

MINUTES

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS  
Wednesday, December 6, 2006  
COM 206  
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

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**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 World AIDS Day event was very successful; it was well attended, raised \$4,000 in contributions, and garnered favorable press for the campus.

**B. Referrals to Committees:**

NEAC First Year Programs Advisory Council – 7 seats

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

**V. Provost's Report, Emily Cutrer:** Report deferred to Senate meeting.

**VI. Statewide Senate Report:** Report deferred to Senate meeting.

**VII. CFA Report, Janet Powell:** Report deferred to Senate meeting.

**VIII. Brief Committee Reports** None.

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

**A. NEAC Recommendations** A list of recommendations was printed on the agenda.

**Motion #3** M/S/P\*  
To forward the recommendations for today's Senate Consent Calendar.

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

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**B. UCC Course & Program Change Proposals** A list was provided in the Senate agenda packet.

**Motion #4** M/S/P\*

To forward the proposals for today's Senate Consent Calendar.

**IX. Old Business**

**University Hour – Long-Term Implementation** Oskoorouchi noted that APC spent two years on this issue, the Senate spent another year on it, and that this two-day plan was debated and could have been implemented before. He stated his disappointment that the president's letter announcing the new plan did not reference a new trial period. Other concerns expressed included (1) that we profess to be making decisions as a campus based on assessment and shared governance, but this is not how decisions are made; (2) that a pattern appears to be developing of lack of consultation; (3) that the original resolution passed by the Senate called for a five-day University Hour and specified the nature of an assessment plan, and that this action completely nullifies that Senate action; (4) that the EC's specific request made last week for a two-year assessment plan was ignored; (5) who owns the assessment, the omission of the faculty from the decision and current and future assessment processes, and the validity of the assessment which was conducted; (6) that this begins an erosion of trust in the word of the president, and a campus climate of distrust, and that the good relationship we have been enjoying the past couple of years is in jeopardy; (7) that the EC thoughtfully discussed and respectfully made recommendations at the president's request, which appear to have been summarily ignored, which is insulting to the faculty; (8) that the EC was not informed earlier in the semester that this significant decision was coming down the pike; (9) that the EC was not provided complete information about the factors which prompted the decision; (10) that neither department chairs, EC members, nor the faculty at large were asked for input for whatever assessment was conducted; (11) that an explanation and statement of regret is due the Senators; (12) that the president's lack of availability for Senate and EC meetings, combined with actions such as this, are leading to a perceived sea change; and (13) that it would help to have a member of the faculty seated on the Executive Council.

Cutrer indicated that Ceppi was asked last spring to do an assessment and his office did conduct an assessment this fall. She also indicated that a number of factors – including the increase in students, which put more pressure on scheduling, and a need for space – drove this decision, and that the decision, unfortunately, had to be made quickly and therefore precluded the level of consultation which would have been preferred. She also noted that the Executive Council only began to discuss this issue very recently. Cutrer also noted that the president is happy to come to the EC meetings whenever she is invited. She also recommended that the EC invite Ceppi to meet with them. Cutrer invited EC members to advise her concerning how she might improve communications.

**Motion #5** M/S/P\* (Seleski)

To request a copy of the assessment conducted by Ceppi.

The president and Ceppi will be invited to meet with the EC early in the spring semester.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.  
Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosario Diaz-Greenberg, Secretary 05-07

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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