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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 1.1 The Chair's Announcements:

1.1.1 On October 21, 2009, President Rosser approved the Senate's recommendation to suspend "Transfer to Cal State L.A" as a University requirement towards a bachelor's degree for all continuing students and students who were admitted for Fall 2009.

1.1.2 The following faculty members have accepted nomination by the Nominations Committee to the slate of candidates for election to the University Sabbatical Leave Committee: for the College of Arts and Letters – Manuel Aguilar Moreno, Tim Ebner, Alejandra Marchevsky and Henry Mendell; for the College of Business and Economics – Rika Houston, Marianne James, Shirley Stretch-Stephenson and Laura Whitcomb; for the Charter College of Education – Deborah Oh, Elizabeth Perluss and Ann Wood; for the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology – Christ Khachikian and Ethan Lipton; for the College of Health and Human Services – Pera Jambazian and Katherine Roberts; for the College of Natural and Social Sciences - Ramani Durvasula, Shirley Gray, Silvia Heubach, Debasree Raychaudhuri and Susan Terebey; and for the Library and Student Affairs – Sandra Card, Mary Diaz and Holly Yu.

A petition notice for additional nominations has been distributed to all faculty and must be submitted to the Senate Office on or before noon on Friday, October 30, 2009. The university-wide election will begin on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will close on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

1.1.3 An issue has arisen that is of interest to CSULA faculty. The issue concerns a new website/software called coursehero.com. The website contains a lot of exams, materials, etc. from CSU. The material was obtained using a web-crawler that accesses public websites. A lawyer for the CSU says the issue is timely – lots of schools across the country are having similar problems with this new technology and its effects on academic freedom, the security of course materials and exams, and intellectual property. The issue has no obvious solution. James Postma, Chair of the Statewide Senate's Academic Affairs Committee, shared this information with Senate Chairs via an email distribution list. The email urges Senate Chairs to notify faculty and encourage them to check to see which of their own materials have been linked to this software and urge them to protect their own websites. Academic Affairs is considering a resolution on this matter.

1.2 The Vice Chair's Announcements:

1.2.1 Professor Michael Henderson (Art) has accepted appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve as a replacement for Professor Daniel Borough on the Instructionally Related Activities Advisory Committee for the remainder of his term ending 2010.

1.2.2 Christina Sheldon (Library) has accepted appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve as an alternate for Scott Wells on the Institutional Review Board – Human Subjects for Fall 2009 and Winter 2010.

1.2.3 The following faculty members have been appointed by the Nominations Committee to serve on the President's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Honorary Degrees: Mario Castaneda (Curriculum and Instruction), Bianca Guzman (Chicano Studies), Simona Montanari (Child and Family Studies),

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and Deborah Schaeffer (Library).

1.2.4 Professor Raymond Garcia (Chemistry and Biochemistry) has accepted nomination by the Nominations Committee to serve on the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, term ending 2013.

1.2.5 Professor Victor Viesca (Liberal Studies) has accepted nomination by the Nominations Committee to serve on the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee as a non-scientist alternate for Scott Wells for Winter Quarter, 2010.

1.3 Senator Dumitrescu announced: I am making this announcement on behalf of my colleague Professor Roberto Cantu, this year's President's Distinguished Professor. I am announcing the award winning play "El Fiestón de las Calavares," by Mexican Playwright Eleazar del Valle, who also directs the play. The play is sponsored by Cal State L.A.'s MEChA, and produced by the Gigi Gaucher-Morales Memorial Fund and the Los Angeles Theatre Academy. It will be held at the University-Student Union Theatre on November 2, at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. as part of the Day of the Dead festivities on campus. The play consists of six actors, with Mexican actress Alejandra Flores in the leading role as Calavera Catrina. The Six actors appear as skeletons reminiscent of the Mexican popular art of Guadalupe Posada's Calaveras, playing roles of artisans, corrupt politicians, Revolutionaries, and the Mexican working class, caught partying and singing in a local cemetery during a Día de los Muertos. The play has won awards in Mexico City for its political satire, the renown of the actors, and its classic Mexican songs of the Revolution.

Please announce in your classes, offices, or neighborhood. The play is in Spanish, and is free and open to the public.

1.4 Senator Momand announced: The Center for Interdisciplinary Quantitative Analysis is going to be having a speaker, Robert Desharnais, Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Biological Sciences 247. The title of the Lecture is "Chaos in a Bottle: Experimental Studies of Non-linear Population Dynamics."

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

2. 2.1 Senator Classen announced his intent to raise the following questions:

During the past months in which the University administration has seriously considered the option of moving to self-supporting summers, how often and to what degree has faculty input been solicited?

If faculty input has only been solicited in limited ways, could you please explain why?

Please tell us exactly where we are in the process of making this important decision and when we can expect to know the University plans for Summer 2010.

2.2 Senator Flint announced her intent to raise the following question:

When students began registering for Fall classes this Summer, it soon became apparent that the cutbacks in course offerings were going to have an impact on students' abilities to get the classes they need. In my own Department, all of our classes filled up before the first registration date for most students. When Provost Cardoza was at one of the meetings of the

Executive Committee as a time certain I asked her if students would be able to maintain continuing student status if they were unable to register for any classes. Provost Cardoza indicated that that decision had not yet been made. I requested that the decision be made soon since students needed to know before the quarter began and might wish to register for a class that they didn't need just to keep their continuing student status. The weeks went by with no answer, despite my almost constant inquiries. Even when the Fall quarter began I couldn't get an answer to this issue. Students were starting to panic. We had made room for some of them in our classes, but there were still many left with nothing to take. Many decided to take one of more of our classes through a specially created extended education offering, despite the extra cost, in the hopes that they could take the rest of their classes state-side for the rest of the academic year. They wanted to know if they needed to spend additional money to take a class they didn't need so that they would be able to do so. I didn't have an answer for them. I said that I hoped that the Administration would do the right thing and allow them to keep their continuing student status, but that I couldn't guarantee it. The add deadline came and went with still no answer. Then last week I saw in the meeting notes for the Immediate Solutions Enrollment Management Workgroup that the Provost had announced that new students who did not enroll in any classes for the Fall would lose their continuing student status and would need to re-apply for next Fall. So my questions are: 1) Who made this decision and by what reasoning was this decision made? 2) How do you justify damaging the reputation of Cal State LA by admitting students and then dis-enrolling them when we can't provide them with the classes they need to take? 3) At the very least, why wasn't this decision made prior to the add deadline so students knew the consequences of not taking at least one class, even if they didn't need it? 4) When are you going to let faculty and students know about this decision? 5) Alternatively, because this is a decision that will create much consternation with little obvious payoff, is there a chance of reversing this situation?

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| 3. It was m/s/p (Sharp) to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2009 (ASM 09-4).  | APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES   |
| 4. It was m/s/p (Anagnoson) to approve the agenda.   | APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA  |
| 5. Chair Land presented a report on the Statewide Senate Chairs meeting held on October 15, 2009. A question and answer period followed.   | REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE<br>SENATE CHAIRS MEETING –<br>OCTOBER 15, 2009  |
| 6. Senator Flint presented a report on the Summer 2010 Planning Group. A question and answer period followed.  | REPORT ON THE SUMMER 2010<br>PLANNING GROUP   |
| 7. 7.1 It was m/s/f (Dumitrescu) to amend document 09-3 by deleting lines 80-85 and 98-99, deleting the words <u>less than</u> on lines 403 and 404, and deleting the parenthetical phrase on lines 404 and 405. | PROPOSED POLICIES AND<br>POLICY MODIFICATIONS FOR<br>CHAPTER VI OF THE <u>FACULTY</u><br><u>HANDBOOK</u> (09-3, -3.1, -3.2) |
| 7.2 It was m/s/p to continue this as a second-reading item at the next Senate meeting.   | <i>Second-Reading</i>   |
| 8. It was m/s/p (Anagnoson) to adjourn at 3:06 p.m.  | ADJOURNMENT   |