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Chair N. Hunt convened the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

1. 1.1 The Chair’s Announcements:

1.1.1 There are two changes to the Senate membership list distributed last week. For the College of Natural and Social Sciences, Joel Ellwanger will be serving as an alternate for Amelia Russo-Neustadt and Hyojoung Kim will be serving as an alternate for Edith Porter.

1.1.2 The Executive Committee has undertaken the task of reviewing the Faculty Handbook to identify policies that may need revision. At this point, the plan is to read through the Handbook, make a list of the policies that are out of date and prepare a charge for referral to the appropriate standing committee. We wanted you to be aware that this is happening but also we welcome your communication with us so, if late at night you are reading the Handbook and see something that needs to be looked at, let us know. It is clear to us that there is a lot of stuff in there that is out of date.

1.2 Senator McQueen announced: Jackie Kiwata, a former M.S. student from Kinesiology who was mentored in her research by Edith Porter from Biological Sciences and co-mentored by Andrew Cornell and Nazareth Khodiguian from Kinesiology and also by Robert Desharnais from Biological Sciences, has won the Outstanding M.S. Thesis Award from the Western Association of Graduate Schools. Eighty-nine schools from 13 states and 3 Canadian provinces are members of the WAGS. This is the third time since 1989 that a student from CSULA has won the award, the last time being in 2001. Ms. Kiwata has found that natural fats with antibacterial action are increased in individuals who regularly exercise. This may provide one possible explanation for why moderate exercise protects against upper respiratory tract infections.

1.3 Acting Assistant Vice President LaPolt announced: This is a reminder that the Center for Effective Teaching and Learning has sent out calls for proposals for several funding opportunities. First, the CELT Faculty Development Grant Program provides small grants to support implementation of proposals in two areas – Instructional Effectiveness and Undergraduate Research Mentoring. The deadline to submit a proposal for either competition is noon on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. More information and application materials are available at the CELT website, or by contacting Catherine Haras, Acting CELT Director.

Second, CELT has been awarded a 2012 system grant from the Institute of Teaching and Learning to establish a Faculty Learning Community (FLC) on General Education. The FLC will run from February through December 2012. This FLC will investigate innovative teaching methods for large General Education (GE) classes, providing a scholarly opportunity and stipend to support interested faculty who teach or have taught large-lecture GE courses. The deadline to apply is noon, Wednesday, February 1, 2012. For more information, contact Catherine Haras in the Center for Effective Teaching and Learning, or by email at CETL@calstatela.edu.

1.4 Senator Jacinto announced: The College of Arts and Letters will have a “Winter Freeze: Avenue of Advisement” in front of the Music Hall this Wednesday, January 25th, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

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Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., is Gamers Night. NSS Gamers Night will be an event where students join with faculty to play video games in the University-Student Union.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

2. None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. 3.1 It was m/s/ (Warter-Perez) to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2012 (ASM 11-8).

3.2 No changes were requested and the Chair ruled the minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE SENATE MEETING: JANUARY 19-20, 2012


PROPOSED POLICY: EVALUATION OF TEMPORARY LIBRARY FACULTY, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER VI (11-5) Second-Reading

6. It was m/s/p (Ulanoff) to table the document at this time.

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: EVALUATION OF TEMPORARY INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY AND EVALUATION OF PERMANENT INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER VI (11-6) Second Reading Forwarded to the President

7. 7.1 It was m/s/p (Peterson) to amend line 145 on page 5 of document 11-6 by deleting the word May and inserting the word APRIL.

7.2 The recommendation on Evaluation of Temporary Instructional Faculty was APPROVED as amended (11-6). Copies of the document are available in the Senate Office.

7.3 The recommendation on Evaluation of Permanent Instructional Faculty was APPROVED (11-6). Copies of the document are available in the Senate Office.

ADJOURNMENT

8. It was m/s/p (Baaske) to adjourn at 2:26 p.m.