2009/2010 Academic Senate

MINUTES
May 11, 2009

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty Senators were present.

Ex Officio:
Absent: Meldal

Administrative Representatives:
Present: Najjar, Phillips, Sigler
Absent: Lee

Deans:
Present: Parrish, Merdinger, Stacks,
Absent: Bullock

Students:
Present: Levy
Absent: Armendariz, Montross, Orr, Pulu

Alumni Representative:
Absent: No representative assigned yet.

Emeritus Representative:
Present: Buzanski

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):
Absent: Norton

General Unit Representatives:
Present: Fujimoto, Sivertsen, Lin

CASA Representatives:
Present: Correia, Schultz-Krohn
Absent: Fee, Kao, Hendrick

COB Representatives:
Present: Campsey, Roldan, Jiang

ED Representative:
Present: Maldonado-Colon, Langdon

ENG Representatives:
Present: Gleixner, Du, Backer

H&A Representatives:
Present: Desalvo, Brown, Butler, Van Hooff,

SCI Representatives:
Present: McClory, McGee, d’Alarcao, Silber, Williams

SOS Representatives:
Present: Von Till, Lee, Heiden, Ng

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes—None available.

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Kaufman welcomed the new Senators that were present at the meeting (Senators Correia, Jiang, Lin, Ng, Silber, and Williams).
Chair Kaufman announced that today’s business would be the election of our Senate Officers.

Chair Kaufman further announced that the Senate Calendar including the policy committee meeting dates and times for 2009-2010 was attached to the back of the Senate Packet.

B. From the President of the University –

President Whitmore made the following announcements:

The President welcomed all the new Senators and said, “It takes extra effort beyond your normal duties to be a Senator, and that I really believe in shared governance that is thoughtful and thorough and this Senate operates that way.” The President said he had been on the Senate for almost a year now, and looked forward to serving with all Senators in the coming year.

IV. Executive Committee Report –
A. Executive Committee Minutes – None

B. Consent Calendar – A motion was made to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the consent calendar was approved.

C. Executive Committee Action Items: None

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. Policy Committee and University Library Board Action Items. In rotation.

A. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) - No report.
B. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) - No report.
C. University Library Board (ULB)– No report.
D. Professional Standards Committee (PS) – No report.
E. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) – No report.

VII. Special Committee Reports – No reports

VIII. New Business –
A. Election of Vice Chair of the Senate.
Senators Backer and Von Till presented their candidacy statements. Chair Kaufman called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominees. The Senate voted by secret ballot and Senator Von Till was elected as Vice Chair for 2009-2010.

B. Election of Associate Vice Chair of the Senate.
Senator McClory was the only nominee. Chair Kaufman called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominees. Senator McClory presented her candidacy
A. Driving statement. A motion was made and seconded to vote by acclamation. The Senate voted and Senator McClory was declared the Associate Vice Chair by acclamation.

C. Election of the Chair of the Organization and Government Committee. Senator Heiden was the only nominee. Chair Kaufman called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations. A motion was made and seconded to vote by acclamation. The Senate voted and Senator Heiden was declared the Chair of the Organization and Government Committee by acclamation.

D. Election of the Chair of the Professional Standards Committee. Senator Kaufman called for nominations from the floor. Senator Lessow-Hurley nominated Senator Backer. Senator Backer agreed to accept the nomination. A motion was made and seconded to vote by acclamation. The Senate voted and Senator Backer was declared the Chair of the Professional Standards Committee by acclamation.

E. Election of the Chair of the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA). Senator Gleixner was the only nominee. Chair Kaufman called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominees. A motion was made and seconded to vote by acclamation. The Senate voted and Senator Gleixner was declared the Chair of the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee by acclamation.

F. Election of the Chair of the Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R). Chair Kaufman called for nominations from the floor. Senator Von Till nominated Senator Schultz-Krohn. Senator Van Hooff nominated Senator Roldan. Senator Schultz-Krohn withdrew her name. Senator Roldan accepted the nomination. Senator Roldan presented her candidacy statement. There were no additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to vote by acclamation. The Senate voted and Senator Roldan was declared the Chair of Curriculum and Research by acclamation.

G. Election of the CSU Statewide Representative on the Executive Committee. Senator Lessow-Hurley was the only nominee. Senator Lessow-Hurley presented her candidacy statement. A motion was made and seconded to vote by acclamation. The Senate voted and Senator Lessow-Hurley was declared the CSU Statewide Representative to the Executive Committee.

IX. State of the University Announcements. Questions. In rotation.

A. Provost –

Provost Sigler welcomed the new Chair of the Senate, and also the new Senators.

The Provost is currently reviewing all the applications for Post Promotion Increases (PPI). The departments have made their recommendations, and this week she will be making her final decisions. Letters should be going out to applicants by Friday,
May 15, 2009. The Provost is also reviewing Retention-Tenure-Promotion recommendations.
Provost Sigler encouraged all Senators to attend commencement on May 23, 2009. There will be a breakfast for all faculty on that day.

Provost Sigler announced that this was her last Senate meeting and wished everyone well.

B. Vice President for Administration and Finance – No report.

C. Vice President for Student Affairs –
VP Phillips announced that the campus had submitted an impaction proposal for 2010-2011 to the Chancellor’s Office for approval. There are 3 components to the plan. There are a few select disciplines whose local area will be the whole state of California, but for all other programs for first-time freshmen, the local area will be Santa Clara County, and for transfer students the local area will be Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties. For a few oversubscribed programs, programmatic impaction has been proposed. This is the overall impaction plan for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011.

The President’s Advisory Committee on Enrollment consisted of eight administrators, and four faculty members that the Senate recommended. Student Affairs appreciated the advice from that group.

The student center facility projects are continuing as planned. Student Affairs has 100% schematics for the Student Union expansion and renovation, and have now started the design work for the Student Health Center. Student Affairs expects to have 100% schematics for the Student Health Center within the next few months.

D. Associated Students President –
AS President Baker announced that she and the new AS Board of Directors would be sworn in on this Wednesday, May 13, 2009. AS President Baker’s term officially starts on June 1, 2009. The rest of the AS Board of Directors’ terms start on August 1, 2009.

E. Vice President for University Advancement –
VP Najjar commented that University Advancement was responsible for development, government and community relations, the tower foundation, alumni relations, and gift processing operations.

VP Najjar announced that we are still in the quiet part of our fundraising campaign. Over these last 4 years we’ve raised close to $110 million dollars. This has been a difficult year for fundraising due to the economy, even Stanford has been hit.
F. Statewide Academic Senators –
Senator Sabalius noted that the CSU Statewide Senate consists of faculty representatives from the 23 campuses. There are no administrators on the CSU Statewide Senate, but they do have student representatives.

Senator Lessow-Hurley was elected to the Executive Committee, and Senator Van Selst just finished serving as the Secretary of the CSU Statewide Senate.

There are two types of resolutions in the CSU Statewide Senate. Sometimes we recommend policy to the Board of Trustees, and other times we react to ideas from the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees meet tomorrow in Long Beach. There is talk about offering classes through special session. The CSU Academic Senate has taken a position against this, because they do not want a two-tiered system where some students can afford it and others cannot.

The Graduate Program Fee for MBA students is being reviewed again. The CSU Statewide Senate is also opposed to this resolution. At the time it was proposed, it was felt that businesses would pickup some of this fee. The CSU Statewide Senate feels that in today’s economic situation, many businesses would be unwilling to pay the fees, and many of these students may be unemployed that come back to school.

The CSU Statewide Senate passed a resolution in support of the oil tax which would greatly benefit higher education. The CSU Statewide Senate also passed a resolution in opposition to faculty having to write a justification each time they adopt a new textbook within 3 years of a previous edition.

The Board of Trustees has proposed a pilot early start program for at risk students over the summer. The two pilot campuses are Humboldt and San Diego State Universities.

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.