

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

ACADEMIC SENATE, STUDENT POLICY COMMITTEE

April 9, 2009, 1:30 - 3:10 p.m., SA 110

MINUTES

Present: M. Javeri, J. Kennedy, K. Mew, J. Orta, V. Talavera-Bustillos,
L. Williams, M. Zepeda

Absent: K. Foster, N. Nourmohammadi, A. Ross, R. Salinas

1. Call to Order

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

2. Announcements

M. Javeri will conduct a technology presentation to disseminate current student use, faculty use, and classroom use. Brief discussion ensued on how to conduct on-line courses and student engagement in distance learning.

3. Approval of the Minutes of March 12, 2009 (SPC 08-06)

M/S/P approved with minor edits.

4. Approval of the Agenda

M/S/P approval of agenda.

5. Intent to Raise Questions

None.

6. Liaison Reports

6.1 Executive Committee Liaison

M. Zepeda reported that the Executive Committee is looking into the decrease in the number of full-time faculty over the last decade. Further, the Executive Committee is concerned with the ratio of full to part-time instructors. The Executive Committee is concerned about faculty retention.

A special task force has been convened to develop an interim policy on grade grievances. This is in response to a mandate from the Board of Trustees. This issue will come before SPC in the future.

Another task force is forming to examine the appropriate number of counselors to students. Evidently, CSULA has the lowest ratio of counselors to students in the CSU. J. Faust is working with the task force.

The fourth topic of discussion was possible semester conversion. The Chair of the Academic Senate and the Provost are meeting to create a steering committee and it has not been approved.

Finally, interviews are being conducted for the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate studies.

6.2 Associated students, Inc. (ASI)

No report.

6.3 Academic Advisement Subcommittee

No report.

7. Business

7.1 Task Force Report on Student Evaluations of Teaching

Recommendations need to be presented on the Task Force Report on Student Evaluations of Teaching.

7.2 Evaluation of Transfer Student Credit

There was a discussion of possible issues related to the delay in evaluation of transcripts. Serious problems arise due to this delay. Group consensus was reached to compile questions for the director of admissions to respond to this inquiry for further insight and solutions.

7.3 Verification of G.E. Articulation

The committee members agreed that this issue is related to the evaluation of transfer credit and should be addressed in the memorandum to the director of admissions for a response.

7.4 Conversion to Semester Discussion

The committee is tabling issues of semester conversion until the steering committee is convened and directives are given.

8. Adjournment

M/S/P to adjourn 3:01p.m.