Academic Senate of the California State University  
**Academic Affairs Committee**  
Friday, April 4, 2008  
Chancellor’s Office – Anacapa Room  

**Minutes**

**Present:** James Postma, Chico; Jacquelyn Kegley, Bakersfield; Andrea Boyle, San Francisco; Fullerton; Ken Nishita, Monterey Bay; Michael Gorman, San Jose; 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; Vince Buck, Fullerton; and Michael Perkins, San Diego.

**Welcome:** Call to Order: James Postma, Chair

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda was approved as presented.

2. **Approval of the Minutes from the Meetings of March 5, 2008**
   The minutes were approved and the secretary was complimented, though there was a suggestion that the minutes “could be more riveting.”

3. **Chair’s report:** Jim Postma - There was no report.

5. **Administrative Reports**
   5.1 **Keith O. Boyum** – Keith joined us at lunch. He shared a handout of issues coming before the Academic Council. This summarizes generally what is going on in Academic Affairs.
      a. There was brief discussion of CMS. Jim Postma expressed the view that he hoped that CMS would get to the stage where we could use the system for newer and more innovative processes. Keith responded that there is work being done in Human Resources on common application processes.
      b. He reported on an application to the Lumina Foundation which focuses on improved transfer and Transforming Course Design. If CSU’s application is advanced in competition, the next stage will be to develop a proposal for a one-year planning grant funded at approximately $100,000.
      c. Access to Excellence will be a topic of discussion for the Academic Council Retreat with focus on refining and implementation.
      d. Concerning Research Scholarship and Creative Activity there is hope to collect information on the work being done in the CSU in order to support seeking increased support for research and creative activity.
      e. On the Task Force on Patents and Technology Transfer, Jim Postma reported that CFA is apparently filling a grievance on the creation of this Task Force.
f. International Program report- there was some concern that there were not enough faculty involved in this Task Force. Supposedly this report is forthcoming.

g. On the Voluntary System of Accountability, Jim Postma reminded Keith that this committee had a resolution on the CLA portion of this.

h. Nursing Issues- Keith reported that work has been done to support Audiology and Physical Therapy in the Nursing Doctorate bill. However, there are still some political issues to be settled including how UC will act on this. It is assumed that UC does not have a “dog in this fight.”

i. Articulation with U of Maryland University College- Troops to College- this fits with our resolution and concerns.

j. Support is being sought from Sloan Foundation for Professional Science Masters.

5.2 Christine Hanson- The question of General Education credit for the international baccalaureate has been raised. This item has been sent to the Executive Committee and may come to this committee. The language for the Scott bill for the Doctorate of Nursing mistakenly indicated that CSU would seek private funding for this. This language will be removed. The legislature is concerned that Professional Groups are circumventing the legislative process. For example, now a doctorate is required for audiologists to be licensed and to get insurance. The legislators are concerned about spiraling health care. Senator Scott would like to have the bill focus on a doctorate for nursing faculty. Conversations are ongoing on what can be achieved in this area including expanding to doctorates for audiology and physical therapy with a focus on faculty and accreditation. Andrea Boyle made the point that costs will not rise if nurse practitioners are given the doctorate and, in fact, costs will be contained.

5.3 Other

6. Liaison Reports

6.1 Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC): Jackie Kegley- ATAC has not met since our last meeting. Jim Postma indicated that there is a concern about quality control for on-line courses and it was suggested that ATAC had been looking at this issue. Jackie Kegley indicated that there is an group working on On-Line courses. She will bring this issue to ATAC, but recalled that there had been discussion of this control being located on campuses. Chris Hanson indicated that the Associate Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs have been discussing this issue and sharing what is the case on their campuses. Chris indicated that she would share the report from this group when it becomes available.

6.2 Admission Advisory Council: Jacinta Amaral, Vince Buck, Hank Reichman, Steven Stepanek- Has not met yet.

6.3 California Academic Partnership Program (CAPP): Jacinta Amaral (May 22)- No report.

6.4 CSU Ed.D. Advisory Committee: Jim Postma- No report.
6.5 Disabilities Advisory Committee: Ken Nishita (April 17)- No report.

6.6 Early Assessment Program Advisory Committee (EAP): Ken Nishita - There is concern about evaluation of this program. However, there is not an indication that there will be a meeting soon. If there is, Ken will bring the evaluation issue to them.

6.7 Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Development Committee: Jim Postma

6.8 Commission on Extended University: Michael Gorman (March 14)- Michael Gorman indicated that there was extensive discussion of the RFP process. There is going to be an award in the name of Ed McIntee for the best application next year. There will be a retreat in May in San Francisco focused on mission and visioning.

6.9 General Education Advisory Committee: Maria Viera, Jim Postma (April 3)- Issues from the GE Affinity Group were incorporated into the new Executive Order. A lot of additional elements such as Financial Literacy, Physical Education, Sustainability were considered but there was no consensus on these and some possibly fall under Area E. This will be left up to the 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- The primary focus now is on the Virtual Library. Tapie Rohm indicated that as a condition of the funding for NIH and other Federal Agencies is to post any articles that result on their site so it is available free to all. This is an issue that should be addressed. Jackie will bring this issue to COLD. Jim suggested that it also should be sent forward to next year’s Executive Committee.

6.13 Lower Division Transfer Program Advisory Committee: Jim Postma- No report.

6.14 Other

7. Old Business

7.1 Approval of Revised Executive Order 595: “CSU General Education Breadth Requirements”- The committee agreed that the resolution is ready for the plenary. Chris asked what would be the status of the IGETC Standards? John Tarjan has reported that ICAS will now be the approving body for IGETC. Jackie Kegley indicated that this is surprising because ICAS has not been a policy body in the past but has always worked through the Academic Senates of each of the segments. Jim Postma indicated that our committee had reviewed the IGETC Standards and had tentatively approved them contingent on approval for the new Executive Order.
7.2 Academic Senate of the CSU Support of the “Troops to College” Initiative—This was reviewed. Andrea Boyle indicated that there was concern in the Student Health Committee about cuts to Student Health Centers in relation to the possible new demands that combat veterans as well as other military personnel might make on services. Other committee members are concerned about new demands on services of all sorts including demands on professors in the classroom. Jim Postma indicated that a real need was services to assist “troops” through the paperwork and requirements. Tapie Rohm suggested that we need to send a group to Maryland to investigate what is needed to make this work. Other universities such as Laverne do this very well. The general agreement of the committee was that a number of issues need to be worked out to make this a reality. There is concern that problems get work out in advance so that the effort may be successful. The resolution appears to be ready to go to the Plenary.

7.3 Shared Governance, Academic Freedom and Principles Governing Systemwide Initiatives with Curricular Implications—It was decided not to co-sponsor primarily due to difficulties in refining a resolution for the May Plenary.

7.4 Other

8. New Items of Business

8.1 Systemwide Student Fee Policy—There was considerable discussion of this resolution and it was generally agreed not to pursue a resolution. The whole issue is so complex, the variables so many, and assessment so difficult that making a clear statement on this does not appear possible.

8.2 Resolution in Support of the Virtual Library—Hank Reichman moved an amendment to the resolution after the word faculty, namely, “as an important supplement to the resources, including books and serials, of individual libraries.” This was seconded by Tapie Rohm and approved unanimously. The resolution was also approved unanimously.

8.3 Other

9. Other—There was no further business and we adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment