Present: James Postma, Chico; Jacquelyn Kegley, Bakersfield; Vince Buck, Andrea Boyle, San Francisco; Fullerton; Ken Nishita, Monterey Bay; Michael Gorman, San Jose; Michael Perkins, San Diego; Henry Reichman, East Bay; Tapie Rohm, Dominguez Hills; Steven Stepanek, Northridge; Maria Viera, Long Beach; Guests: Christine Hanson and Keith Boyum.

Absent: Jacinta Amaral, Fresno.

Visitors: Christine Hanson. Keith Boyum (briefly)

1. Welcome, Call to Order: James Postma, Chair

2. Approval of the Agenda (Action Item)
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/Academic_Affairs/agendas.shtml

   A proposal from the Graduate Deans Council on Post-Baccalaureate Standing was added to the agenda.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Meetings of January 16, 2007 (Action Item)
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/academic_affairs/meetings.shtml

   Minutes were approved with corrections to the spelling of last names: Reichman and Stepanek.

4. Chair’s report: Jim Postma – Jim reported that the new, possibly penultimate draft of the “Access to Excellence” document is out and available for comments.

5. Administrative Reports
5.1 Keith O. Boyum – Keith is meeting with the Executive Committee and could not join our committee today.

5.2 Christine Hanson
a. **Report on the Nursing Doctorate:** Legislation has gone forth for the Doctorate in Nursing Practice. The strategy is to ask for permission to offer the program and then later to ask for funding, and only at that point offering the program. This program is focused on preparing doctoral faculty for the CSU; a second emphasis would be to educate Advance Practice nurses. There is concern about whether the students would go out into practice and not into the classroom. Chris noted that Nursing students appear to have a loyalty to the CSU and are interested in teaching. Andrea indicated that those with the Credential would not make “more” money by going into practice. A question was asked about research. Andrea indicated that the degree would have a research component. She said that the Task Force was very interested in quality and thus research was clearly a component of the degree. Andrea thought that the movement on this would be slower than the Ed.D. and develop with a lot of cooperation among campuses.

b. **Rethinking LDTP:** Discussions are being held with the Community Colleges about embedding our LDTP in the CC effort to have an AA degree. East Bay and Northridge are serving as pilot campuses in this effort. This would be a joint effort to produce something meaningful and useful for transfer students. This might help establish the usefulness and credibility of the AA as well as refocus the LDTP.

c. **Other doctorates of interest-** There are no plans to move forward on either the Doctorate in Physical Therapy or the Doctorate in Audiology. Audiology is a very expensive program. There are successful joint programs in both of these areas within the CSU, but expanding them has run into limits for placements and other problems.

d. **Remediation:** There will be a fresh look at Remediation. Lori Roth will be overseeing this.

5.3 Other – Vince Buck asked about the process on the “Access to Excellence.” Jim reported that the plan is to have a draft go the Board Trustees in March and then to be voted on in May. The timeline would not seem to permit formal reaction by Academic Affairs or the Senate, but the Executive Committee will be collecting feedback from the committees and from Senators.

6. **Liaison Reports**

6.1 **Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC):** Jackie Kegley – There is a meeting scheduled on January 27th. The grants for “Transforming the Classroom” have been determined and work is proceeding by the recipients.

6.2 **Admission Advisory Council:** Jacinta Amaral, Vince Buck, Hank Reichman, Steven Stepanek – There is a meeting February 22nd. A number of issues on our Academic
Affairs agenda are on this agenda as well as an IGETC issue and the budget problems.

6.3  California Academic Partnership Program (CAPP): Jacinta Amaral – There is no report.

6.4  CSU Ed.D. Faculty Consultation Group: Andrea Boyle, Michael Perkins, Tapie Rohm, Darlene Yee-Melichar – There is no report.

6.5  Disabilities Advisory Committee: Ken Nishita – There was no new report.

6.6  Early Assessment Program Advisory Committee (EAP): Ken Nishita- The meeting will be after the administration of the test.

6.7  Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Development Committee: Jim Postma – There was no report.

6.8  Commission on Extended University: Michael Gorman – A request for proposals for innovative projects for self-support has been sent out to campuses. Proposals will be approved at the May meeting. A website is being created for the Commission. The May meeting will also focus on reviewing the mission of the commission; it will be a retreat type meeting to refocus the work of the commission and to engage in strategic planning.

6.9  General Education Advisory Committee: Maria Viera, Jim Postma – There has been no meeting. Chris pointed out that GEAC will remain the policy group while the affinity groups will be focused on sharing issues across campuses.

6.10  Institute for Teaching and Learning – no report

6.11  International Programs: Jacinta Amaral – no report

6.12  Library Directors, Council of (COLD): Jackie Kegley – Jackie reported that there will be a “Virtual Library” presentation at the Academic Council next Wednesday. Aspects of this project obviously need to be slowed due to the budget situation. Jim noted that in the 21st Century document there is a section on library staffing that shows significant reductions in this area.

6.13  Lower Division Transfer Program Advisory Committee: Jim Postma – Keith reported again on the joint efforts of two campuses [Northridge and East Bay] on work to incorporate LDTP into the proposal for an Associate degree.

6.14  Other- Hank reported briefly on the Campus Academic Senate Chairs meeting held yesterday. There was a lot of discussion of the budget and campuses demonstrate
much variety in dealing with this issue. There was also a presentation on the Equity issue by CFA. There was also a Q & A with Trustee Craig Smith.

7. **Old Business**

7.1 *Resolution in Support of CSU Doctorate of Nursing Practice Degree* (attachment) – Andrea reported that the proposal has gone to Sacramento. She will handle this resolution at the Plenary.

7.2 *The Collegiate Learning Assessment* – No further action.

7.3 Other

8. **New Items of Business**

8.1 Revisions to EO 595: General Education – Apparently the request for comments to the campuses has not yet gone out. The question is if we are still okay on the timeline. Jackie will seek feedback from the GE Affinity Group meeting on the 28th. Jackie and Tapie will draft a resolution for our March meeting.

8.2 Support for BOT initiative “Troops to College” (see: http://www.calstate.edu/BOT/Agendas/Jan08/EdPol.pdf and attachment) - The committee joined several other committees for a presentation by Jim Blackburn, CSU Director of Enrollment Management Services, on this initiative. After the presentation a number of questions were raised. There was concern about adequate faculty involvement. Another area of concern was about our current enrollment and fiscal limits, how does this initiative fit in? Does this set up competition for access to a university education? Efforts to expand outreach to returning veterans will raise questions of the resources of our Disability Services, given the new injuries being suffered in Iraq plus Post Traumatic Stress problems; his might also require some education of faculty and staff about these issues. Everyone agreed with the Social Contract involved here and were generally positive about the effort. Overall, faculty should be involved in articulation and other appropriate issues.

In the Academic Affairs Committee, there was discussion of a possible resolution. It was agreed that it should be supportive and strongly recommend faculty involvement, Perhaps there should be reference to the different audiences- those still in Service and those returning combat Veterans. Faculty should definitely be involved with the articulation issues. The military could work with ACE to do some preliminary evaluation to assist. Andrea will develop a preliminary resolution on this for the March meeting.

8.3 Criteria for evaluation of charges for statewide programmatic student fees – Jim will do some research on this.
8.4 Career technical education (with TEKR) – Jackie will check with Tom Krabacher on this and work as the Academic Affairs liaison.

8.5 CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam) – The consensus of the committee is that we do not want to take up this issue.

8.6 Academic Transformation (see: http://www.calstate.edu/ats/transforming_course_design/ - After much discussion, it was decided not to pursue a resolution on this.

8.7 YRO – This was discussed and it was decided not to pursue this any further.

8.8 Program Discontinuation Policies – It was recommended that Faculty Affairs Committee take the lead on this and that Academic Affairs will jointly sponsor their resolution.

8.9 Distance Learning – Michael Perkins and Michael Gorman will work on this issue.

8.10 CSU/CSU joint doctoral and CSU/CSU joint MBA programs – The committee decided that there should not be system policy on this, but rather that the cooperating campuses should work out FTE, credit, registration, and other issues.

8.11 Online evaluations: student surveys of teaching/course effectiveness (with FA) – After extensive discussion, it was decided that Faculty Affairs should take up this issue. Hank Reichman will send us a policy on this approved on his campus. Tapie Rohm will work on a possible resolution.

8.12 International Programs- There was some concern that this program has not been included in the Access to Excellence. Jim will forward this concern to Executive Committee. In addition, Jim will query the Executive Committee concerning our committee inquiry about re-establishing a Senate Committee to deal with International Programs.

8.13 Honorary Doctoral Degrees: Policies and Procedures (attachment) – The concern here is to make sure that campuses develop clear policies for nominations and recommendation to the President. After extensive discussion, it was recommended that a letter to campuses would be better than seeking a CSU Senate resolution on a policy.

8.14 Access to Excellence. Keith reported that comments are still welcome but there would not be much openness of the leadership to significant changes to the document. The Trustees will receive something close to this version in March. It will be passed at the May meeting. Various implementation processes will follow
including some white papers on some issues. There may also be some commissioning of efforts to approach the document from new perspectives. The document will be presented in Sacramento with Senator Jack Scott and Assemblyman Anthony Portantino, Chairs of key legislative policy committees as well to key policy makers in the Governor’s Office, the Secretary of Education and others. There will also be briefings to key legislative staff, CEPC, etc. Vince noted that he believed that the document was not very well-written and should be reviewed and refined. Others noted that the document is generally vague and doesn’t seem to clearly address research or even plans for campus expansion.

Jim reported that the Executive Committee is drafting a resolution on the Access document and if Senators have comments these should go to them.

8.15 Admission to Post-Baccalaureate Standing.– The committee discussed the proposed change. There was some concern that the change reflect the option of campuses to have a higher than 2.5 GPA, that 2.5 be seen as the minimum. Steven Stepanek will work on the resolution with the assistance of Chris Hanson.

8.15 STEM (Students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Keith Boyum has pointed out that the Senate has never passed a resolution in support of this effort. The consensus was that the committee should not have a resolution on this.

9. Other

10. Adjournment