#### MINUTES

### Executive Committee of the Academic Senate CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS Wednesday, February 28, 2007 KEL 5207 12 – 2 p.m.

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

# I. Approval of Agenda

ADD: X. New Business: E. GEC General Education from Out of State and Private Schools F. UCC Master of Arts in Education Option - Communicative Sciences and Disorders, and Clinical-Rehabilitative Credential in Language and Speech

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

**II. Approval of Minutes of 2/21/07** A correction was made to the minutes.

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

## III. Chair's Report, Gilbert Valadez

**A. Announcements:** A location for the March 8<sup>th</sup> faculty governance meeting with members of the WASC team has not yet been announced. The CFA strike vote will begin Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Valadez will be the first poll worker. The president will hold an open faculty forum at noon on March 5<sup>th</sup> in the President's Board Room.

B. Referrals to Committees: None.

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

V. **Provost's Report, Emily Cutrer:** The provost thanked the EC members for participating in the Access to Excellence conversation; domain reports are now linked to the campus homepage, and comments are invited. A campus report will be forwarded to the Chancellor's Office in a couple of weeks. In response to last week's discussion concerning administrative appointments in Academic Affairs: For the past five years, five national dean searches resulted in five internal appointments (three men, two women); one AVP internal search resulted in the hiring of one male; seven associate dean searches were internal and resulted in the hiring of five men, two women, and one diversity candidate. Overall, there were 14 searches, 6 national, 8 internal; 9 men were hired, 5 women, and 1 diversity appointment. Cutrer suggested the EC discuss philosophy for administrative searches in the near future, and without the context of any ongoing search. Cutrer questioned her inclusion in the meeting with WASC team members for faculty governance discussions; EC members indicated that her presence would be beneficial. Cutrer offered to bring Academic Affairs budget information to the EC at a future meeting. Cutrer and Hoss plan to host an open forum this spring on the university budget.

**VI. Statewide Senate Report:** The ASCSU will meet in plenary session next week. Montanari represents the ASCSU on the Extended Education Commission which meets this week in San Francisco. The chancellor has named CSUSM the new home for the commission. Haynes represents the system and will chair the commission, and Jackson will be coordinator.

**VII. CFA Report, Janet Powell:** Valadez reported on Powell's behalf that a strike vote will be held March 5-8, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the CFA office – ACD 103.

### VIII. Brief Committee Reports

**BLP:** The committee will meet with the AALC on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to review and prioritize the strategic initiative proposals for the Academic Affairs division.

**GEC:** The committee is working on recertification of courses for Area E – Lifelong Understanding and Information Literacy. Review of this area is complicated by the fact that it is the least defined of the GE areas, and not associated with any specific department. Few courses currently fulfill this requirement. The committee will also be discussing proposed system changes to E.O. 595 governing General Education, as well as a C.O. request that we reduce the number of units required for GE (minimum 48 systemwide; 51 on our campus). Some community colleges apparently did not receive notice that we are now enforcing our policy concerning the CCR requirement; this matter is being addressed.

**NEAC:** No report.

SAC: The committee continues to review lottery proposals as well as the Grade Appeals Policy.

### IX. Old Business

Proposal for an Institute for Social Justice and Equity Watson noted that BLP appreciated the level of detail provided in the proposed budget, which has been reduced to around \$70k. The steering committee for the proposed institute has submitted a strategic funding request. Valadez noted that Elise has withdrawn from the Executive Director position and that she stated the steering committee is amenable to BLP's suggested change to the language regarding an on-going funding commitment from the university. Valadez also indicated that steering committee members advised him that they were willing to further reduce the budget. EC members commented that (1) the proposal does not specify in concrete terms what the institute would do; (2) the concept of such an institute is supported, but not without specific objectives and activities; (3) grants may be sought without allotting space and funding proposal writers; (4) we may be "raising the bar" since vague proposals have been approved in the past; (5) our standards must change as we develop and when funds are limited; (6) other proposals specified events and activities which were concrete, whereas this proposal specifies needed infrastructure but not resulting benefits; (7) the proposers would themselves benefit from more clearly defining the institute's goals; and (8) the Senate has more responsibility concerning budget and operations than in the past, and this developmental shift in our business operations necessitates a change in the way we make and consider requests, though it is unfortunate that this particular proposal's timing subjects it to a new type of scrutiny. Valadez noted that the committee may decide to forward the proposal or return it to the proposers for further development. Cutrer indicated that she would be amenable to a time extension for the Senate chair's response if such would be helpful. EC members then discussed the options available under the policy concerning centers and institutes.

> Motion #3 M/S/P\* To return the proposal with the EC's comments.

## X. New Business

A. UCC Committee Review of the Masters in Social Work Hansen noted that the committee is asking for responses to the submitted questions before undertaking its work on the P form for this master's degree. EC members discussed the difficulties in developing a program without faculty, and hiring faculty when there is no program yet. Cutrer noted that there are consultants identified to champion this proposal, if UCC does move forward with it. She offered to have these consultants review the current proposal and the UCC's notes from last year's review process. EC members discussed the need to consider changing current policies to allow for program development in the absence of

faculty hired for the program. Valadez and Cutrer will meet to discuss ways to move this process forward and report back to the EC.

**B. APC Extended Studies Policy Revision** Oskoorouchi noted that Dean Jackson has recommended some changes to the current policy. EC members questioned the change to II.D. concerning matriculated students, which would negatively impact CoE students. EC members discussed the history for the language of section V, which it is now proposed be revised. It was argued that the policy should ensure that APC have the opportunity to review ES's curricular offerings and their quality. Modifications were also suggested to the language of V.B. concerning selection of faculty members for the ES Advisory Council.

The remaining agenda items were postponed to a future EC meeting.

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

APPROVED:

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Rosario Diaz-Greenberg, Secretary 05-07