

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

**ACADEMIC SENATE, STUDENT POLICY COMMITTEE**

January 24, 2008, 1:30 - 3:10 p.m., SA 110

**MINUTES**

**Present:** D. Borough, J. Chemel, N. Fabris, C. Gladish, M. Javeri, J. Kennedy, A. Reed,  
A. Ross, G. Washington

**Excused:** K. Foster, M. Zepeda, V. Talavera-Bustillos

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by A. Reed, Vice Chair at 1:32 p.m.

2. Announcements

None

3. Intent to Raise Questions

None

4. Approval of the Minutes of the January 10, 2008 (SPC 07-04)

M/S/P approval of the minutes as amended.

5. Approval of the Agenda

M/S/P approval of agenda as amended.

6. Liaison Reports

6.1. Executive Committee

None.

6.2. Academic Advisement Subcommittee

D. Borough reported GET will be not be available due to an upgrade from 8.0 to 8.9. Very little information has been shared with students regarding the unavailability of GET. The dates are February 18 – 27, 2008.

Discussion on how this will affect students needing advisement. Students are advised to print unofficial transcripts to have ready when they attend advisement meetings.

6.3. Associated Students, Inc.

None.

7. Old Business

7.1. Freedom of Speech

The committee is expected to receive its charge by next week.

7.2. Textbook Affordability

Discussion ensued on various alternatives to the purchase of textbooks. A. Reed suggested faculty look at the website <http://proquest.safaribooksonline.com/>. A. Reed also suggested for the Library to make available this website to all students by adding a direct link to the Library Homepage and or adding it to their database list. C. Gladish to follow-up with the Librarian. Faculty should also have available to them a link to the site in order to consider choosing books that are available on Safari. C. Gladish to provide an update on status of notification to students/faculty regarding availability of Safari.

The Textbook Affordability document should be made available to students and staff on university websites. A. Reed suggests the link should be on the main homepage for easy access.

The University Times should include an article based on recent media coverage as a reminder about illegal downloading.

The committee is recommending to the Senate to create a small task force to meet with the bookstore manager to discuss textbook affordability.

8. Software Access for Students

8.1. Faculty are concerned with conflicting information regarding software access for students at a reduced price. The reduced cost for the purchase of Microsoft Office is no longer available to students, only faculty and staff. A. Ross to investigate and report back to the committee.

9. Adjournment

M/s/p to adjourn at 2:36 p.m.