

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
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Y. Song, B. Yorker

ABSENT

J. Benedict, J. Perez-Carballo, P. Romero

EXCUSED ABSENCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 1.1 The Chair's Announcements:

1.1.1 I am pleased to report that Greg Andranovich, Department of Political Science, has been elected by the Academic Senate to serve on the Intercollegiate Athletics Board for a four-year term ending in Summer Quarter, 2013.

1.1.2 Following is the response from Vice President Ross to the question raised by Senator Hunt at the Senate meeting on April 28th:

Question:

University policy (2007-09 CSULA Catalog) states, "Students who fail to take and pass the WPE within the required time limit of 135 units will have a hold placed on their records, which will preclude them from enrolling in any courses until the WPE requirement is satisfied." The Department of Child and Family Studies has received funding from Los Angeles Universal Preschool to closely track and monitor the progress of transfer students pursuing careers in early childhood education. In overseeing this effort, it has come to our attention that some students, admitted in Summer of 2008, have neither attempted nor passed the WPE.

My question is: Why is the University not enforcing this important policy? This policy is one of our important early warning signs regarding student progress and its enforcement will assist students to reach their degree goals in a timely and efficient manner.

Response:

The University does enforce the WPE Policy. Each quarter the Testing Center receives a report that lists all students with 135 units who have not taken and/or passed the WPE and places a hold on their record preventing them from registering for any future term until they have passed the exam.

The Testing Center also sends warning letters to students with less than 135 units earned but more than 90 units earned informing them of the WPE requirement and encouraging them to register for the exam as soon as possible.

If the department or Senator(s) is aware of students who have come to their attention as not having met the WPE requirement and who have been allowed to continue to register for classes, I ask that they provide me (Ross) with the names and CIN's of those students and I will request the Testing Center Coordinator to review their individual situations and place the appropriate hold if needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond and I trust this addresses Senators Hunt and Zepeda's question.

1.1.3 Following today's meeting members of the Executive Committee are requested to meet for a few minutes at the front of the lecture hall.

1.1.4 I would like to have the Senate join me in welcoming the ASI Senator now elected ASI President, Joaquin Beltran.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

- 1.1.5 Provost Cardoza and I have been tweaking an email that will soon be sent to all faculty. It will explain the formation of a Planning or Steering Committee for the possible conversion to semesters. This committee will be charged with studying in detail the processes and costs involved in the possible conversion. These will include, for example, the process and costs for converting curriculum, for advising students caught in the transition, for adapting student services to semesters, and other issues of equal significance and import.

The committee will have representatives from each college and the Library. These representatives will be elected by the faculty. They will start to work this summer and will serve on the Planning Committee and as a member and liaison to a workgroup. They will receive reassigned time during the 2009-2010 Academic Year. The Senate will also elect two at-large representatives and the Senate Chair will serve on the Steering Committee as will all of the Vice Presidents.

Next spring the committee will issue its report. At that time the Senate will consider again the advice it wishes to give to President Rosser. I remind you, that last week the President made it very clear that the decision has not been made, that the costs and processes must be detailed thoroughly in order for him to make a sound decision. The Planning Committee's work is a crucial aspect of that decision making.

1.2 The Vice Chair's Announcements:

- 1.2.1 The following faculty have accepted appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve on the Student Grievance Committee for a one-year term ending Summer Quarter, 2010: Christina Sheldon (Library), Simona Montanari (Child and Family Studies), Carole Srole (History).
- 1.2.2 Professor Jose Perez-Carballo (Information Systems) 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, 2012.
- 1.2.3 Professor Penelope Semrau (Applied and Advanced Studies in Education) 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, 2014.
- 1.2.4 Professor Richard Wearn (Art) has accepted appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve on the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Committee for a three-year term ending Summer Quarter, 2012.

- 1.3 Senator Abdullah announced: I want to remind everyone that the 2nd Annual Pan African Studies Forum will be Tuesday, May 26th, at 6:00 p.m. Our guest speaker is Robin D. G. Kelley, author of *Race Rebels and Freedom Dreams*. It will be in the GE Ballroom. I have flyers so I will pass them around.

- 1.4 Senator Allison announced: Just to remind everybody, the satirical musical "Urinetown" is continuing for a second weekend, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. It was m/s/p (Hunt) to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2009 (ASM 08-17).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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| 4. Statewide Senators Baaske and Land presented a report of the Statewide Senate meeting held on May 7-8, 2009. | REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE
SENATE MEETING: MAY 7-8,
2009 |
| 5. The Chair reported that the Acting Director of Faculty Affairs was ill and the report would have to be postponed. | REPORT ON 2008-2009 FACULTY
SEARCHES |
| 6. It was m/s/ (Bowman) to approve the recommendation (08-16). | PROPOSED POLICY RETURNED
UNSIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT:
OUTSTANDING LECTURER
AWARD, <u>FACULTY HANDBOOK</u> ,
CHAPTER VIII (08-16)
<i>First-Reading</i> |
| 7. The 2009 President's Distinguished Professor, Gerald Beer, presented a lecture titled "Random Thoughts of a Mathematician." | "RANDOM THOUGHTS OF A
MATHEMATICIAN"
<i>Presented by Gerald Beer, the 2009
President's Distinguished Professor</i> |
| 8. It was m/s/p (Bowman) to adjourn at 2:46 p.m. | ADJOURNMENT |