

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

ACADEMIC SENATE, STUDENT POLICY COMMITTEE

February 28, 2008, 1:30 - 3:10 p.m., SA 110

MINUTES

Present: D. Borough, J. Chemel, N. Fabris, K. Foster, M. Javeri, J. Kennedy, A. Reed, A. Ross, V. Talavera-Bustillos, G. Washington, M. Zepeda

Excused: C. Gladish

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 EagleFest was very successful with about 4000 students in attendance. He reminded the committee of the upcoming VIP Day to be held on April 5, 2008.

3. Intent to Raise Questions

None.

4. Approval of the Minutes of February 14, 2008 (SPC 07-06)

M/S/P approval of the minutes.

5. Approval of the Agenda

M/S/P approval of agenda.

6. Liaison Reports

6.1. Executive Committee

The committee is currently discussing accessibility and how best to address it on campus.

The committee is also discussing the faculty perceptions of administrators. Some of the administrators that will be under review include A. Ross, A. Gonzalez, S. Cash, A. Stops, J. Galvan, and E. Lipton.

The committee also discussed transfer student orientation. The President suspended mandatory orientation for Spring 2008 until further notice. Discussions on how to implement mandatory orientation will continue.

Discussions on the CSU Budget are also taking place on how we can be proactive and work with the administrators.

Faculty retention is also a concern. An ad hoc committee will be created to address retention of faculty.

6.2. Academic Advisement Subcommittee

The committee is working on recommendations to the Provost/Vice President on how to deal with future issues with GET shutting down. Suggestions such as being informed well in advance and more communication between Instructional Technology and the faculty were discussed. Training sessions were canceled at the last minute. Guidelines are going to be created to try and help address the issue.

6.3. Associated Students, Inc.

The VP for Academic Governance is currently vacant which is affecting student representation on various committees.

ASI will be sending six busloads of students to lobby in Sacramento against the budget situation.

7. Old Business

7.1. Freedom of Speech

Further discussions on the freedom of speech continued. A. Reed offered to work on a draft preamble and will forward to all members via email. D. Borough will provide the committee with a list of terms to assist the committee with the draft document. A draft should be ready for the committee to review and vote on at the next meeting. Clarification will be sought on the loud sound document.

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.

9. Adjournment

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