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ABSENT

C. Caballero, M. Cates, C. Hawley, S. Herrera

EXCUSED ABSENCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 1.1 The Chair's Announcements:

1.1.1 Maj Mirmirani (Mechanical Engineering) has agreed to serve on the Selection Committee for the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs/Enrollment Management as an alternate for Cristina Bodinger-de Uriarte.

1.1.2 The vote on the faculty referendum ballot on the Constitution of the Academic Senate, CSU on our campus was 115-Yes to 19-No. Marshalle Thobaben, Chair of the Statewide Senate, has reported that at the conclusion of the voting, with all 23 campuses reporting, 20 of the 23 campuses voted in favor of the change, with 2 campuses against, and 1 divided evenly. It is understood that the changes will take effect on the allocation of seats expiring May 31, 2006 providing this change is approved by the Board of Trustees.

1.1.3 I am pleased to report that Kevin Baaske (Communication Studies) has been elected to serve as Statewide Senator for a three-year term ending in 2009.

1.1.4 I am also pleased to report that Donald Dewey was elected President of the California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association in Sacramento on April 22 and Frieda Stahl, Emeritus Professor of Physics, was elected to the Executive Committee. As many of you may already know, they are both former chairs of this Academic Senate and members of CSU Statewide Academic Senate.

1.1.5 At the Senate meeting next week, Martin G. Brodwin, the 2006 President's Distinguished Professor, will present a lecture on "A Sense of Purpose a Feeling of Community: California State University, Los Angeles and the CSULA Rehabilitation Program." There will be a reception in the Golden Eagle, third floor ballroom following the lecture. The entire University community is invited, so please tell your colleagues.

1.2 The Vice Chair's Announcements:

The following faculty members have accepted appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve on the University committees indicated:

Dionne Espinoza (Chicano Studies) - Educational Policy Committee, term ending 2009;

Ambika Gopalakrishnan (Curriculum & Instruction) - Faculty Policy Committee, term ending 2009;

Valerie Talavera-Bustillos (Chicano Studies) - Student Policy Committee, term ending 2009;

Ester Hernandez (Chicano Studies) and Scott Wells (History) - Institutional Review Board – Human Subjects, term ending 2010;

Sabrina Mims (Curriculum & Instruction) - Academic Freedom and Professional Ethics Committee, term ending 2011;

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Continued*)

Michael Krebs (Mathematics) - Communications Board –Term Ending 2009;

Birte Pflieger (History) - CSU Forgivable Loan/Doctoral Incentive Program, term ending 2009;

Jon Beaupre (Communication Studies) - Instructionally Related Activities Advisory Committee, term ending 2009;

For The Outstanding Professor Awards Selection Committee, there are five representatives, terms ending 2007 - Joanne Altschuler (Social Work), Alan Bloom (Communication Studies), Raymond Garcia (Chemistry & Biochemistry), Enrique Ochoa (History), and Sachiko Matsunaga (Modern Languages and Literatures).

- 1.3 Senator Dewey announced: At the CSU-ERFA meeting there were two matters that should be of major interest to the Senate. Our guest speaker, Legislative Analyst Elizabeth Hill, announced that she is quite confident that there will be funding to support the change from 15 to 12 units as the requirement for CSU graduate students to be reported as full time. I also want to alert you that Assemblyman Keith Richman is presenting a somewhat modified version of his deferred contributions pension plan for state employees that was rejected last November. ACA 23 probably will not have a hearing until after the primary election, in which Richman is a candidate for State Treasurer (an office that would make him an ex officio member of the CSU Board of Trustees). Our legislative advisors believe that if ACA 23 is not placed on the ballot as a legislative proposal for a constitutional amendment, there will likely be a campaign to put it on the ballot by popular initiative. If it does reach the ballot, I'll take the occasion to remind the Senate again that a dramatic change in the Public Employees Retirement System should be of much greater concern to new and continuing faculty than to retired faculty, but that we will be struggling on your behalf as we did last year.

He also announced: In the absence of other senators from their departments, I regret to announce the recent deaths of two emeritus faculty, Eugene Fingerhut (History) and John LaMonica (Industrial Studies). There is a service for Dr. Fingerhut at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at Mount Sinai.

- 1.4 Senator Zepeda announced: The Southern California Regional Meeting of Early Childhood Teacher Mentor Program will take place on this campus on Friday, May 5th, in the Applied Gerontology Center.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

2. Senator Dumitrescu announced her intent to raise the following question:

Interviewing candidates face to face, at professional meetings, is not only the standard, but also the best way to ensure that universities which advertise positions recruit the most qualified candidates on the market. Yet, in the past two years, the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (and presumably other Departments at CSULA as well) has been forbidden to conduct interviews at the Modern Language Association of America annual meeting, even if in the past it has always, and successfully, done so. The Department has been told that the interdiction comes from the Human Resources Office, and its faculty assumed that this is a system-wide policy. However, it turns out that other CSU Modern Language Departments have been allowed to continue to interview at the MLA, which gives them an edge over the Departments that can only do telephone interviews (for reasons that are particularly relevant in judging someone's proficiency in a foreign language). Therefore, on behalf of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, I would like to ask the Human Resources Office and the Provost's Office what we need to do to return to the practice of

interviewing at professional meetings, as other CSU campuses do, while presumably ensuring an equal treatment of all their candidates?

INTENT TO RAISES QUESTIONS
(Continued)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. 3.1 It was m/s/ (Anagnoson) to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2006 (ASM 05-17).

3.2 Senator Hunt asked if the word “period” was missing from the second sentence in item 5.

3.3 The minutes were approved as corrected.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

5. The election was held.

AD HOC ADVISORY SELECTION
COMMITTEE FOR THE DEAN OF
THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING,
COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND TECH-
NOLOGY – ELECTION OF ONE
MEMBER

6 6.1 It was m/s/ (Zepeda) to approve the recommendation (05-10).

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

PROPOSED POLICY: NEW
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT
ORIENTATION, FACULTY HAND-
BOOK, CHAPTER V (05-10)
First-Reading

7. It was m/s/p (Anagnoson) to adjourn at 2:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT