

To: Faculty Affairs Committee, ASCSU

12/10/07

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Dec. 7, 2007

Present: Guerin (Vice-Chair and Acting Chair), Baaske, Bordinaro, Brodowsky, Foroohar, Goldwhite, McNamara, Messer-Bookman, Sabalius.

Guests: Ambos, Merrifield, Roth, VanSelst.

1. The agenda was approved with the addition of a time certain for adjournment no later than 3 p.m.
2. The minutes of the meeting of November 7, 2007 were approved.
3. Announcements:
 - 3.1 Senator Brodowsky announced that the San Marcos senate endorsed the ASCSU resolution on Business Professional Fees.
 - 3.2 Senator Baaske announced that the Los Angeles Senate Executive Committee voted to oppose the proposed increase in Business Professional Fees.
 - 3.3 Acting Chair Guerin reported on matters discussed by the Senate Executive Committee. Senate Chair Pasternack met with CFA leaders to discuss several items: the impact of VSA on workload; the right of lecturers to be represented in Department elections, which will probably be clarified by grievances; Senate legislative day will be Tuesday April 8, 2008 but budget constraints may limit participation in this event.
 - 3.4 In 2003 the Senate approved AS 2634-03/FA on Academic Restructuring and Program Discontinuance. The Committee agreed to agendize a possible reaffirmation of this resolution.
4. Times certain:
 - 4.1 Mark van Selst: Mark clarified the role of Executive Committee liaisons to standing committees and enlarged on Chair Pasternack's announcements reported above.
 - 4.2 Beth Ambos reported on her work with marine science research faculty to form an Ocean Affairs Council to explore fuller use of CSU shared facilities.

The Chancellor is interested in the CSU helping the state's water resources and policy issues. A CSU faculty member will be picked to serve in this function. Over 200 CSU faculty are engaged in research related to water resources and policy.

The Chancellor's Office is looking at how faculty report the percentage of their efforts on contracts and grants.

A pilot program at SFSU is developing a faculty research profile data base.

5.1 Resolution on internationalization was discussed and revised with many changes. Suggestions are being distributed to the committee by emails from Brodowsky and Guerin.

5.2 Business Professional Fees: no further input.

5.3 Protecting Academic Freedom for CSU Area Studies Programs: the resolution was discussed and many changes were proposed. These will be distributed to the committee by email.

5.4 Strategies for gauging faculty satisfaction: Margy Merrifield time certain. The lengthy discussion included distribution of some of the questions on the COACHE survey; mention of an instrument developed by Senator Tarjan; comments on exit surveys; and basic questions about a possible new CSU survey: should it include lecturers; who should carry out the survey; should there be a sampling methodology – or on-line surveys and a sample of interviews; should the survey be a joint enterprise of the Senate, CO, and CFA? Possible procedures and questions will be shared with the committee.

5.5 Joint Task Force on Patents and Technology Transfer. The committee discussed the draft statement and raised a number of questions about the legal aspects of this topic.

5.6 VSA/CLA. The committee agreed to postpone consideration of this item, while questions about workload implications are clarified.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.