetings and the Academic Conference October 19-20 at LAX.

VII. CFA Report, Janet Powell: Not present.

VIII. Brief Committee Reports

BLP: The committee has been reviewing the available data concerning the draft strategic priorities and identifying those objectives most important to Academic Affairs. There was a discussion regarding effective assessment strategies, meeting so many objectives, and accountability for programs funded to meet these objectives.

GEC: The committee is discussing the CCR and the use of community college courses to satisfy the requirement. It appears the courses may be more rigorous than necessary, since the CCR exam is quite basic.

NEAC: No report.

SAC: Ochanji requested input regarding how to rank lottery grant proposals; EC members recommended that SAC continue to develop its own list of criteria annually that is responsive to the times.

IX. Old Business

A. Traffic Issues VP Hoss's response to the EC's list of questions was attached to the agenda. EC members suggested additional questions which will be forwarded to Hoss, who has offered to visit the EC at some time if desired.

B. FAC AVP-RIP & Dean of Graduate Studies Search Resolution The committee has discussed the Senate's comments last week, and reviewed guidelines for administrative hiring. Control for administrative hires is at the local campus level, and guidelines are silent concerning internal vs. external searches. FAC has noted that this discussion has included (1) diversity within the top administration, (2) the arbitrary nature of how administrative searches/appointments are conducted, and (3) the disparity between requirements for faculty searches vs. administrative searches. In addition, senators expressed concern about the brevity of the resolution and the lack of background information provided. FAC presented the resolution hurriedly because of the timeliness of the issue. In addition, there is a broader issue concerning internal recruitment for administrative positions from the faculty ranks. Because these issues are not specific to the one position in question, FAC has decided to withdraw its resolution. FAC notes that an earlier appointment into this same position was accompanied by this assurance: "The Provost agrees that this is an exception, and that future administrative appointments would typically involve a competitive search."

X. New Business *taken out of order for time certain*

B. Escondido Rental Ban Ordinance The committee was joined by Goldberg, Nuñez, and Gonzalez. A memorandum from Jeffrey Epp, Escondido City Attorney, to the members of the Escondido City Council dated October 4, 2006, was distributed. This memo recommending the passage of a rental ban ordinance referenced a Mission Park needs assessment study conducted by our National Latino Research Center; the Escondido City Council voted October 4th to adopt the ordinance. Gonzalez and Nuñez noted that the information in the study report was used out of context and that this jeopardizes the university's ability to conduct future research especially as it would involve entry into the subject population. Goldberg has asked the Senate to consider passing a resolution in opposition to the ordinance. A lengthy discussion ensued. Issues raised included (1) whether it is appropriate for the Senate to get involved in public policy issues; (2) the need to publicly respond to this misuse of University research finding; (3) the desire to publicly oppose a measure which could negatively impact our students and their families; (4) the precedent set by prior Senate resolutions concerning legislation; (5) the idea that the initial response should come from the NLRC; (6) the extent of the effect of this

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misrepresentation on the university's community relations and trust in the university; (7) whether we need to develop standards for how research results may be used; and (8) the negative impact this could have on future research projects.

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That Goldberg write a resolution expressing the concerns presented. EC will then decide whether to include opposition to the ordinance. Should opposition be voted off by the EC, a senator may request reconsideration by the full Senate.

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

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

DATE: _____

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