

MINUTES

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS
Wednesday, November 29, 2006
KEL 5207
12 – 2 p.m.

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

I. Approval of Agenda

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

II. Approval of Minutes of 11/8/06

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

III. Chair's Report, Gilbert Valadez

A. Announcements: The campus will recognize World AIDS Day this Friday with a candlelight vigil at 6 p.m. A portion of the AIDS quilt is on display on the fifth floor of the Kellogg Library for the next two weeks. The Union Tribune and North County Times as well as Time Warner Television are running stories on the vigil this week.

B. Referrals to Committees:

NEAC Veterans & Active Duty Steering Cmte. – 2 at large (06-08 and 06/07)

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

V. Provost's Report, Emily Cutrer: No report.

VI. Statewide Senate Report: Montanari reported on four resolutions passed at the recent plenary meeting: (1) laboratory science requirement for freshman admission, (2) fulfilling the principles of Cornerstones in the new strategic plan, (3) monitoring and supporting progress in the implementation of ACR 73, and (4) supporting academic freedom for CSU international exchange/study abroad programs. Resolutions are also being considered regarding recognition of faculty service in governance and encouraging junior faculty to engage in service, among others. Montanari also attended a meeting on meeting the demands of students with disabilities and discussed budgeting difficulties and an expected growth in enrollment by veterans with physical and behavioral challenges. EC members discussed the need for training for faculty concerning post-traumatic stress and bipolar disorders, etc., and expressed concern that the campus administration assesses our obligations and liabilities in this area, along with budgetary concerns. Montanari also attended an extended studies commission meeting and discussed grants for extended studies.

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

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VIII. Brief Committee Reports

APC: The committee has been reviewing policies for the Policies Project. One concerning the accreditation of programs will be recommended for removal from the policies list since it represents a sense of the senate and is not a policy statement.

FAC: The professional development and research and creative activity RFPs have gone out; a workshop will be held this Friday and will be videotaped. Two town hall meetings have been held (another will be held tomorrow) to gather feedback concerning the university vs. college PRC issue.

LATAC: No report.

PAC: Unable to attend.

UCC: The committee continues to consider the Communicative Disorders proposal. A number of change proposals will be presented to the Senate next week.

IX. Old Business None.

X. New Business

A. Tuesday, December 12th Visit by CSU Executive Vice Chancellor & CAO Gary Reichard EC members agreed to meet with Dr. Reichard from 10:30 to 11 a.m. on December 12th. The meeting will take place in the President's boardroom. He will be meeting with several groups that day as part of his campus visit.

B. Facilitators for January 18th "Beyond Cornerstones" Discussions It has been determined that January 18 is not a suitable date, since it will be difficult to involve students and staff as well as faculty and community on that date. A different date falling after the start of the spring semester will be considered by a newly formed logistics group which includes Valadez. That group will also consider possible configurations for the day's program. Cutrer thanked EC members for their efforts thus far. EC members suggested that classes be cancelled to facilitate faculty participation, or that faculty be encouraged to integrate the discussion into their course content. If classes are canceled, we would need to ensure that we do not have an empty campus. The conversation could also be incorporated into the campus's American Democracy Project. Wednesday was suggested as the possible weekday for the discussions, since senators already have time available on that day.

C. NEAC Recommendations A list of recommendations was provided in the agenda packet.

Motion #3 M/S/P*

To forward the recommendations to the December 6th Senate Consent Calendar.

D. University Hour – Long-Term Implementation The president has requested input from the EC and ASI concerning moving to a Tuesday-Thursday schedule for University Hour. The change is urgent because of scheduling and space challenges and deadlines for fall 2007. Data used for the decision included number of programs scheduled and attendance at these programs. The ASI has voted to support the Tuesday-Thursday schedule. EC members' comments included: (1) that any new schedule be subject to a new two-year trial period as originally proposed for the five-day schedule; (2) a desire to see the ASI's recent survey data; (3) a concern that the five-day schedule was not given enough of a chance; (4) that chairs within CoAS are having difficulty scheduling classes due to University Hour and are sending students to SDSU to take classes; (5) that the Senate spent two years vetting University Hour and related concerns about space and scheduling; (6) a concern that we may create more problems by trying to solve the immediate ones, if we do not carefully consider this change; (7) that students will have difficulty if they are enrolled in four or five day courses; (8) that students do not want 7 a.m. classes, especially on Mondays, and it is difficult to hire adjuncts for 7 a.m. classes; (9) that procedurally this action would require a new Senate resolution, which could not pass prior to early February; (10) whether there is flexibility in the scheduling process to allow time for consideration of this change; (11) that we may want to invite Ceppi and Barsky to meet with the EC to discuss the issue and answer the EC's many questions; (12) that it is difficult to come up with a well informed recommendation with so many unanswered questions and in such a short period of time; (13) it would be helpful to be able to postpone implementation until spring '08 so that the matter could be thoroughly

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considered; (14) that surveys could be included with spring course evaluations; and (15) that the discussion should be open to all faculty members and not just EC members. EC members generally were uncomfortable with making a recommendation without more information and more time to discuss. Woolf will request survey data from the ASI. Chair Valadez was directed to take the following points to the president:

- There was great division in the EC concerning this proposal.
- The EC needs more time to consider the matter.
- The EC is concerned about the data used as the basis for the decision and its validity.
- Any new schedule should be subject to a new two year assessment period.
- The Senate spent two years deliberating on the original plan, and is concerned that a hasty decision to resolve one set of problems may result in a new set of problems.
- The EC and Senate are willing to consider this change, but need more time and information.
- A spring '08 implementation would allow the Senate more time to consider the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.
Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator

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

DATE: _____

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