CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING NO. 11 – MAY 5, 2006

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Margaret Merryfield, in the Towne Auditorium at 2:05 pm.


2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the May 4, 2006 Academic Senate meeting was approved with one correction. Item 8.1, Revision: Grievance Policy (AS-694-05/CEPC) was removed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Academic Senate meeting minutes from April 20 were approved with two corrections. Carlos Piar should be marked as present. In the Report of the President, section 9, item c should read, “There are 200 more FTE for summer session than last year.”

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Praveen Soni has been elected to serve as the Academic Senate CSU Senator to replace Luis Arroyo.

b. Run-off ballots for the Lecturer representative to the CEPC are due May 15.

c. The proposed amendment to reduce the size of the Academic Senate CSU passed with 20 campuses voting in favor, 2 voting against, and 1 divided evenly. Providing the Board of Trustees will approve the action, changes will take effect on the allocation of seats expiring May 31, 2006.

d. Rene Castro has been appointed as Director of Academic Employee Relations

e. You are cordially invited to attend a reception in honor of Gerry Ropisa’s appointment as the dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the Anatol Center Patio room following the Senate meeting.

f. You are also invited to attend a reception in honor of Victor Cegles’s appointment as the new Athletic Director that will be held in the Sunset Lounge, University Student Union (next to the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf) Friday, May 5, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

g. At next week’s Senate meeting the body should be prepared to nominate candidates to serve on the Nominating Committee and the Executive Committee.

h. The University Awards ceremony will be on May 11 in the Pointe after the Senate meeting.

5. REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE CSU: No report

6. REPORT OF THE CFA: No report

7. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Emma Daugherty Phillingane, Chair of the Nominating Committee recommended to the body that the nominations be postponed until the May 11 meeting. There were no objections.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR: No items

9. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: President Alexander reported the following:
a. Thank you to those who were involved with Kaleidescope which attracted thousands of people to our campus. It was a wonderful “in-reach” event.

b. Because this is a stressful time of year, he asked that faculty pay special attention to those students who might fall through the cracks.

c. Talks regarding the authorization of the Higher Education Act were “useful” however the Federal government will not be making a decision this year.

d. The CSU is in good shape in regards to not have been effected by the controversies in the UC.

e. There is 7 million in academic outreach dollars from the State. This will go to Math, Science, and Nursing in the form of dollars and/or increased enrollment.

f. We have been asked to double the number of teachers. The APLE has 11 million dollars in the Forgivable Loan program for students that want to teach in certain areas. The program is for teachers in math, science, language, special education and who are willing to teach in Title I area junior high and high schools. The students have a four year commitment to teach, and their student loans will be paid. The President encourages the faculty to make this known to their students, especially those who might yet know what they would like to do after they graduate.

g. Some schools are implementing an EAP test which is given to juniors in high school to see if they are CSU eligible.

h. Things are going well with searches. We’ve completed about half of the 80.

i. John Kenneth Galbraith has died. He was a great social thinker, presidential speech writer, and an inspiration.

10. REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE FORTY-NINER SHOPS

Mr. Penrod introduced himself and thanked the chair for inviting him to speak. He shared his background, which is mostly in the private sector, and explained that his leadership philosophy is based on making sure employees were happy and were included in decision making. This, he said, results in satisfied customers. The Forty-Niner Shops new mission is to promote student success and commercial success. The Forty-Niner Shops’s work force is comprised of a majority of student workers which he believes contributes to their financial success, work experience, and involvement with campus life. The Shops have begun an internship program with the Restaurant Management Program. The Shops will be embarking on a renovation project of the Dining Plaza area. They want to encourage students to “hang out” and study which will increase their time on campus which is known to increase student success. The Shops have also doubled their scholarships and plan on increasing the number and are considering doing textbook scholarships. There are plans to build a Starbucks in the Library and other restaurants have been approached as possible additions to the Dining Plaza, such as California Pizza Kitchen, Rubio’s and Sbarro’s.

The body was invited to ask questions. It was asked why the campus needs a Starbucks when there is a Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf to which Mr. Penrod answered that the market for coffee is very large because students drink much more than the regular population. A question was asked about the prices at the Outpost being raised and he replied that they wanted to keep the prices consistent on campus so they were brought in line. Another question was asked about if the workers were unionized and he replied that they were not, and they were mostly student employees. A question about how buy-back works was put forth and Mr. Penrod explained that books that would be used again are bought back at 55% of the new price and sold for 75% of the new price.

11. REVISION: ACADEMIC APPEALS COMMITTEE CHARGE

Item 8.2, Revision of the Academic Appeals Committee charge (AS-695-05/CEPC) came before the Senate for a first reading. It was M/S to approve. Senator Huckaby summarized the changes proposed and indicated that any ideas about changing the Committee’s responsibility for general education appeals would be discussed and decided with the GEGC in the future. This item will come before the Senate for a second reading on May 11, 2006.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was M/S to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:31 PM.

Submitted by,                                  Approved by,

Micaela Aragon, Recording Secretary           Keith Freesemann, Secretary of the Senate