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ABSENT

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EXCUSED ABSENCE

N. Hunt convened the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

1. 1.1 The Chair's Announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
QUESTIONS

We would appreciate it if the Executive Committee would gather together after the Senate meeting to approve next week's Senate agenda.

1.2 Senator Falvey announced: I would like to thank the members of the Senate who participated last week in our accreditation visit. It is not official on this because they have to meet and approve it, but it looks like the committee's recommendation is full accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Council on Teacher Accreditation. So I want to thank the faculty, students and staff members who attended some 400 interviews between Sunday night and Monday.

1.3 Senator Abdullah announced: I think everyone has this information that went out in a strike e-mail, we are having informational picketing today at 3:00 p.m. right outside after the Senate meeting. We will have an opportunity to get out our frustration. Come outside and join us to support the strikes that will take place next week for a fair contract for faculty and better working conditions. So as soon as we get out of here we can go out and yell.

Two campuses, East Bay and Dominguez Hills, are participating in a one-day strike next Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. We are encouraging faculty from LA to come out and stand in solidarity with our colleagues at Dominguez Hills. We will have buses going to Dominguez Hills. The morning bus leaves campus at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 1:00 p.m. and then leaves again at 1:30 p.m. and returns at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to drive as well. LA is not going on strike but we are going to stand in solidarity with Dominguez Hills as well as East Bay.

1.4 Senator Nitzani announced: I have a couple of A.S.I. events to announce. The De-Stress Study Fest from is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 to 11:30 p.m., second-floor lounge of the University-Student Union and again on December 5<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. in the Los Angeles Room 308ABC University-Student Union.

The students next CCOE Dean's Social is Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in front of Dolcini Café, King Hall walkway.

As part of Alcohol Awareness week, the DUI texting and simulator vehicle will be in front of the Student Union, the plaza, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 in the afternoon on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are going to have our prep rally at the Library on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. as well as from noon to 6:00 in the evening on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

2. 2.1 Senator Klein announced his intent to raise the following question of the Vice President for Student Affairs:

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

Even though our final exam schedule goes on for a full week, currently most classes have their final exams on the first two days of the week. For example, the only regular module class time that has the final exam in the latter portion of the week is the 9:50 a.m. class on either Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday. Alternatively,

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS  
(Continued)

classes at 8:00 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:20 p.m. and 6:10 p.m. have their finals either the Monday or Tuesday. It's mostly the unusual modules that occupy the Wednesday or Thursday exam times. This creates problems for students who regularly find themselves with multiple exams on the same day of the week. While I realize that students are allowed to ask their professor to alter their schedule if they have three finals on one day, many students do not avail themselves of this option, which is not widely advertised. Additionally, many of our students would likely benefit if they did not have to take two finals on the same day, something that would also be reduced with a better schedule.

In this time of our campus-wide attempt to increase retention and graduation it seems wrong minded to require so many students to take multiple examinations on one day. Why are the final examinations so condensed and why are classes at 3:10 p.m., the campus-wide free-hour, listed in the final exam schedule, leading to the impression that the issue of appropriate exam schedules hasn't really been considered for several years?

- 2.2 Senator Classen announced his intent to raise the following question of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs:

Communication Studies has submitted a program modification that has stalled at the Undergraduate and Graduate Studies level. The objection by Under-Graduate Studies and Graduate Studies to the program modification is based on something **unrelated** to the program modification. When asked why this was the case, the Department was told by Graduate Studies that "when a program modification is submitted the entire program is subject to critical review during the consultation process."

Since departments have the "right and responsibility to review and approve curriculum changes for graduate programs" and according to the established policy in the Faculty Handbook, "*the primary responsibility for development of curriculum remains with the faculty*," why is a change being asked for that is unrelated to the program modification? And why would a program modification open up the **entire program** to critical review?

- 2.3 Senator King announced her intent to raise the following question:

My question is, does the Early Start Program have to take through the Curriculum Committee the new courses that are being required in math and English? Do they need to go through the faculty curriculum committee?

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. It was m/s/p (Lipton) to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2011 (ASM 11-4).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE SENATE  
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5. Statewide Senators Baaske and King presented a report on the Statewide Senate meeting held in Long Beach on November 3-4, 2011.

REPORT ON THE A.S.I.  
*Presented by Hector Escobar, A.S.I. Vice  
President for Academic Governance*

6. H. Escobar, A.S.I. Vice President for Academic Governance, presented a report.

PROPOSED POLICY: EVALUATION OF  
LIBRARY FACULTY, FACULTY  
HANDBOOK, CHAPTER VI (11-3)  
*First-Reading*

7. 7.1 It was m/s/ (Dewey) to approve the recommendation (11-3).  
7.2 It was m/s/p (Klein) to extend the time for questions and answers for five minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

8. It was m/s/p (Classen) to adjourn at 2:40 p.m.