

**2008/2009 Academic Senate**

**MINUTES  
May 12, 2008**

**I. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. and attendance was taken. Thirty-three Senators were present.**

**Ex Officio:**

Present: Lessow-Hurley,  
Meldal  
Absent: Sabalius, Van Selst, Kassing,  
Cavu-Litman

**CASA Representatives:**

Present: Fee, Schultz-Krohn, Hendrick, Kao, Canham

**COB Representatives:**

Present: Roldan, Campsey

**Administrative Representatives:**

Present: Sigler, Phillips  
Absent: Najjar, Lee

**ED Represent:**

Present: Maldonado-Colon, Rickford, Langdon

**Deans:**

Present: Parrish, Merdinger, Stacks,  
Absent: Meyers

**ENG Representatives:**

Present: Backer, Du  
Absent: Gleixner

**Students:**

Present: (The Student Senators have  
not been appointed yet.)

**H&A Representatives:**

Present: Desalvo, Van Butler, Vanniarajan  
Absent: Mok, Brown, Van Hooff

**Alumni Representative:**

Absent: Thompson

**SCI Representatives:**

Present: McClory, Kaufman, Hilliard, McGee

**Emeritus Representative:**

Present: Buzanski

**SOS Representatives:**

Present: Hebert, Von Till  
Absent: Lee

**Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):**

Absent: Norton

**General Unit Representatives:**

Present: Sivertsen, Romo  
Absent: Fujimoto

**II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes – None**

**III. Communications and Questions –**

**A. From the Chair of the Senate:**

Chair Meldal had the following comments/announcements:

Chair Meldal said, “One year ago when I ran for Vice Chair I did not know what I was getting into, and I’ve been in a state of thorough denial ever since. I’m honored and

privileged to be part of this community of the Senate. A number of things occurred during Judith's [Past Chair Lessow-Hurley] tenure that I hope to continue, namely adjourning early and not messing-up. Anything beyond that is frosting on the cake, and I consider myself a lucky person to achieve whatever we can do.

We are heading for interesting times. We are getting a new President, and I think it is appropriate that we extend a note of thanks to the Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees for the Selection of the President. Four of these committee members were Senators including Past Chair Lessow-Hurley, Senator Najjar, Senator Peter, and Senator Henderson. We all had the joy of interviewing the three Presidential candidates last week, and I think they all would do a fine job as President. I am very satisfied with the candidates. All three of them had a good understanding of the role of the Senate and what we need to do together.

Senator Van Selst, who is in Long Beach today, was re-elected as Secretary of the CSU Statewide Senate for the next year. This is not only to his benefit as well as the CSU's, but also a reflection on the quality of candidates we elect to the CSU Statewide Senate."

Chair Meldal announced that the Student Fairness Committee was in desperate need of students, and that they could not start reviewing cases until the students had been assigned to the committee. The Chair asked Senators to get the word out and help recruit students where possible.

**B. From the President of the University – None**

**IV. Executive Committee Report –**

**A. Executive Committee Minutes – None**

**B. Consent Calendar –** The consent calendar was approved with a few additions from AVC McClory.

**C. Executive Committee Action Items:**

**V. Unfinished Business - None**

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

**A. Curriculum and Research Committee – None**

**B. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) – None**

**C. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) – None**

**D. University Library Board (ULB) – None**

**E. Professional Standards Committee (PS) – None**

**VII. Special Committee Reports –**

**Nominating Committee Report –**

Chair Meldal said, “The Nominating Committee consisted of Past Chair Lessow-Hurley, Senator Van Selst, and I. We can report a partial success in that we have good candidates for all Senate Officer seats. However, we did not succeed in getting two candidates for each of the seats.”

## **VIII. New Business –**

### **A. Election of Vice Chair**

Senator Kaufman gave his candidacy statement. Chair Meldal called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Senator Kaufman was declared the Vice Chair by acclamation.

### **B. Election of Associate Vice Chair/Chair of Committee on Committees**

Senator McClory gave her candidacy statement. Chair Meldal called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Senator McClory was declared the AVC by acclamation.

### **C. Election of the Chair of the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee**

Senator Sivertsen gave her candidacy statement. Senator James Lee was not present to give his statement. Chair Meldal called for nominations from the floor. Ballots were distributed by AVC McClory and Eva Joice. AVC McClory counted the ballots. Chair Meldal declared Senator Sivertsen the new Chair of the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee.

### **D. Election of the Chair of Organization and Government Committee**

Senators Backer and Hebert gave their candidacy statements. Chair Meldal called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Ballots were distributed by AVC McClory and Eva Joice. AVC McClory counted the ballots. Chair Meldal declared Senator Backer the new Chair of the Organization and Government Committee.

### **E. Election of the Chair of the Professional Standards Committee**

Senator Maldonado-Colon gave her candidacy statement. Chair Meldal called for nominations from the floor. Senator Hebert was nominated from the floor. Ballots were distributed by AVC McClory and Eva Joice. AVC McClory counted the ballots. Chair Meldal declared Senator Maldonado-Colon the new Chair of the Professional Standards Committee.

### **F. Election of the Chair of the Curriculum and Research Committee**

Senator Von Till gave her candidacy statement. Chair Meldal called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Senator Buzanski commented that Senator Von Till would be the first lecturer on the Executive Committee. Several Senators commented that Senator McClory was a lecturer and had been on the Executive Committee several years, and that Senator Von Till had also served as the Faculty-at-Large Representative [in the absence of a Past Chair] on the Executive Committee for the past year. Senator Von Till was declared the new Chair of the Curriculum and Research Committee by acclamation.

### **G. Election of the CSU Statewide Representative to the Executive Committee**

Senator Van Selst was in Long Beach and was unable to give his statement. Chair Meldal called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Chair Meldal

declared Senator Van Selst the CSU Statewide Representative to the Executive Committee by acclamation.

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

- A. Vice President for Administration and Finance – None**
- B. Vice President for Student Affairs – None**
- C. Associated Students President – None**
- D. Vice President for University Advancement – None**
- E. Statewide Academic Senator(s) – None**
- F. Provost – None**

**X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.**