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EXCUSED ABSENCE

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R. Land convened the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

1. 1.1 The Chair's Announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1.1.1 On January 22, 2010, President Rosser returned unsigned the Academic Senate's proposed modification to the Policies and Procedures for Academic Program Discontinuance, Faculty Handbook, Chapter IV. The memo reads:

"I am returning the above titled proposed policy modification unsigned. First, the proposed policy modification VI. does not contain a clear definition of suspension. In addition, the procedures only provide information for when the request for suspension comes from tenured and tenure-track faculty of the department/division/school in which the program is housed and this conflicts with section III.A.I. It also is not clear what the review and decision process entails and who initiates the administrative actions that must be taken. Part V. of the policy addresses only discontinuance. There also needs to be a specified review and approval process before an early reactivation process is initiated. If the maximum suspension duration is three years, why is there a statement regarding extension of the suspension? Given the last sentence of section IVA., perhaps it would be more suitable to have two policies and procedures – one for temporary suspension and one for discontinuance."

The officers met with the Provost yesterday on this issue and it is on the Executive Committee's agenda for tomorrow's meeting. This can be discussed in some more detail during the Chair's report on today's agenda.

- 1.1.2 The Faculty Development Center has scheduled a Brown Bag on Faculty Governance, on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Fine Arts 138. The lecture, titled "Faculty Governance – How It Works, How It Doesn't – Successes, Disappointments, and Stories" which will be presented by Ted Anagnoson, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and a veteran of faculty governance at CSULA, will give his advice to new faculty on how to take the reins in academic governance.
- 1.1.3 Also on Thursday, the 28th Annual David L. Kubal Memorial Lecture Series at Cal State L.A. will present "A Publisher's Quandary: Literary Study in the Age of Information" by Huntington Library Press Director Susan Green, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Golden Eagle Ballroom. A reception will follow immediately after the lecture.
- 1.1.4 The Students Learning in Communities program is sponsoring a Haiti Relief effort. They will be staffing a table today, tomorrow, and Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in front of the Career Center on the main walkway or on the walkway in front of King Hall if it is raining. We are encouraging students, staff, and faculty to come by the table to learn more about the country of Haiti, the devastating effects of the recent earthquake, and the opportunities to contribute to the relief effort via text messaging. Please let your students know about this event and encourage them to stop by the table. For more information, please contact the Students Learning in Communities office at extension 3.3184.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Continued*)

1.2 Senator Falvey announced: I am sorry to announce that Dr. Lamar Mayer passed away on Sunday. Dr. Mayer was Chair of the Department of Special Education and Associate Dean for the School of Education. But most important was his friendship and his contributions to CCOE and the University. He worked here for many, many years even beyond when he stopped receiving salary. He helped us with accreditation.

1.3 Senator Dewey announced: For those of you who are interested and haven't seen the announcement there will be a symposium on Paul Zall in the South Pasadena Library - they are not allowed to have a memorial in the library so they are calling it a symposium - "The Cool World of Paul Zall," Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in the South Pasadena Library.

1.4 P. LaPolt, Director, Research and Development announced: The Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity has been scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2010. Hopefully you will have received the e-mail announcing it, but the students' abstracts of their work, along with the registration forms are due this Friday, January 29, 2010, 5:00 p.m. You should have received the information, but if not please contact me.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

2. Senator Sharp announced his intent to raise the following question of President Rosser:

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, President Rosser sent out his regular announcement about textbook affordability to the faculty. My question is this:

What is the University's relationship to Barnes and Noble, and has any study or review been conducted that addresses the following issues?

1. The markup on textbooks and course packs Barnes and Noble engages in as part of their regular business operations, and the impact of this on "textbook affordability."
2. The impact on instruction of Barnes and Noble's practice of ordering only a percentage of textbooks for a given class each quarter.
3. Less expensive alternatives to Barnes and Noble as the operators of our official University Bookstore.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. It was m/s/p (Ulanoff) to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2010 (ASM 09-12).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. 4.1 It was m/s/ (Dewey) to approve the agenda.

4.2 It was m/s/p (Soldatenko) to amend the agenda by adding "Quasi Committee of the Whole to Discuss the Suspension Policy" as a new item 6 and renumbering the remaining items.

4.3 The agenda was approved as amended.

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

5. Chair Land presented his report.

QUASI COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO DISCUSS THE SUSPENSION POLICY

6. 6.1 It was m/s/p (Soldatenko) to move into a quasi committee of the whole to discuss the suspension policy.

6.2 A discussion took place.

6.3 It was m/s/p (Bowman) to return to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

7. It was m/s/p (Ulanoff) to adjourn at 3:04 p.m.