K. Baaske convened the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

1. The Chair’s Announcements:

The following faculty members have accepted nomination by the Nominations Committee to the slate of candidates for election to the University Sabbatical Leave Committee: College of Arts and Letters: David Connors, Daniel DeChaine, Domnita Dumitrescu and Stephen Rothman; College of Business and Economics: Samantha Carrington and Nikolai Pulchritudoff; Charter College of Education: Margaret Clark, Penelope Semrau, Diane Klein and Frederick Uy; College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology: Ray Shackelford and Keith Mew; College of Health and Human Services: Patricia Chin and Miles Peterson; College of Natural and Social Sciences: Shirley Gray and Timothy Lim; and Library and Student Affairs: Sandra Card, Christine Gladish, Kenneth Ryan, and Holly Yu.

A petition notice for additional nominations has been distributed to all faculty members with a deadline of 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2007. The university-wide, on-line election will begin on November 7th and continue for 10 working days.

1.2 The Vice Chair’s Announcements:

1.2.1 Daniel Borough has accepted to serve as an alternate for Professor Alison McCurdy on the Student Educational Equity Advisory Committee to the Vice President for Student Affairs during the Fall Quarter, 2007, representing the College of Natural and Social Sciences.

1.2.2 Jessica Dennis has accepted to serve as an alternate for Deborah Schaeffer on the University Student Union Board during the Fall Quarter, 2007.

1.2.3 Professor Mary Pat McEnrue, Department of Management, has accepted appointment to serve on the CSULA Foundation Board of Directors for a three-year term ending Summer, 2010.

1.2.4 Professor Jon Beaupre, Department of Communication Studies, has accepted appointment to serve on the Institutional Review Board – Human Subjects for a four-year term ending Summer Quarter, 2011, replacing Heidi Riggio.

1.2.5 Professor Frederick Uy, Division of Curriculum and Instruction, has accepted appointment to serve on the CSULA Foundation Board of Directors assuming the remainder of Professor Jonah Schlackman’s term ending Summer, 2008.

1.2.6 Professor Adam Huarng, Department of Information Systems, has accepted appointment to serve on the Educational Policy Committee for a three-year term ending 2010.

2. None.

3. It was m/s/p (Andranovich) to approve the agenda.

4. It was m/s/p (Andranovich) to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 23, 2007 (ASM 07-3).
5.1 It was m/s/p (Garcia) to move into a quasi-committee of the whole.

5.2 The Chair presented the following response to the questions raised by Senator Anagnoson on October 23, 2007 regarding this issue:

Question:
On page 2 of the fee policy document to the Board of Trustees it states: “A substantial review paper was commissioned to support the deliberations of the taskforce, the recommendations from which were twice considered by systemwide provosts, by systemwide vice presidents for business & finance, and by presidents. Presidents indicated their support for the key recommendations at the August 28-29, 2007 Executive Council meeting.” Was there support for the recommendations by the systemwide provosts and vice presidents for business and finance?

Response:
According to a source at the Chancellor’s Office: Executive Council, Academic Council, and CABO do not operate as parliamentary bodies: there are no motions, and no votes. So, “indicated their support” is an accurate yet general phrasing to describe the reception at Executive Council to the proposal.

Most of those who offered comment on the proposal among provosts, and among vice presidents for business and finance, thought that the proposal was a good one. However, most of the persons present did not make a specific comment, even as most persons at these meetings do not make a specific comment about other items brought to the attention of the groups.

Question:
On page 3 of the fee policy document it states: “Other professional business graduate programs will also be subject to a $210 / semester unit professional fee.” Which programs will be affected by this? How many programs are there on campus and how many students are involved?

Response:
All students enrolled in the masters programs in business, except the MA in Economics, will be charged the additional fee.

Question:
On page 1 of the Executive Committee document on Objections to the Proposed Professional Business Graduate Fee there is a statement about the number of Students in professional business degree graduate programs. How does this affect our campus? What is the number of students in the MBA who get financial aid? What is the number of students of color in the program?

Response:
There are three parts to this question and therefore three answers.

(A) The chart created by CSULA’s Institutional Research and distributed via email to all faculty indicates the number of students enrolled in the programs that will be affected. The data is for the fall term for each of the last three years.

(B) There is a separate chart showing the ethnic breakdown of these students.

(C) According to Student Affairs at CSULA, there is limited financial aid available to any graduate student. Most of whatever aid they receive is in the form of loans, as most, if not all, of the grant programs (e.g., Pell, Cal grants, etc.) are for undergraduates. There may be departmental assistantships or fellowships which students can use to pay for their fees.
Some specific numbers were made available to me. Approximately 30% of the students pursuing an MBA and approximately 25% of the students pursuing the MS in Accountancy applied for financial aid for 2007-2008.

5.3 Open discussion of the issue ensued.

5.3 It was m/s/p (Hunt) to return to regular session.

6. 6.1 It was m/s/ (Zepeda) to approve the recommendation (07-3).

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

7. 7.1 Debate ensued.

7.2 It was m/s/f (Bell) to refer the recommendation back to the Faculty Policy Committee to consider the issue of keeping the review in some other format other than the personnel file.

7.3 The recommendation was APPROVED (07-1). Copies of the document are available in the Senate Office.

8. It was m/s/p (Hunt) to adjourn at 2:57 p.m.