1. The Chair’s Announcements:

1.1 The President’s Advisory Committee on Services for Students with Disabilities (PAC) responded to a 2003 CSU Chancellor’s Office Audit on services for students with disabilities. Although CSLA was not part of the selected audit group of campuses, the Committee felt it would be prudent to conduct an informal audit of our own. The faculty representatives (Dr. Sherwood Best, Division of Special Education and Dr. Dwan Bridges, Department of Kinesiology and Nutritional Science) selected a survey approach for faculty to determine:

1. the knowledge and awareness of faculty regarding federal and state ADA legislation
2. the awareness and experience of faculty providing accommodations to students with disabilities and
3. the knowledge and experience of faculty working with the Office of students with Disabilities.

The survey will be distributed by the Institutional Research Office to all faculty via e-mail with a web page link to the survey. Part-time faculty who do not use an NIS account will be contacted by their department chair by email or sent a hard copy. Distribution of the survey is scheduled for mid February.

The survey data among other reports will assist the Committee to determine a variety of approaches and recommendations to enhance campus services to students with disabilities. These will be forwarded to President Rosser this spring or summer.

Questions about this can be directed to me or to Tomas Vasquez, Director of the Office of Students with Disabilities, by email or at extension 3122.

1.2 The search for a CSU faculty member to serve as Director of the California Pre-Doctoral Program has been announced by the Chancellor’s Office. The Director’s position is typically a two- or three-year rotating assignment after which the individual returns to campus duties. The person selected will start work in the 2004-2005 academic year and must live within commuting distance to the Chancellor’s Office since extra travel support will not be provided. Copies of the position announcement are available in the Senate Office.

1.3 The next Cal State L.A. Faculty Colloquium will take place on Tuesday, February 17th, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in the Roybal Institute. The Colloquium will feature Professor Taewon Kim, Department of Finance and Law, who will present a lecture on “Financial Systems and Corporate Governance: International Comparisons.” Refreshments will be served.

1.4 B. Sinclair, President of the Emeriti Association, announced: I invite everyone to come and join us for a reception in the Fine Arts Gallery immediately following the recess of the Senate. We would really like the opportunity to dialogue with you and to share our great wisdom with you.
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INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

3. 3.1 Senator Zepeda announced her intent to raise the following question of the Vice President for Student Affairs:

Several members of the Executive Committee have recently met with one or more students from community colleges who say that they have applied to Cal State LA for Fall, 2004 and have not heard anything, while they have heard from other CSUs, including Cal Poly Pomona. Meanwhile, we also hear on campus that 6,000 letters went out from Admissions recently and 4,000 of them were rejection letters, some of which – we don’t know the exact number – were incorrect; that means the students were supposed to be admitted, not rejected. Someone said that Admissions was not going to send out follow-up letters because it was too expensive.

Could someone from admissions confirm or deny these reports and give us a status report on applications, admissions, rejections, letters sent, and how we are going to contact the students who got the wrong letters, if that is true?

3.2 Senator Hunt announced her intent to raise the following question of the Vice President for Student Affairs:

What is the current status of the evaluation of transfer work? We have student after student who has transferred in last Winter or Spring quarters, and we do not have the evaluation of transfer work available on any computer system. This is especially a problem for students who are certified in all or part of their GE, because the transcripts that students get from their community colleges do not include anything on certification, and many times the students don’t know exactly what they are certified in.

3.3 Senator Garcia announced his intent to raise the following question of the Vice President for Student Affairs:

Everyone knows about the lines in the Administration patio at the start of the quarter. We appreciate that the Administration cannot instantly train additional cashiers and clerks, nor can you instantly reprogram the software to do things more quickly. But can't someone in authority have enough sensitivity to send ambassadors out among those in line to lower stress? They could make sure students were in the correct line - we had students saying they stood in line for a half hour and then found out they were in the wrong line – could we have a cart to serve coffee and/or lemonade? A small act of kindness would go a long way toward balancing a frustrating situation. What is the Administration doing to stop these long lines and alleviate the stress for these students?

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. It was m/s/p (Garcia) to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2004 (ASM 03-8).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

5. It was m/s/p (Schaeffer) to approve the agenda.

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: ADMISSION OF FOREIGN (VISA) STUDENTS, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER V (03-9) Second-Reading Forwarded to the President

6. 6.1 Senator Ngin’s suggestion that document 03-9 be amended by inserting a comma after the word “thinking” in item 1 on page 1 was accepted as an editorial amendment.

6.2 The recommendation was APPROVED as amended (03-9). Copies of the document are available in the Senate Office.

ADJOURNMENT

7. It was m/s/p (Taylor) to adjourn at 2:00 p.m.