R. Garcia convened the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

1. 1.1 The Chair’s Announcements:

1.1.1 Distributed today at the back of the room is document 05-9 – Resolution on Salary Inversion. Please pick one up now if you have not already done so.

1.1.2 There is a correction for the Senate membership list included in your packages for today’s meeting: for the College of Natural and Social Sciences, the alternate for Alan Muchlinski will be Gerald Beer, not P. K. Subramanian as indicated on the list.

1.1.3 Following is response from Vice President Ross to the question raised by Senator Zepeda at the Academic Senate meeting on May 24, 2005:

Question:  
In the Child and Family Studies Department we are experiencing an increase in student requests to push back their expected date of graduation. According to the students, the Financial Aid Office is now tying financial aid eligibility to their expected date of graduation. Although, in theory, this makes perfect sense, many of our students do not graduate during their expected quarter and use the one-quarter grace period in which to finish. It is my understanding that in the past, the Financial Aid Office did not cut off students from financial aid eligibility during the one-quarter grace period. I would like to know if this policy is either a new one, or enforcement of an existing policy that was heretofore not formally enforced by the Office of Financial Aid. In either case, I would like to express my concern over an implementation change that is having negative ramifications for both department staff, who are trying to mediate these cases, and the students themselves.

Response:  
“This is an existing policy which has always been in place and as noted by Dr. Zepeda, ‘…this makes perfect sense.’ What students were experiencing at the time of her ‘intent’ was a reflection of the problems inherent with the OASIS system which did not allow for the timely enforcement of the policy. With the introduction of PeopleSoft Student Administration, the Financial Aid Office is able to monitor and enforce the policy as mandated by Federal Financial Aid Regulations. The regulations mandate that all institutions of higher education must monitor student progress and their use of federal and state student financial aid funds. The University is able to monitor the funds to be released to undergraduate students by monitoring students’ academic plans and expected date of graduation.

‘The enhance in the software allows for better information to the students as well as compliance with the federal mandates and the Trustees Initiatives to Facilitate Graduation.  

“I trust my response addresses Senator Zepeda’s question.”

1.1.4 The Chancellor’s Office has announced the appointment of the International Programs Resident Directors for 2007-2008 and I am pleased to report that Dr. Hong-Lie Qiu, Department of Geography and Urban Analysis, has been appointed to be the International Programs Director in China.
ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

1.1.5 Ballots have been distributed for to the department/division/school offices for the Statewide Senator election. Please remember to vote before the election closes on Thursday, April 13th.

1.1.6 I would like to remind everyone that the President’s Town Hall Meetings are taking place this week and there are three more opportunities to attend one of the sessions on Wednesday, April 5th at either 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. or Thursday, April 6th at 11:00 a.m. All of the meetings are scheduled in the Luckman Intimate Theatre.

1.2 Vice Chair’s Announcements:

Professor Jamil Momand (Chemistry and Biochemistry) has accepted appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve on the Educational Policy Committee as an alternate for Robert DeChaine for the Spring Quarter, 2006.

1.3 Senator Anagnoson announced: I am pleased to announce that the 2006 catalog for the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in Quantitative Methods is out. These are 3 day, 1 week, 4 week and 8 week courses in everything from game theory to multivariate methods and aging in Latin America. More information is available on the www site: http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/sumprog, and the CSU receives some $3,000 to allocate in chunks of a few hundred dollars each to any faculty or graduate students who are attending to help defray the cost. I will circulate the catalog – let me know if you are interested.

1.4 Senator Gutierrez announced: Friday, April 21st, is the Honors Convocation. Please plan on attending and supporting our students who have achieved so much.

1.5 Senator Baaske announced: The CSULA Forensics Squad participated in the American Forensics Association: National Individual Events Tournament April 1-4, 2006 at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. CSULA qualified 17 events for this national championship tournament, second most in the State of California. Three of these events advanced to the elimination rounds and one, a duo interpretation by Diana Solarzario (Communication Studies) and Jaime Vasquez (Communication Disorders), placed 10th in the nation. This is the 6th consecutive year CSULA has had a student (an event) finish in the top ten.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

2. None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. It was m/s/p (Koch) to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 7, 2006 (ASM 05-14).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. 4.1 It was m/s/ (Schaeffer) to approve the agenda.

4.2 It was m/s/p (Anagnoson) to add 05-9 – Resolution Regarding Salary Inversion to the agenda as a first-reading item.

4.3 The agenda was approved as amended.

REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE

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5. Statewide Senators J. T. Anagnoson, M. Cates and N. Hunt presented the report on the Statewide Senate meeting held on March 9-10 in Long Beach. A question and answer period followed.
6. 6.1 It was m/s/ (Anagnoson) to approve the Resolution Regarding Salary Inversion (05-9).

6.2 It was m/s/p (Dewey) to extend the time for questions for an additional five minutes.

7. 7.1 It was m/s/ (Koch) to amend document 05-8 by replacing the language on lines 25 to 40 with the following:

INCREASING CLASS SIZE ENROLLMENT BEYOND THE CLASS LIMIT SHALL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR, SUBJECT TO INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL IF THE INCREASE IN CLASS SIZE IS MORE THAN 10% OF THE ORIGINAL CLASS LIMIT. REQUESTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT BEYOND THE CLASS LIMIT SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE CHAIR/DIRECTOR OF THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT/DIVISION/SCHOOL, WHO SHALL CONSULT WITH THE INSTRUCTOR ONLY IF THE NEW ENROLLMENT LIMIT EXCEEDS THE 10% PROVISION. SUCH REQUESTS SHALL CLEARLY SPECIFY ANY MEANS OFFERED TO ALLEVIATE INCREASED WORKLOAD AND REDUCED TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS RESULTING FROM INCREASED ENROLLMENT (SUCH AS ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL WTUS AND/OR PROVISION OF GRADUATE ASSISTANTS). THE CHAIR/DIRECTOR SHALL ADVISE THE APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DECISION REACHED.

7.2 It was m/s/ (LaPolt) to amend line 8 of the Koch amendment by deleting the word only.

7.3 It was agreed by consensus to accept the LaPolt motion as a friendly amendment.

7.4 It was m/s/ (Bowman) to amend line 8 of the Koch amendment by deleting the words new enrollment limit and inserting the words PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT FOR THAT CLASS.

7.5 It was agreed by consensus to accept the Bowman motion as a friendly amendment.

7.6 The Koch motion was approved as amended.

8. It was m/s/p (Dewey) to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.