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**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate**  
**Tuesday, May 20, 2008**  
**UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 p.m.**

Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. Due to Bruno Giberti's absence, John Soares, Academic Senate Chair-Elect, chaired the meeting.

- I. Minutes: The minutes of April 29 were approved as presented.
- II. Communications and Announcements: Soares announced that President Baker has approved the Resolution on Evaluation of Teaching Associates, and the Resolution on *Report to the Provost: Task Group on the Future of the Library*.
- III. Regular Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
  - B. President's Office: none.
  - C. Provost: Durgin reported that enrollment for fall quarter 2008 is on target with 3,631 freshmen and 721 transfer students with an average SAT score of 1267. Many good ideas have been received; form the sustainability subcommittee, on the desired direction the campus should take to make the sustainability content in academic programs stronger
  - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: none.
  - E. Statewide Senate: LoCascio announced that Management Professor, John Tarjan from CSU Bakersfield has been selected Chair for the Statewide Academic Senate.
  - F. CFA Campus President: none.
  - G. ASI Representative: none.

Special Reports:

President Baker: report on educational issues including budget and sustainability. Next year's student enrollment will be approximately 1,100 less. The budget's May revise includes a restoration of \$100 million, which means that reductions will be about 2/3 of previously expected. The biggest concern for next year's budget is the lack of attention to the capital outlay, especially since we need the funds to begin construction on the new Center for Science and Math. At a Board of Trustees meeting, a VP for AT&T and other colleagues discussed the inability of corporations to continue their growth in California due to the lack of qualified workers. The formation of the Center for Excellence in Science and Math Education is partnering with many organizations and the CSU to improve the K-12 graduation

requirements in science by providing paid internships programs for science and math teachers. A program that is having great success is the Parents in Quality Education, a program supported by funds from various organizations and the CSU, which focuses on educating parents on the importance of higher educations. This program focuses primarily on under served and predominantly Latino communities. Ideas from the sustainability charrette, which took place in February, are providing the focus for the level of expertise and framework of materials necessary in general education to guarantee that our students understand the issues of sustainability and have enough insights of the scientific implications in term of carrying out their civic responsibility.

IV. Consent Agenda: none.

V. Business Item(s):

- A. Resolution on WU Grade (Instruction Committee): Schaffner presented the resolution, which proposes that AS-449-95/IC Resolution on “U” Grades be repealed, that grading policies be disseminated quarterly to all faculty prior to grade entry, and that grade definitions be made easily available for reference during grade entry. M/S/P to approve the resolution.
- B. Resolution on Changes to the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate* (Executive Committee): Soares presented the resolution, which proposes changes to the Bylaws, many editorial in nature. This resolution will return as a second reading item.
- C. Resolution on Revisions to *Fairness Board Description and Procedures* (Fairness Board): Shapiro presented the resolution, which revises the description and procedures for the Fairness Board. The resolution will return as a second reading item.
- D. Resolution on Revisions to Campus Administrative Manual Section 684: Academic Dishonesty—Cheating and Plagiarism (Fairness Board): Shapiro presented this resolution, which revises and updates CAM 684 to indicate that the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) now conducts the appeal process for students accused of cheating and plagiarism. The resolution will return as a second reading item.

VI. Discussion Item(s): none.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by

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