Academic Senate of the California State University
Academic Affairs Committee
Minutes, Meeting of 4/8/05

Present: Anagnoson, Arroyo, Buck, Cates, Cho, Edelman, Kellner, Mathy, Nishita, Rohm, Shields, Tarjan, Thompson, Van Selst, Yee

Guests: Boyum, Hornbeck, Kaplan, Karras, McAleer (State University Dean), McNeil, Montanari, Wheeler, Williams

1. Call to order – the chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Approval of the agenda. Moved/seconded and approved with the addition of items 7.7 and 7.9.

3. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of February 11, 2005.
   • Approved as submitted for this meeting.

3. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of March 9, 2005.
   • Approved as submitted.

4. Announcements, liaison reports, information items, general discussion.
   ▪ Anagnoson reported that President Rosser of CSULA had received a very positive three year evaluation from the Chancellor.
   ▪ Stanislaus has a new president, Hamid Shirvani, erstwhile provost of Chapman University.
   ▪ Anagnoson circulated the UC letter opposing the CSU legislative measure authorizing applied/professional doctorates.
   ▪ Anagnoson also circulated the CPEC report on faculty salaries.
   ▪ Background checks – there is a coded letter on the CO web site dated March, 2005 regarding campus background checks. FYI.
   ▪ The Executive Committee of the ASCSU has had several discussions regarding the demise of CAN, including a special meeting held Friday, March 25th in SF.
   ▪ Campus Senate Chairs meeting 4/7/05 – Anagnoson made a short presentation on the ASCSU history of advising resolutions, including the one passed at the March meeting, the sanctionable unit resolution passed in May, 2004, and the facilitating graduation resolution from two years ago.

5. Times certain.
   1:00 p.m. – Ed McAleer, State University Dean, Extended Education
   At or after lunch - Keith Boyum.

6. Liaison Reports
   ▪ Keith Boyum, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, reported that the initial hearing on amended SB724 (independent doctorate) will be on the
13th, where UC will likely speak against the bill. There has been no formal response from CPEC or private institutions. It is expected that the hearing will be successful but the Assembly Higher Ed Committee hearing in June or July may be more difficult.

- Campus enrollment targets for 2005/06 have been assigned.
- The Chancellor’s Office will create and maintain a database of department chairs in the system.
- SB1280, which would allow selected community colleges to grant baccalaureate degrees, is opposed by the CSU and not likely to pass.
- Academic Technology Advisory Committee's (ATAC) current agenda includes:
  - ADA compliance and what is mandated by law and what extends further into best practices or guidelines that might have juridical impact; Mandates beyond ADA, it appears, will be best fashioned at the campus.
  - The digital marketplace, a project to leverage purchases of software and learning materials.
  - Conversations about convening disciplinary groups to discuss issues of technology as well as holding an additional systemwide conference.

7. Items of business

7.1 Advisement issues OK

- ExComm received a copy of a BOT information item on advisement issues; the committee had no comments on it.
- An important issue is that determinations traditionally made at the campus level remain at the campus level rather than a new rash of system-level requirements. A letter and/or resolution from the ASCSU should come forth reminding everyone that 120 units is the minimum number of units for the BA degree. [In response, the chair drafted an article for the Senate newsletter about the 120 unit minimum.]
- The committee declined to draft an additional resolution regarding advisement.

7.2 Lower division core project OK

- At this point the LDTP system wide programs are complete, but half the campuses have yet to respond regarding their 15 unit requirements.
- The next 30 programs have been decided, based on the number of majors. The first 30 programs include 67% of transfer majors.
- Discussion ensued regarding the various LDTPs.

7.3 Remedial programs OK

- Thompson’s revised resolution was approved to send to the Senate with one change – on page 4, line 6: falling – change to failing.
7.4 Faculty Role in Intercollegiate Athletics
- The Hornbeck editorial suggestions were approved.

7.5 Admissions and the SAT Writing Test
- Admissions advisory committee will have a joint meeting with BOARS. The current idea floating around is for a 33%--33%--33% model, but that is open to revision. We might hold off on a recommendation for percentages but go ahead with the resolution to emphasize that the writing component should be used.

7.6 Extended Education and Self-Support Issues
- Discussion with State University Dean Ed McAleer at 1 p.m.
- Dean McAleer responded to concerns about academic quality in Extended Education courses including self-support summer terms.
  - One longstanding mechanism to maintain quality is an existing covenant with Human Resources that faculty cannot exceed 125% of workload. However, the 125% figure applies only to the academic year.
- Extended Education has had the ability to retain its funds and use them as enterprise funds for continuing education projects. The Continuing Education Reserve Funds (CERF) had amassed a reserve fund that is subject to restrictive Education Code policy. During an audit, several campuses were found to have incorrectly used CERF funds.

7.7 CalPig Report and the Price of Textbooks
- Postponed for lack of time.

7.8 Other resolution possibilities connected with Facilitating Graduation
- Postponed for lack of time.

7.9 Death of CAN, birth of the CSU Transfer (articulation) Number
- Will need course descriptors for CCCs to articulate with LDTP requirements. The idea is to post the information in ASSIST and students will discover it in CSUMENTOR.
- All CCCs have been required to submit GE courses for articulation through OSCAR which is now perfectly aligned with ASSIST. Soon faculty will be able to view any course descriptions.
- Disciplines will be able to develop course descriptors at whatever level of specificity they deem appropriate for the reviewing panel's use. Descriptors could range from "Introduction to XXXX" to descriptors that include a detailed list of the content required for the course.
- The ultimate goal is for students to be able to match campus requirements with CSU numbers. CCC catalogs list courses as CSU transferable.
- An area of confusion that has troubled several committee members for many years is the labeling of almost every course in many community college schedules of classes as “UC/CSU transferable,” meaning that the course
transfers as an elective. However, students interpret the designation as meaning that the course will meet specific requirements, leading to much confusion. An important clarification would be to make clear that only a limited number of "CSU transferable" courses may be used; i.e., if one takes a "CSU transferable" course to fulfill a requirement, other "CSU transferable" courses taken that would normally fulfill the requirement will count only or electives or may not count toward the degree at all.

- Based on the discussion, Anagnoson was to produce a draft resolution after the meeting. The committee’s plan is:
  - Draft resolution produced during the week of April 11th.
  - Phone meeting on April 22nd if needed.
  - Revised resolution ready for the committee’s consideration on May 4th.

7.10 Revising the 21st Century Report (“The CSU at the Beginning of the 21st Century: Meeting the Needs of the People of California”)

- Postponed for lack of time.

Adjournment – 3 p.m.