

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

January 17, 2006

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K. Baaske, L. Chao, N. Hunt, P. LaPolt, D. Schaeffer

R. Garcia convened the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

1. The Chair's Announcements:

1.1 Included in your Senate package today is a membership list for the Winter Quarter. After the list was printed, we received the name of an additional alternate for the College of Health and Human Services – John Orta (Kinesiology and Nutritional Science) will be serving as an alternate for Steve Hawkins who is on sabbatical leave.

1.2 I am pleased to report that the External Awards Nominating Committee recommended and the President approved forwarding the names of the following faculty members as the campus nominees for the Wang Family Excellence Award.

- James Newton (Music) in the category of Visual and Performing Arts;
- Robert Desharnais (Biological Sciences) in the category of Natural Sciences, Mathematical and Computer Sciences and Engineering;
- J. Theodore Anagnoson (Political Science) in the category of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Services; and
- Andrea Zetlin (Special Education and Counseling) in the category of Education and Professional and Applied Sciences.

1.3 The following faculty members have been elected by the University at-large to serve on the University Sabbatical Leave Committee: Ann Garry, Arts and Letters; Maria Boss, Business and Economics; Deborah Schaeffer, Division of Administration, Library and Student Affairs; Ramakrishnan Menon, Education; Paul Liu, Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology; Marlene Zepeda, Health and Human Services; and Carlos Robles, Natural and Social Sciences.

1.4 The Academic Senate has elected Cristina Bodinger-de Uriarte (Sociology) and Deborah Schaeffer (Library) to serve on the Ad Hoc Advisory Selection Committee for the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs – Enrollment Management.

1.5 Following is the response from Vice President Garcia to the questions raised by Senator Klein at the Senate meeting on October 18, 2005:

*Questions:*

In these times of shrinking resources, faculty, department chairs and deans across the University are working feverishly to manage resources so that both the department and the students will continue to flourish during these lean times. As such, it is intolerable that reports on the status of our UAS accounts, including a regular accounting of balances, deposits and expenditures, haven't been sent to the account holders on any regular basis for well over a year. My question is, how are we supposed to manage our fiscal responsibilities without regular and ongoing fiscal information emanating from the offices under your direction? While realizing that some of this problem will undoubtedly be attributed to our ongoing and painful transition to PeopleSoft, how about devising some interim procedures that will allow all needed parties to receive a regular accounting of their account activities?

*Response:*

Efforts currently underway to provide account holders with both detail and summary data will be derived directly from the PeopleSoft financials database. The financial reports are close to completion and it is expected they will be available no later than mid-February 2006. In the interim, UAS is able to provide manually generated

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ABSENT

EXCUSED ABSENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

reports to account holders upon request.

1.6 Following is the response from Provost Lujan to questions raised by Senator Hunt at the Senate meeting on November 29, 2005:

*Questions:*

When can we expect that graduate admissions will be processed through the Office of Graduate Studies and Research?

Will the \$55.00 application fee come with the application to the Office of Graduate Studies and Research in order to provide funds for processing the applications?

*Response:*

After extensive review and consultation, it has become clear that our plans for creating a separate graduate admission unit in the Graduate Studies and Research Office are not feasible at this time. However, Dean Galvan has led a strategic planning process for Graduate Studies that is proposing some new initiatives, including several that address graduate admissions issues. We will continue to work with the Division of Student Affairs in promoting ways of improving our services to prospective and current graduate students.

Given the decision, funding for application processing will remain in Student Affairs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information and/or have any further questions.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

2. Senator Anagnoson announced his intent to raise the following question of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs:

This question is for the Provost and concerns the final exam schedule for Winter 2006. For the Monday only classes that begin at 6:00 p.m., the final exam is being given on Wednesday night, and for the Wednesday 6:00 p.m. classes the exams are being given Friday evening. Is there some reason why we cannot have the Monday only classes moved to Friday night or Saturday, thus not disturbing Wednesday and giving more time for the students to prepare their exams than the two days we have now between Monday and Wednesday? This is particularly relevant because next year January 1<sup>st</sup> is on a Monday, so that we will be starting school some time in the middle of the week, and we will have the same problem again with final exam week.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. It was m/s/p (Koch) to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 29, 2005 (ASM 05-8).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. It was m/s/p (Benedict) to approve the agenda.

APPORTIONMENT OF SENATORS

5. It was m/s/p (Wasley) to approve the following Apportionment of Senators for 2006-07:

<u>College</u>	<u>Fall 2005</u>	<u>Fall 2004</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>for 2006-07*</u>	<u>for 2005-06</u>
A&L	128	123	21.48%	7 (7.5180)	7 (7.2345)
B&E	80	81	13.42	5 (4.6970)	4 (4.7649)
CCOE	78	86	13.09	5 (4.5815)	5 (5.0575)
ECS&T	41	50	6.88	2 (2.4080)	3 (2.9400)
HHS	71	69	11.91	4 (4.1885)	4 (4.0600)
NSS	178	168	29.87	10(10.4545)	10 (9.8840)
DALSA	20	18	3.35	2 (1.1760)	2 (1.0605)
	<u>596</u>	<u>595</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>

\*Percent X 35 Note: Data as of Fall Quarter, 2005, includes new faculty, retired faculty on duty and faculty on leave.

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: UNDERGRADUATE GRADING SYSTEM AND GRADING SYMBOLS, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER V (05-2, -2.1, -2.2) *Second-Reading*  
*Forwarded to the President*

6. 6.1 It was m/s/ (Zepeda) to amend the second paragraph on page 2 of document 05-2 by inserting the following as the last sentence: IF A POSTBACCALAUREATE STUDENT IS TAKING REQUIRED PREREQUISITES AS A CONDITION OF ENTRY INTO A MASTER'S PROGRAM, THE POSTBACCALAUREATE STUDENT MUST ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PARTICULAR MASTER'S PROGRAM.
  - 6.2 It was m/s/ (Cates) to amend the Zepeda motion by deleting the phrase requirements of the particular master's program and inserting GRADE POINT REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OFFERING THE MASTER'S PROGRAM.
  - 6.3 It was agreed by consensus to accept the Cates amendment as a friendly amendment.
  - 6.4 The Zepeda amendment failed.
  - 6.5 Senator Dewey suggested deleting the word adjectives and inserting the word OBJECTIVES in the first sentence of the last paragraph on page 2 of document 05-2.
  - 6.6 It was agreed by consensus to accept Senator Dewey's suggestion as a friendly amendment.
  - 6.7 Senator Land suggested as a friendly amendment that the word "which" be changed to "that" in the first sentence of the first paragraph on page 2 of document 05-2.
  - 6.8 The recommendation was APPROVED as amended (05-2). Copies of the document are available in the Senate Office.
7. It was m/s/p (Anagnoson) to adjourn at 2:10 p.m.