Welcome and Call to Order

1.1 Chris Hanson introduced Cynthia Desrochers, new Director of the Institute of Teaching and Learning. She asked for suggestions about roles the ITL can play in the future. She hopes to do some research on the benefits that ITL has provided to faculty and students in the CSU.

1.2 Chris Hanson also introduced Ken O’Donnell as Dean of Academic Planning. He will be involved in General Education review as well as program review.

Approval of the Agenda - Agenda approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes of May 9, 2007 - The minutes were approved as submitted.

Time Certain - none.

Chair’s Report - Jim Postma welcomed everyone and noted the length of the agenda. It is a plan for the year.

Administrative Reports

6.1 Keith O. Boyum
   A. Remedial Policy/Achieving Proficiency- This is coming as information only to the Board of Trustees, but the Senate will be asked to respond for a January board consideration of this. Trustee Carter’s view is that given our students and our standards, we will never get the progress on remediation that the Board desired. However, there are serious problems with lowering standards. Senate recommendations will be welcomed.

   B. Task Force Work
      1. Proposed Professional fee for MBA and other students- already on our committee agenda. There is a fuller report on this matter. The central question is recruiting faculty to meet accreditation requirements. There is a fair amount of constraint within the contract to raising salaries. Other possibilities to attract faculty include: assigned time, travel funds, graduate assistants, summer support, and IT support. Some of the fee amount would be set aside for financial aid. MBA enrollment has
been falling and Deans attribute this to lack of faculty available to provide the instruction. Students are being directed to self-support business programs. This item has been presented to Presidents, Provosts, Business Deans, Business faculty and they are unanimous in support.

2. Task Force on Drops, Withdrawals, Incompletes, and Repeats. Senate input is sought for a new Executive Order.

C. International Programs Strategic Planning-This was also an appointed task force. There is a concern to provide more information about international programs and to coordinate activities. Another concern is students who seek international experience through third-party providers. The problem here is that some campuses have been receiving kick-backs for sending students to these programs. An Executive Order has been drafted to deal with this. This is not primarily a faculty or curriculum issue.

D. Academic Technology and the Future of CSU Teaching & Learning
   1. Keith reported on the budget set asides for academic technology.
   2. There is a major effort on transformation of the classroom. The concern is to improve learning success that will at the same time save student time to graduation and also costs.
   3. ATAC and other groups will be consulted about two to three system-wide transforming projects and an RFP will be issued in November.

E. Access to Excellence –Two regional stakeholder meetings will be held this month and a third will be held in November. Stakeholders include Commerce and Industry; the P-16 community and Community Organizations. An annotated outline is on the web site and a draft final report is going to the Steering Committee and will go to the Board in January.

6.2 Christine Hanson-
   A. Introduction of Cynthia Desrochers, New Director of Teaching and Learning and Ken O’Donnell, Dean for Academic Planning.
   B. Update on CSU Task Force on Nursing was presented. There is a shortage of nurses as well as a lack of opportunity for doctoral education for nursing. This raised the question: Could we offer a doctoral degree in Nursing? A consultant was hired and a study was undertaken. The study should be done within the month. There is also discussion of legislation on this matter. UC just is not interested in producing any more doctoral candidates.

6.3 Other

7. Liaison Reports

7.1 Academic Technology Advisory Committee- Jackie Kegley gave a brief report on the August 16th meeting.

7.2 Admission Advisory Council- There has been no meeting. Vince Buck is on that council but there has been no meeting.

7.3 California Academic Partnership Program
7.4 Council of Library Directors (COLD)- Jackie Kegley reported that this group will be meeting in two weeks.

7.5 CSU Ed.D. Faculty Consultation Group- This group has not met. Chris Hanson reported that all seven campuses with proposed Ed.D programs received WASC approval. CEPC has been complaining about the quality of the CSU programs. Jack Scott and CSU will hold a press conference to counter this.

7.6 Disabilities Advisory Committee- Ken Nishita reported that the committee has not met, but it is anticipated that there will be policy revision.

7.7 Early Assessment Program Advisory Committee (EAP)- Ken Nishita gave a brief report on the work of the committee.

7.8 English Council- There is no representative.

7.9 Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Development Committee: Jim Postma gave a brief report. The primary work of the committee is to produce the examination questions.

7.10 Commission on Extended University- There was no meeting but Tapie Rohm and Michael Gorman are members.

7.11 General Education Advisory Committee- Jim Postma reported that the committee has been working on a revision of the executive order (595.)

7.12 International Programs- Jacinta Amaral is concerned about the strategic planning committee taking on curriculum matters since there are only three faculty members on this group. She is also concerned about the report and wants “homework” included with the report. Manzar Faroohar and Michael Lee are also on this group and Manzar is writing a resolution. Jackie Kegley reported that there was once an Academic Senate Committee on International Programs.

7.13 Intersegmental Coordinating Committee (ICC)- There is no representative from this committee on that group.

7.14 Lower Division Transfer Program Advisory Committee- Chris reported that there is some discussion of transfer from campus to campus. The main question is how should this be done?

8. New Items of Business

8.1 Textbook Affordability Taskforce - Resolution
Discussion of the resolution pointed to the need to include a statement about costs related to accessibility. The committee will work jointly with Faculty Affairs and Fiscal & Governmental Affairs on this item. The resolution was developed and perfected at the Thursday morning session. It will be jointly sponsored with FA and FGA.

8.2 Drops, Withdrawals, Incompletes and Repeat Policies - Resolution
The committee reviewed the Task Force report. Jim indicated that a primary focus was on cost savings, though this mellowed somewhat in the discussion. There also was lack of data to inform discussion. Jackie Kegley reported that in dealing with this issue on her campus it
was discovered that faculty and students did not understand what these processes were and that clarification of this as well as clear policies have helped to address this issue. There was concern that these issues get connected to advising. There was sentiment to send the report to campuses for feedback with particular attention to feasibility of implementation of recommendations. It should be clear to campuses that there is pending action on these issues which will result in an Executive Order. This will also go to the Board of Trustees as an information item probably in January. Thus, the committee should project a specific resolution on this for the November plenary. Chair Postma will work with the Executive Committee on a letter to the campuses on this matter.

8.3 Fees for Professional Business Programs - Resolution
There was considerable discussion about providing a resolution on this issue. In the meetings with members of the other committees there were many questions about this proposal and a concern that it might be a “done deal.” Further, the senate has not seen the full report. This item also should be sent to the campuses for feedback and also to students. Hank Reichmann developed a resolution on this issue calling for broad consultation and adequate time for discussion. The resolution was perfected at the Thursday session and will be jointly sponsored by FA and FGA.

8.4 The Lower-Division Transfer Patterns - A primary issue here is that of transfer of course between campuses. Stephen Stepanek will work on this issue.

8.5 The Voluntary System of Accountability - No one volunteered for this issue.

8.6 The Collegiate Learning Assessment - Robert Williams will work on this.

8.7 Council of Library Directors Strategic Plan - The central issue here is the need for library to pursue two kinds of cultures one based on print materials and electronic resources. Members to serve on this- Vince Buck, Jackie Kegley & Michael Perkins.

8.8 Career Technical Education - One issue here is facilitating the flow from the technical based education track to the academic track and also to support future faculty in this area. –Jackie Kegley will work on this with FGA.

8.9 The Digital Marketplace and Academic Technology - Hank Reichman and Ken Nishita will work on this.

8.10 CSU Funding Issues: State Support, Fees, Differentials - Andrea Boyle, Michael Gorman, Michael Perkins, Hank Reichman, and Tapie Rohm. will work on this.

8.11 Accreditation Issues

8.12 Access to Excellence

8.13 Facilitating Graduation - Jim will check with Keith and the Executive Committee on the status of this item.

8.14 The Ed.D and Other Doctoral Programs - Andrea Boyle and Michael Gorman will work on this.

9. Other
10. Adjournment: 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 06, 2007.