CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING NO. 10 – APRIL 20, 2006

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Margaret Merryfield, in the Towner Auditorium at 2:09 pm.

All voting members were present EXCEPT: CBA: K. Lacey; COE: H. Rahai; CLA: C. Piar; CNSM: D. McKay; STUDENT: A. Schaefer; EX-OFFICIO: W. Griffith, L. Kingsford, R. Vogel.


2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the April 20, 2006 Academic Senate meeting was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Academic Senate meeting minutes from March 30, 2006 were approved.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. The Senate received the following concurrences from President Alexander:
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g. University Relations & Development is presenting a 6 week class series free to faculty and staff entitled “Your Financial Health.” The classes will be held on Fridays from 10:30 to noon beginning tomorrow. To register, you may contact URD at extension 5-5489.

h. The repatriation of all human remains, burial associated artifacts, and other cultural materials has been fulfilled in accordance with the Federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and in accordance with CSULB Academic Senate policy 96-04.

i. The 2006 University Achievement Awards celebration will be on Thursday, May 11 from 4:15 to 6:15 pm at the Pointe in the Pyramid. Hors D’Oeuvre reception will follow awards presentation.

j. Chair Merryfield recognized Senator Olson who announced that Faculty Supper Club would take place at the President’s home and would feature Kristine Zentgraf from Sociology as the speaker. She also announced that the annual Kaleidoscope Academic Day would take place Friday, April 28.
k. Chair Merryfield recognized Senator Chun who announced that Wednesday, April 26 will be the “Day of Silence” where students will be silent in an effort to bring attention to LGBT issues.

5. REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE CSU

6. REPORT OF THE CFA

Lydia Sondhi, President of the CFA reported the following:

a. The CSU and the CFA have come to an agreement on Article 21 — the article on summer session employment. A summary statement is posted at calfac.org.

b. The contract has been extended until June 1. The Faculty Early Retirement Program will continue. People who want to FERP must apply by May 1.

c. Recent research shows that student fee increases are more of a burden as the students “rise” — become juniors and seniors. It is good that the governor will buyout the 8% student fee increase.

d. CFA Lobby Days are May 2 and 3 in Sacramento

7. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Emma Daugherty Phillingane, Chair of the Nominating Committee

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items

9. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Alexander reported the following:

a. It is good that in California the state budget is separate from bonding. We will have about a 6% increase, which translates to about 18 million. This is good relative to the rest of the country.

b. He also reported on the CSULB strategic language initiative.

c. CSULB in consortium with CSU San Bernardino and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo have been awarded a 3.9 million dollar contract with the US Department of Defense through the Office of Naval Research to support strategic mobility.

d. We have the largest graduating class this year of 6,200 which indicates the growing success rates.

e. The Spellings Commission has the following goals:
   1) Access and Success of low income and minority students
   2) Life-long learning - need based
   3) Double the number of scientists and engineers (didn’t record the time frame)

e. Summer enrollment is at about 200.

f. To date we have about 18 million in fundraising. Cindy Masner has done an outstanding job. A faculty member from Geography provided a maps of the alumni of CSULB which indicate that 33% of alumni reside in LA County and 28% reside in Orange County.

g. We have a new Athletic Director – Victor Cegles.

h. This summer the Academic Advising Center and the Learning Assistance Center will move to the Horn Center.

i. Volleyball and Waterpolo teams are doing well.

10. REVISION: INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHARGE
11. IMPLEMENTATION: PLUS/MINUS GRADING SYSTEM

Item 7.2, Adoption of Plus/Minus Grading (AS-691-05/EC) came before the Senate for a second reading. Senator Johnson proposed an amendment to the original motion which would state that a faculty member, at his or her sole discretion, may assign plus or minus grades. The amendment was considered friendly by the original mover -- Senator Klippinger. Clarification was sought by several Senators and the amendment was determined not to be a friendly one. Discussion about the original motion and the proposed amendment continued. There was a call for the question, and the body came to a vote to amend the original motion as stated by Senator Johnson. The amendment to the original motion passed with the following results:

In Favor: 28
Opposed: 15

Discussion of the main motion continued. Senator Davis made a motion to refer the issue back to the Ad Hoc Committee for Plus/Minus Grading so that more research could be conducted. The motion was seconded. Discussion of this motion ensued. The question was called, with no objection. The body came to a vote and the motion to refer the issue back to the Ad Hoc Committee for Plus/Minus Grading failed with all in opposition but one.

Discussion of the main motion continued further. There was a call to proceed immediately to a vote. The motion passed with three in opposition. The body came to a vote to implement a plus/minus grading system. The motion failed with the following results:

In favor: 18
Opposed: 26

12. NAME CHANGE: LIBRARY AND ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Item 8.1, Proposed University Library Name Change to Library and Academic Technology Services (AS-693-05/CEPC) came before the Senate for a first reading. It was M/S to waive the first reading. The body came to a vote and the motion to waive the first reading passed. There was no discussion. It was M/S/P to change the name of the Library to the Library and Academic Technology Services.

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was M/S to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:53 PM.

Submitted by,

Micaela Aragon
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Keith Freesemann
Secretary of the Senate
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