

MINUTES

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS
Wednesday, March 14, 2007
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, LATAC Moses Ochanji, SAC	Rosario Díaz-Greenberg, Secty. Kathy Hayden, FAC David Chien, NEAC Olaf Hansen, UCC
Ex Officio Present	Emily Cutrer, Provost; Janet Powell, CFA		
Not present	Judy Papenhausen, Nursing		
Staff	Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator		

I. Approval of Agenda

CHANGE: New Business, A. UCC ~~MA—Education: Option in...~~ Minor in Visual Arts *handout*

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

II. Approval of Minutes of 3/7/07

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

III. Chair’s Report, Gilbert Valadez

A. Announcements: No report.

B. Referrals to Committees:

NEAC Academic Senate – CoAS 07/08 (Watts)

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

V. Provost’s Report, Emily Cutrer: Cutrer thanked EC members for participating in the recent WASC sessions and noted that the brief closing remarks of the team were positive and that they counseled us to continue engaging in the types of activities we have been in preparation for the accreditation process. She provided three budget handouts (operating fund distributions by division, a multi-year budget model overview, and multi-year budget projections) and gave a brief overview of the university’s budget. Next week, she will share with the EC the AA division’s budget and budgeting process.

VI. Statewide Senate Report: The ASCSU met in committees and in plenary session last week. Patrick Lenz has stated that if the CSU imposes the faculty contract, the burden of the difference between the 4% increase in the contract and the 3% provided by the Compact will fall on the campuses. Legislative Days will be held April 10-11. Craig Smith and Kathy Kaiser have been recommended to the governor for the role of CSU Faculty Trustee. Montanari will share resolutions passed in March once final versions are available.

VII. CFA Report, Janet Powell: Due to their dissatisfaction with the recently ratified CSUEU contract, all of the campus officers for the staff union (representing units 2, 5, 7 and 9) have resigned from their posts. Twenty-eight

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legislators signed a letter addressed to the chancellor asking him to resolve the CFA bargaining issues. Faculty lobbyists are needed for local CFA Lobby Days March 15-16. The CFA and Senate are jointly sponsoring a forum on professional behavior in the event of a job action, to be held at noon on March 20 in Kellogg 1111; notes will be made available for those unable to attend. Fact finding will end this week and the report will be made public after a 10-day black-out period. Faculty on this campus would not likely be called upon to strike until the first week of April. Powell is encouraging faculty to consider alternate arrangements for examinations or important meetings that may be impacted by a job action.

VIII. Brief Committee Reports

BLP: The committee met individually and with the AALC to rank order the strategic initiative funding proposals for the Academic Affairs division, and these recommendations have now gone to the provost.

GEC: No report.

NEAC: NEAC will not be issuing any more calls this semester. The spring election process is underway.

SAC: The committee continues its review of lottery proposals and will finalize its recommendations tomorrow.

IX. Old Business

NEAC Status of Nursing – Faculty Representation Papenhausen has suggested modifying the constitutional language concerning colleges in development to include schools in development which are not yet associated with a college. Chien indicated that NEAC's concern is with the definition of the structure of Nursing, which is not within their purview; without this definition, it would not be prudent to discuss a constitutional referendum. Chien recommended waiting until the definition decision is made and then pursuing a referendum next year. EC members argued for taking action now to ensure the Nursing faculty have representation, and to demonstrate a good faith effort to resolve the issue. Others argued for waiting and allowing Nursing to enjoy representation on EC and in the Senate, albeit non-voting, and access to at-large committee seats (or attend as guests) until the various issues can be resolved. Cutrer indicated that a task force would be formed to address budgetary and structural concerns, and that decisions could be made next fall. It was agreed that NEAC will pursue the matter next fall once these decisions have been made.

X. New Business

A. Impact on Senate Operations during Possible Job Action A job action during the first week of April may impact EC and Senate meetings.

Motion #3 M/S/P* (Watson)

To postpone the April 3rd meetings to April 11th in the event of a job action on April 3rd.

B. UCC Minor in Visual Arts There are no new courses proposed for this minor. There was concern expressed about having only 9 units of upper division courses for the minor. There is no budgetary impact expected. Hansen will check on the 9-unit issue prior to the next EC meeting.

C. GEC GE from Out of State Schools Whittlesey explained that advisors (often in consult with faculty) are required to make judgment calls concerning whether course taken at private or out-of-state schools fulfill our GE requirements. GEC has been asked to consider which standards should be used: either Title 5/E.O. 595, or our local GE forms which are quite complicated. GEC decided that advisors/faculty could rely upon the State/system standards. GEC is inviting the EC's reaction to that decision and asking whether the decision should be codified. EC members concerns included: 1) that it would not be wrong to use our own standards; 2) that any written policy on this topic would have to be very flexible; 3) that we should be as liberal as possible in accepting courses that are "close enough" in order to facilitate graduation and not put burdens and hurdles in front of students; and 4) that a written policy is not necessary. EC members agreed to forego a written policy and recommended that GEC notify the Senate of the advice it was providing to advisors.

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D. SAC Grade Appeals Policy Revision The Student Grade Appeals Committee has requested changes to the policy to clarify what constitutes a quorum and the nature of the committee's final decision. The major proposed change would have the committee deciding only whether or not the assigned grade was appropriate; there could be no recommendation of a grade change. Concerns expressed included: 1) whether the committee is bound by policy deadlines when an appeal is turned in early, for instance, during summer; and 2) whether the term "recommendation" on page 7 should be changed to "decision" for consistency

The FAC Grant Seed Money Policy revision and the Barahona Center review committee report items were postponed to the next EC meeting.

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

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

DATE: _____

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