

## MINUTES

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS  
Wednesday, January 31, 2007  
KEL 5207  
12 – 2 p.m.

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

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### I. Approval of Agenda

**ADD: New Business, C. EC and Senate Meeting Times for 07/08**

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

### II. Approval of Minutes of 1/24/07

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

### III. Chair's Report, Gilbert Valadez

**A. Announcements:** Faculty facilitators have been identified for the February 14 Access to Excellence event: Gilbert Valadez, Patty Seleski, Dick Montanari, Jackie Trischman, Bob Yamashita, Garry Rolison, and Janet McDaniel. Facilitators have also been named from the Student Affairs and FAS divisions. Facilitators will attend a workshop next week. The EC is asked to help come up with guidelines for space for Senate meetings (location, size, etc.) since an alternative to Commons 206 will likely be needed.

**B. Referrals to Committees:** None.

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

**V. Provost's Report, Emily Cutrer:** An enrollment report was distributed. College and university targets were met. Applications for fall from transfer students are down slightly and first time freshman applications are up. Students are applying to multiple universities, and our enrollment staff is working to determine what percentage of applicants may actually enroll here. We appear to be on target for next fall.

**VI. Statewide Senate Report:** No report.

**VII. CFA Report, Janet Powell:** An informational meeting will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss a possible strike vote.

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### VIII. Brief Committee Reports

**APC:** The committee has been reviewing policies as part of the provost's policy update project. Two have been completed, three have been forwarded to GEC for review and comment, and three are currently under review by APC. The committee notes that many policies concern graduate programs, and it is imperative that a formal link be made between the APC and Graduate Studies Council. The committee has also begun discussing the academic calendar.

**FAC:** The committee will begin reviewing UPD/RSCA proposals the middle of February. AVP Gonzalez has suggested changes to the Grant Seed Money proposal. The CoBA RTP policy revisions are also under review.

**LATAC:** The committee will hold its first meeting of the semester next week.

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**UCC:** The committee has approved several Consent Calendar items, and plans to bring a new general option for the Master of Arts in Education program to the Senate in February with a request to suspend the rules. CoE faculty will be present at the Senate meeting to address questions.

### IX. Old Business

**University Hour** Haynes and Ceppi attended the meeting for this discussion. Haynes first noted the appointment of Ceppi as her new Chief of Staff. Haynes was dismayed to learn of the EC's many concerns related to the University Hour decision, and particularly about the distrust issue. She noted that when the original decision was made last spring we did not know that we would have a 19% jump in enrollment this past fall, nor did we consider the timing of classroom scheduling and its relationship to the assessment plan. Delaying assessment as originally planned would have meant another one and a half years of University Hour. The recent decision was made hastily because there was a need to effectively schedule classrooms next fall for our growing student population. After reviewing classroom data, the Executive Council discussed the issue, Worden discussed it with ASI, and Cutrer brought the issue to the EC. EC members noted that the decision to reduce University Hour is not in question, rather the process upon which it was based. EC members expressed concern about accepting student growth without appropriate resources, and about not including faculty in enrollment strategy discussions. Haynes noted that enrollment growth results in additional resources and support for new buildings, and supports the system's effort to meet targets; while it has been difficult this year, we expect to better plan for and meet future needs related to increased enrollment. EC members also noted that considerable faculty effort and discussion went into the decision to have a University Hour, but the decision to change it did not allow for faculty discussion, and there is concern about the limited time and information the Senate was given to respond to that decision. There is also concern about the unintended consequences of making this decision hurriedly and without sufficient information and consultation, as well as about the validity of the survey used to justify the decision. Concern was also expressed that the decision was characterized in the president's memo as "permanent"; Haynes noted that the term does not mean that the program will not be assessed. Concern was also expressed about the memo to the university community which indicated the decision had been made in consultation with the EC; Haynes noted that she believed the EC had been consulted based upon Cutrer's bringing the issue to the EC. EC members noted that the term implies agreement, and that many faculty members took this to mean that the EC was actively involved in the decision process. Haynes indicated that the EC might in future ask that she meet with them when there is a concern of this magnitude. She noted the various concerns expressed and promised to take them seriously. Ceppi reviewed the data used in the assessment. EC members expressed concern that department chairs and student advisors were not surveyed.

### X. New Business

**A. Resolution in Support of Contract Settlement** EC members reviewed a resolution passed in January by the ASCSU, and another resolution from the SJSU senate endorsing the ASCSU resolution. It was agreed that the EC would vote next week on a similar resolution.

**B. Proposal for an Institute for Social Justice and Equity** EC members discussed the proposal and the memorandum from Interim AVP Gonzalez. A number of issues were raised concerning the proposal, and it was decided that the EC would send Sharon Elise, the proposer, a list of questions to be addressed and invite her to attend next week's

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EC meeting. It is anticipated that the proposal will be presented to the Senate that day along with the EC's recommendation.

**C. EC and Senate Meeting Times for 07/08** Whittlesey suggested the Senate meet next year at its old meeting time of 1 p.m., since University Hour will no longer be a factor on Wednesdays. Woolf will bring a draft schedule for 07/08 to next week's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.  
Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator

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

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