Executive Committee

of the

Academic Senate, California State University

November 12-13, 2003

1. The meeting was convened at 8:15 a.m. with members Cherny, Cook, Kegley, McNeil and Snyder present as well as Faculty Trustee Kaiser and Chairs Cates, Jensen, Thobaben and Thompson. Mr. Hood has a class and did not arrive until 9:30.

2. Agenda

The agenda was approved with numerous additions.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

4. Plenary Agenda

The Committee discussed potential resolutions for the November Plenary.

5. Logistics for the December Meetings

The Committee discussed logistics for the December Executive Committee Meeting (Wednesday from 4:00-9:00 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30-10:00 a.m. with Standing Committee Chairs), the Campus Senate Chairs’ meeting (Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) and the Standing Committees (Thursday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.). Any necessary copies should be brought, if possible, since the hotel’s copying services are expensive. [N.B. Academic Affairs Chair Thompson, to whom the Secretary expresses his gratitude, took the Minutes up to here.]

6. Long Beach Hilton

The Long Beach Hilton has changed management, and the new management will hold the Senate to the use of the blocks of rooms that have been reserved. The price ($122, without breakfast) is not the best, but they will also credit any senators who stay at the Hilton--regardless of the rate they pay--as counting against the block quota. Please let Anne Peacock know if you are planning to stay at the Hilton, regardless of whether you use the Senate’s rates or not.
7. **Budget Report**

Chair Cherny circulated and discussed the latest report on the Senate’s budget, which he will distribute to the full membership.

8. **CSU Draft for Trustee Policy on Sustainable Design, Nov. 11, 2003**

This is a concern of the CSSA and of some faculty members and it will be brought up at the Agenda Setting. The students in CSSA have developed an excellent analysis and note that UC is committed to full LEED certification. We will ask the Chancellor to reconsider the draft before it is presented to the BoT. In this issue, we are less advanced than the UC.

9. **Board of Trustees’ Agenda**

The committee noted that the Board has accepted the System Budget Advisory Committee’s recommendations and is requesting money for an increase in faculty salaries.

It was also noted that the partnership has not given us full salary parity in good years and has given us nothing in bad years.

The Committee decided to invite the students to lunch on Tuesday before the BoT meeting.

When discussing salaries, Chair Cherny will thank the Board for making a salary request, and use that occasion to educate the Board regarding CPEC methodology.

10. **Campus Senate Chairs’ December Meeting**

The Executive Committee will meet with the Campus Senate Chairs from 10-1; the Chairs will adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Items for discussion will include:

- Intellectual Property
- Graduate/Post-Baccalaureate Report
- Budget Update

It was agreed that we should talk with the Senate Chairs to learn topics they would like discussed at the first meeting of the year, to orient new chairs to resources available to them; these topics and information items could then be institutionalized.
11. **December Conference**

The Planning Committee will meet 11/13 at 5:00 p.m. to clarify the roles and responsibilities of facilitators, to clarify the role of “threads,” to establish clear goals for the conference and to discuss the expected outcomes of Saturday morning.

12. **David Spence**

Vice Chancellor Spence arrived for his Time Certain of 11:00 a.m.

He gave the Executive Committee a preview of the report he would make to the Plenary Session:

**Graduation Rates**
We must reduce the average number of units as well as the time-to-degree for all students.

$ What campuses can do once a student is there to facilitate graduation was the subject of a Task Force study chaired by Jackie Kegley and Louanne Kennedy and will be the focus of the December Conference.

$ Improvement of Transfer is being approached by the CSU Project on Lower-Division Requirements (POL) in Majors.

$ Early Assessment is complete. All 944 High Schools will implement this next year with Standards tests for English and Math. All students will know by August before their senior high school year what they need to do to meet the CSU admissions standards.

**Statewide Accountability**
A year ago a number of legislators formed a statewide group to develop a plan for statewide higher education accountability. This group commissioned a study led by Nancy Shulock of CSU Sacramento, and a working group which include David Spence as the CSU representative advised this effort and developed a report and recommendations. That report was submitted and the accountability plan essentially complete. It is expected that the report and recommendations may lead to proposed legislation early next year.

The annual reports will be brief; they will include aggregated systemwide data that will not lead to performance-based budgeting. This will be a reporting of collective accountability to see if the systems are meeting statewide goals.

**Fees**

There was a long discussion of transfer incentives and disincentives, including the imposition of new fees.
13. **Meisenhelder Nomination**

There was a discussion of Governor Davis’ nomination of Susan Meisenhelder, the Chancellor’s Office reaction, and the appropriate Executive Committee response thereto.

14. **Liu Committee**

Chair Cherny reported on his testimony before the Liu Committee and discussed future topics for Senate input.

He will be lunching with Bruce Hamlett and solicited topics for that meeting.

15. **Committee Assignments**

The Executive Committee made the following Nominations:

Advisory Committee on Programs & Services to Students with Disabilities: Bobbi Bonace

GE course review subcommittee math specialist: Marshall Cates

Student Health Services Advisory Committee: Sherman Sowby

16. **Latest Draft of the CSU Project on Lower-Division Requirements in Majors (POL)**

Numerous changes were made to the draft descriptions of the process and goals, which will next be forwarded to the Academic Affairs Committee for its comments.

17. **Presidents’ Commission on Secondary Education, November 2002**

The Executive Committee discussed the Presidents’ Commission Report as well as Beverly Young’s recent memorandum on teacher preparation.

The Executive Committee asked to meet with Beverly Young at 2:00 p.m. on Nov. 18th.

18. **IMPAC**

There was a long discussion of IMPAC and whether it should continue past 2005. It was felt that regional meetings should be discontinued, although statewide meetings may be useful. It was also felt that POL should be strengthened to forestall legislative intrusion. IMPAC slows down the process and impedes our work with CAN.

19. **Master Plan**

AB 242 was referred to Faculty Affairs. The Faculty Affairs recommendations for AB 242 were well received by the Executive Committee and will be conveyed to Bruce Hamlett on Monday.
20. AAHE in San Diego in April

The Executive Committee discussed the Senate’s participation.

21. Dates and Places for the Senate Chairs’ Meeting in Spring 2004

The Committee decided to leave them as they were planned, and to fly up and back in order to meet at the Chancellor’s Office for the Interim Meetings.

22. AAUP

The Executive Committee considered the prospects for the creation of a California Conference of the AAUP as a "peak" organization speaking for faculty in all four segments and was concerned that, if such does develop, there be a way for senates to participate in such activities.

23. Fee Policy Resolution

The Executive Committee discussed the proposed resolution on a Fee Policy with FGA Chair Jensen, and commended FGA for its proactive and insightful work under a short timeline..

24. CMS

The CMS Advisory Committee has been disbanded.

The Executive Committee discussed how we could obtain faculty input

25. Disability Support and Accommodations, Systemwide

The Executive Committee discussed the University Auditor’s Report 02-33, Disability Support and Accommodations Systemwide.

Copies of the audit report will be provided to the three faculty members of the Advisory Committee on Programs & Services to Students with Disabilities and to Lynne Cook, who will coordinate the responses with the senate appointees to the Advisory Committee and report back to Executive Committee in December

26. Adjournment

The Executive Committee adjourned at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hood
Secretary