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ABSENT

C. Flint, S. Landsberger

EXCUSED ABSENCE

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

1. 1.1 The Chair's Announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 Executive Vice Chancellor Gary Reichard has announced that Dr. Beverly Young, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Teacher Education and Public Schools Programs, has agreed to take the leadership role for the Center for Teacher Quality (CTQ). Under Dr. Young's direction, the CTQ will reassess its strategic goals while preserving its core purpose of annually evaluating the professional quality of CSU teacher education programs.

1.1.2 On March 3, 2008, President Rosser approved the proposed modification of the policy on Information Competence, Faculty Handbook, Chapter IV, effective Spring Quarter, 2008. The on-line Faculty Handbook has been updated.

1.1.3 The following faculty members have been nominated by the Nominations Committee for election by the Academic Senate to one position on the Intercollegiate Athletics Board which must be filled by a female faculty member: Carmen Escoto Lloyd (Nursing), Joan Fingon (Curriculum and Instruction), Gretchen Peterson (Sociology), Jennifer Garrison (Geology), and Trinh Pham (Mechanical Engineering). A petition for additional nominations will be distributed to all faculty on April 28th with a deadline for return to the Senate Office by noon on Friday, May 2, 2008. The election will be held at the Senate meeting on May 20, 2008.

1.1.4 I would like to remind everyone that the deadline to return the Faculty Perceptions of Administrators survey form is this Thursday, April 24th. If you have misplaced your form and need another one, contact the Senate Office.

1.1.5 You should have all seen the announcement that the President's Distinguished Professor lecture will take place at the Senate meeting on May 6th. Dr. Dumitrescu will present a lecture titled "Spanish in the U.S.: Lessons from the Past and Challenges for the Future." The entire campus community is invited, so please encourage your colleagues to attend. Immediately following the lecture, there will be a reception in the Golden Eagle.

1.1.6 Also on the Senate's schedule this quarter is the President's State of the University Address which will be presented on May 13th.

1.1.7 Following is a response from Interim Vice President George Pardon to a question raised at the Senate meeting on April 1 regarding windows being bolted closed:

At the Academic Senate meeting on April 1, 2008, a question was raised as to why the windows are bolted closed in King Hall. There are three primary reasons for this: energy, security, and potential damage. The following highlights the concerns of open windows.

Energy: Every building on campus has a balanced HVAC system. For this system to work properly, exterior windows and doors need to be closed. When exterior windows and doors are left open, the HVAC system is overloaded because it is literally trying to either heat or cool the outside. As a result, everyone else in the building is impacted and energy costs increase substantially. In all new buildings, no windows open.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

1.1.8 Security: Beyond the energy implications, a substantial security risk occurs when windows are left open. An open window is an open access for both ingress and egress for individuals with intent to cause harm as well as individuals that would like to use campus buildings as a place of shelter. Gaining access to the second or third floors of buildings using ropes or ladders is not an uncommon avenue for unwelcome guests to utilize. When windows are able to be opened, there is also the high likelihood for the windows to be left open after the occupant leaves for an extended period of time including weekends. This leaves an open opportunity for vandals, thieves, and the homeless to access the building causing both damage to the building and for someone to be in the building when occupants arrive and could cause potential harm to a campus employee. Uninvited guests such as bees are also a risk when a window is open. While it is recognized that someone could break a window for ingress or egress, if a window is broken, it is something we would investigate. If it was a practice to allow windows to be opened, it would not be a cause for concern although a crime may have occurred. In the event someone determines that it is safe and necessary to use a window as an exit, the window should be broken.

Potential Damage: The risk of a window remaining open when it rains is of significant concern to the campus. Water not only damages furniture and flooring but it also can cause mold which has significant health implications and is very costly to remediate.

I hope that this satisfactorily answers this question. Please let me know if I can provide any addition information.

1.1.9 On May 16th there is a Campus Conversation on General Education jointly sponsored by Academic Affairs and the Academic Senate, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Golden Eagle. I apologize that I won't be there, I am very interested in GE, but I will be attending my daughter's college graduation.

1.1.10 I received a copy of a report from Letycia Gomez summarizing the grade appeal cases that were reviewed by the University Student Grievance Committee for the 2006-2007. There were four grade appeals that reached the University level; none resulted in a grade change.

1.1.11 You should have received an announcement from Susan Cash about the Faculty Early Retirement Program with information about eligibility for that program and when you must announce your intent to FERP if you are eligible. I don't think we do enough around here to acknowledge staff on this campus but there is an announcement that went out from Lisa Sanchez, Director of Human Resources Management, announcing the Staff Awards Ceremony List recognizing staff for their years of service. I will pass it around the room.

1.1.12 I spent an hour this morning with Hugh Warren, a faculty member in Business and Economics. He is handling the "readiness assessment" of converting from quarters to semesters. I share that with you so that you know that the conversation that I shared with the Senate is occurring has, in fact, occurred. He is gathering information from various members of the University and will be preparing a report. (The report is due at the end of this quarter.)

1.2 Vice Chair's Announcements:

1.2.1 Kenneth Ryan (Library) has accepted the appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve on the Faculty Policy Committee for a three-year term ending Summer Quarter, 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Continued*)

- 1.2.2 The following faculty has accepted the appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve on the Student Grievance Committee for a one-year term ending Summer Quarter, 2009: Catherine Haras (Library), Michael Krebs (Mathematics), Simona Montanari (Child and Family Studies).
- 1.2.3 The following faculty has accepted the appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve on the Institutional Review Board – Human Subjects for a four-year term ending Summer Quarter, 2012: Anh-Luu Huyn-Hohnbaum (Social Work), Karen Nielsen-Menicucci (Nursing).
- 1.2.4 Richard Wearn (Art) has accepted appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve on the University Invention and Patent Evaluation Committee for a three-year term ending Summer Quarter, 2011.
- 1.2.5 Holly Yu (Library) has accepted appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve on the Academic Freedom and Professional Ethics Committee for a five-year term ending Summer Quarter, 2013.
- 1.2.6 Olaiya Aina (Curriculum and Instruction) has accepted appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve on the Communications Board for a three-year term ending Summer Quarter, 2011.
- 1.2.7 Carolyn Frank (Curriculum and Instruction) has accepted appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve on the CSULA Foundation Board of Directors for a three-year term ending Summer Quarter, 2011.
- 1.3 Senator Zohrabyan announced: ASI, as you know, yesterday rallied at the capital, here, and at various other cities across the state. I was there, in Sacramento. We had two buses, with about 60-70 students from this campus. An estimated 2,000 students were there, a good turnout, press coverage, we met with the lieutenant governor, and a contingent from ASI lobbied as well. Hopefully that may have an effect on the budget cuts for next year.
- 1.4 Senator Dewey announced: The California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association Saturday approved a resolution urging the state legislature to repeal the loyalty oath that had been embedded in the Constitution since the early 1950's. We urged the Academic Senate and the California Faculty Association to join us.
- 1.5 Senator Garcia announced: I would like it noted in the record that Kevin Baaske was the keynote speaker at the Honors Convocation and he did a great job. It was a speech that everyone in the audience – students, faculty, and parents – could all appreciate.
- 1.6 Senator Land announced: The U.S. Postal Service has issued a new stamp honoring Ruben Salazar. It is part of a collection honoring courageous journalists.
- 1.7 Senator Moss announced: There is an Opening for the Undergraduate Art Exhibition at the Fine Arts Gallery this coming Monday, April 28th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The show is on exhibition through May 5. The Fine Arts Gallery is located on the first floor of the Fine Arts Building.
- 1.8 Senator Herrera announced: The Theatre Arts & Dance Department is sponsoring an auction of six George Rodrigue's BLUE DOG PRINTS. This years New Plays Festival has selected a student play dealing with the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina. George Rodrigue's art gallery in New Orleans has generously donated six prints with the proceeds to be donated to the Habitat for Humanity project in the Louisiana area. Details will be forwarded in an email.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

2. None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. It was m/s/p (Garcia) to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2008 (ASM 07-14).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
ADDRESS *Presented by Alice Kawakami,*
University Librarian

5. Alice Kawakami, University Librarian, presented a PowerPoint presentation and lecture on the State of the University Library. A question and answer period followed.

ADJOURNMENT

6. It was m/s/p (Hunt) to adjourn at 2:53 p.m.