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ABSENT

L. Andre-Bechely, S. Ulanoff

EXCUSED ABSENCE

R. Land convened the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

1. 1.1 The Chair's Announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 I am pleased to report that Kevin Baaske has been elected as Senator-at-Large for a three-year term ending Summer, 2013.

1.1.2 The following faculty members have been nominated by the Nominations Committee for the one position on the Intercollegiate Athletics Board that must be filled by a male faculty member: Gar Culbert (Political Science), Mitchell Eisen (Psychology), James Ford (Music), Ethan Lipton (Technology), Daniel Shabani (Psychology), and Michael Willard (Liberal Studies). A petition notice for additional nominations has been distributed with a deadline of noon on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Electronic ballots will be sent to all Senators Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

1.2 Senator Henderson announced: There will be a reception on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. in the entry of LaKretz Hall to commemorate the Darwin Now exhibit that will be on display in LaKretz Hall. This exhibit on Darwin's work was created by the British Council in observance of the 150th anniversary of the landmark work "On the Origin of the Species," and the British Council has donated this exhibit to CSULA. Everyone is invited.

1.3 P. LaPolt announced: I am pleased to announce that two Cal State L.A. students won awards at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual California State University Student Research Competition, held April 30 to May 1, 2010 at San Jose State University. - Coleman Dobson, an undergraduate pursuing a double major in math and physics, won second place in the Physical Sciences and Mathematics – Undergraduate session for her presentation titled, "Ring Particle Temperature Variation with Changing Geometry." Her faculty mentor is Susan Terebey. Dominique Richardson, a master's student in environmental science, won first place in the Biological and Agricultural Sciences – Graduate session for her presentation titled, "Incorporating Animal Behavior and Environmental Education into Conservation Biology." Her faculty mentor is Paul Narguizian. All eleven of our students participating in the competition did an excellent job representing Cal State L.A. in this event.

1.4 Senator Falvey announced: One last reminder, this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in the Golden Eagle ballroom will be an opportunity for us to honor our credential candidates. It is the official "Day of the Teacher" so when you see a teacher, congratulate and thank them for taking up such a noble profession.

1.5 Senator Dumitrescu announced: I would like to announce a major cultural event that will take place on our campus, in the Golden Eagle Ballroom, on May 14 and 15. It's the international conference on the Mexican writer Octavio Paz, one of the world's foremost poets and essayists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, who received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1990. The title of the conference is: World Civilizations, Modernity, and Octavio Paz: A Plurality of Pasts and Futures.

This conference is organized by Professor Roberto Cantu, this year's President's Distinguished Professor (who will speak about this author before the senate on May 18), with the help of Timothy Steel, Christophe Lagier and myself. It is sponsored by numerous entities, among which are the French and Mexican Consulates, the Center for Contemporary Poetry and Poetics on

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campus, the Colleges of Arts and Letters and Natural and Social Sciences, and the Morales Family Lecture Series Endowment, which is a generous gift to the University made by Emeritus Professor Alfredo Morales in memory of his late wife, Professor of French and Latin American Literature Gigi Gaucher-Morales, who passed away three years ago.

The conference is free and open to the public, and features renown scholars from Canada, Mexico, the United States, France and Japan. Please check the full program at the conference website, which is: <http://conferenceonoctaviopaz.blogspot.com/> and encourage your students and colleagues to attend.

- 1.6 Senator Flint announced: The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate and the Provost invite and encourage you to attend a presentation by members of the CSULA Team that attended the *American Association of State Colleges and Universities* 2009 Institute on General Education. They will present the latest findings that make the revision of GE imperative as well as information about GE best practices, strategies for change and other important information.

The membership, nomination process and charge of the soon to be formed GE Revision Steering Committee will also be presented at this meeting. All faculty and students are invited to attend. Departments are strongly encouraged to have at least one representative present. Next, Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 to 3:10 p.m.

- 1.7 Chair Land announced: This would probably be a good time to mention that this Thursday afternoon, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., there is a roundtable discussion on the challenges and possibilities facing public education in California. It is in the San Gabriel room, third floor of the University-Student Union.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

2. Senator McQueen announced her intent to raise the following questions of the Executive Director of Public Affairs:

Jaime Escalante passed away in March. He earned his B.A. degree in mathematics at CSULA as well as his teaching credential and in 1990 was given an honorary doctorate from CSULA. He became one of the most famous and influential educators in America through his work in teaching calculus to troubled inner-city students at Garfield High. Most of these students passed the AP exam in calculus, a success story that was documented in the film "Stand and Deliver." Why did CSULA not do anything to honor and celebrate his life when he passed away? The press about this and his connections to CSULA would be something that would bring prestige to our campus. In a similar vein, why was there no major press release when Leon Leyson recently gave a talk at CSULA? Mr. Leyson is the youngest man, at thirteen years old, on Shindler's list of Polish Jews to be saved from the Nazis during the Holocaust. Mr. Leyson earned his bachelor's degree in industrial arts from CSULA and went on to teach industrial arts at Huntington Park High School.

Can we ask USC to allow faculty from CSULA to have full privileges at their library? This is something that we had in the past and can be considered by USC as a great service to their community. This is especially important considering funding cuts to our Library.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. It was m/s/p (Dumitrescu) to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2010 (ASM 09-23).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

5. Chair Land presented his report. A question and answer period followed.

6. Steven Classen, Chair of the Communications Subcommittee of the Task Force on Semester Conversion, had each of the Chairs of the various subcommittees of the Task Force present updates on the activities of their subcommittees. A question and answer period followed. A video of the presentation will be available on the Semester Conversion link on the CSULA homepage.
  
7. It was m/s/p (Dumitrescu) to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES  
OF THE TASK FORCE ON  
SEMESTER CONVERSION  
*Presented by: Steven Classen  
Chair of the Communications  
Subcommittee*

ADJOURNMENT