

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

ACADEMIC SENATE, STUDENT POLICY COMMITTEE

January 10, 2008, 1:30 - 3:10 p.m., SA 110

MINUTES

Present: D. Borough, J. Chemel, K. Foster, C. Gladish, M. Javeri, J. Orta, A. Reed, A. Ross, V. Talavera-Bustillos, M. Zepeda

Absent: J. Kennedy

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by V. Talavera-Bustillos, Chair, at 1:40 p.m.

2. Announcements

A. Ross announced Vice President Garcia is no longer here and George Pardon is Acting Vice President until the position is filled.

V. Talavera-Bustillos announced Chicano Studies is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. They will be presenting a series of educational films. You are all encouraged to attend. She will share with the committee dates and times.

As a follow-up to a question raised during 2006-07, V. Talavera-Bustillos shared with the committee the response received from Human Resources regarding breastfeeding on campus. The committee is concerned the locations identified by Human Resources are not sufficient. Other concerns such as how location information will be shared and if creating a reservation system will assist mothers needing to express their milk were discussed. Discussions are on-going.

3. Intent to Raise Questions

None.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the November 8, 2007 (SPC 07-03)

M/S/P approval of the minutes.

5. Approval of the Agenda

M/S/P approval of agenda as amended.

6. Liaison Reports

6.1. Executive Committee

The committee invited as a time certain, Dr. Anthony Ross, Vice President for Student Affairs and Mr. Vince Lopez, Director of Outreach and Recruitment, regarding

Mandatory Orientation issues related to faculty overload and the effects orientation has on small departments, priority registration, and transfer students was discussed. Administration will continue to collect data.

Membership for the Senate was discussed. An ad hoc committee was created under the Provost regarding junior and senior faculty on campus.

6.2. Associated Students, Inc.

Various events are currently taking place. Board meetings are moving to the ballroom in hopes that student participation will increase due to the more central location.

ASI will develop policies based on past resolutions to ensure they are being adhered to.

7. Old Business

7.1. Freedom of Speech

The committee agreed to review websites or other information that concerns freedom of expression on other university and college campuses.

8. New Business

8.1. Textbook Affordability

The memo from K. Baaske dated October 29, 2007 regarding Textbook Affordability was distributed. The committee is asked to “*recommend ways in which faculty might be systematically educated about methods for reducing unnecessary costs for textbooks.*” The committee agreed to review the document and provide best practices on campus they are aware of and share them with the committee at the next meeting.

8.2. Hate Crime Incident

The Senate is currently reviewing a reported hate crime on campus and will report to the committee at a later date.

9. Adjournment

M/s/p to adjourn at 2:45 p.m.