Minutes of the
Executive Committee
of the
Academic Senate of the California State University

March 9-12, 2004

1. The meeting was convened at 1:15 p.m. on March 9th with Cook, Cherny, Hood, Kegley, Snyder, and Thobaben present as well as Peacock.

2. The Agenda was approved with the addition a Time Certain for Gerry Hanley and items 3.8, Pseudo-POL, 5.7 Honorary Degree Campus Procedures, 5.9 Committee Reporting and 5.10 New Senate Web Page.

3. The Minutes of the meeting of the February meeting were approved as distributed.

4. Chair’s Report

Chair Cherny referred to his previously-distributed report and made the following additions:

No appointment has as yet been announced for the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Chair Cherny and Faculty Trustee Kaiser visited Sonoma and inspected the sustainable design architecture in both new and refurbished structures.

5. Excess Units Task Force

Chair Cherny and Member Kegley reported on the March 1st meeting of the Task Force.


7. ITP

Vice Chair Snyder reported that:

There was agreement on the final regions report and the balance report for multiple subjects.

The Single Subject lower division unit requirement was still in process.

There will be a resolution in May recognizing the work of the ITP Task Force and thanking the members for their fine work.

8. Pseudo-POL Meeting

There was discussion of the authority of this group to choose lower division requirements for all campuses without the agreement of the faculty of the campuses.
9. Institute for Teaching and Learning

Chair Cherny will write to the ITL Advisory Committee and ask them, in light of the budgetary shortfall, to reconceptualize ITL’s mission, prioritize ITL’s activities, and develop a plan for external funding.

10. There was an extensive discussion of ATAC—its composition, role, and reporting—prior to Gerry Hanley’s Time Certain of 3:00 p.m.

11. Gerry Hanley—Time Certain 3:00 pm.

After an hour-long discussion, Assistant Vice Chancellor Hanley and the Executive Committee arrived at a new conceptualization of the organization of academic technology components that would provide appropriate representation for all constituencies. This plan will be discussed with David Spence on Wednesday.

12. The Executive Committee, having discussed the issue of campus policies for honorary degrees, referred the item to Faculty Affairs, with a request to report back in May with a resolution.

13. The Executive Committee discussed which Senate Committees would be asked to submit an annual report on their activities. Chair Cherny was charged with communicating this decision to the committee chairs.

14. There was discussion and praise of the newly-developed Senate web page.

15. The committee recessed at 4:55 p.m.

16. The meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Executive Committee Members Cherny, Cook, Hood, Kegley, McNeil, and Snyder; Standing Committee Chairs Cates, Jensen, Thobaben, and Thompson; Faculty Trustee Kaiser; and Executive Director Peacock, and heard reports from the Standing Committee Chairs.

17. There was a discussion of, and planning for, lobbying activities in Sacramento on March 22nd.

18. There was also discussion of, and planning for, the order of items for the plenary session agenda.

19. The committee discussed SB 1785 and the issue of legislative intrusion.

20. Senate Chairs Agenda for April
The committee discussed, among others, the following topics: Legislative Visits, Excess Units and Transfer Pattern, Graduate Task Force Report, Academic Freedom, Outreach, and Program Alignment.

21. The Committee recessed at 9:45 a.m.

22. The Committee reconvened at 2:00 pm on March 12th

The topic of discussion was the Board of Trustees’ Agenda and topics therefrom to be taken up with the Chancellor and his staff.

23. The Executive Committee adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hood