CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES October 21, 2008 ASM 08-4 Approved November 18, 2008

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ABSENT

T. Allison, J. Ellwanger

EXCUSED ABSENCE

K. Baaske convened the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 1.1 The Chair's Announcements:

Just a reminder, Research Seminars at ORAD Café will hold a panel from the Department of Chicano Studies. The discussion is part of a series of events recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the Department of Chicano Studies, and will be held in the University Club today at 3:30 p.m.

- 1.2 Vice Chair's Announcements:
 - 1.2.1 Professor Jessica Dennis (Psychology) has accepted appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve as an alternate for Deborah Schaeffer on the University Student Union Board for the Fall Quarter, 2008.
 - 1.2.2 The following faculty members have been appointed by the Nominations Committee to serve on the President's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Honorary Degrees: Margaret Clark (Special Education and Counseling), Elaine Draper (Sociology), Ross Levinson (Music), and Trinh Pham (Mechanical Engineering).
- 1.3 Senator Ledesma announced:

CFA-LA will have two important meetings for the members, one on Wednesday and one on Thursday, at 11:45 to 1:30 p.m. in the Applied Gerontology Institute to discuss two critical issues for faculty: the first is the possible conversion to semesters and the second, a quite urgent matter, implications of the state budget for our contract. CFA circulated press release this morning that sites a resolution adopted by the CFA General Assembly that will launch a new campaign to convince national, state, and local elected officials to fundamentally change the way they think about the role and funding of public higher education especially during the current economic crisis. The CFA's "New Deal for a New Millennium" initiative calls for \$70 billion in federal funding to rebuild our nation's public colleges and universities. That is just one-tenth of the \$700 billion spent on bailing out Wall Street.

- 1.4 Senator Beer announced: Now the women's volleyball team is going great guns. We won the last seven matches and are ranked third in the Pacific region. The next meet is a home meet this Friday against Humboldt State.
- 2. None.
- 3. It was m/s/p (Bowman) to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2008 (ASM 08-3).
- 4. It was m/s/p (Beer) to approve the agenda.
- 5. It was m/s/p (Land) to approve the process for advising the President on the possibility of converting to semesters presented in document 08-3.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

SENSE OF THE SENATE VOTE ON THE PROCESS FOR ADVIS-ING THE PRESIDENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF CONVERTING TO SEMESTERS (08-3) ASM 08-4 October 21, 2008 Page 2

OPEN CONVERSATION ON THE POSSIBLE CONVERSION TO SEMESTERS

Time Certain: 1:45 p.m.

Guest: James M. Rosser, President

ADJOURNMENT

- 6. President Rosser presented reasons why the faculty is being asked to consider converting to semesters at this time. A question and answer period followed.
- 7. It was m/s/p (Anagnoson) to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.