Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
March 13, 2008

1.

The March meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2008 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Tom Petros presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Collin  Haskins, James  Melland, Helen
Anderson, Katherine  Hoffarth, Janice  Mertz, Tara
Axtman, Benjamin  Hume, Wendelin  Murphy, Eric
Bass, Gail  Hunter, Susan  Myrick, Matthew
Berne, Jane  Iiams, Michele  Nelson, Susan
Berwald, Olaf  Iverson, Joneen  Perkins, Dexter
Boyd, Robert  Jackson, Jon  Petros, Thomas
Broedel, Hans  Jackson, Margaret  Poochigian, Donald
Buhr, Jordan  Jeno, Sue  Potvin, Martha
Campbell, Katherine  Jerath, Sukhvarsh  Reza, Hassan
DeMers, Judy  Johnson, Gary  Richards, Thomas
Doze, Van  Khavanin, Mohammad  Rieke, Judy
Elsinga, Lillian  Kupchella, Charles  Rosenberger, Thad
Ferraro, Richard  Lawrence, David  Schwartz, Rhonda
Fisher, Jay  LeBel, Paul  Stolt, Wilbur
Gallager, Robert  Little, Michael  Sun, Jeffrey
Ghribi, Othman  Liu, Rugao  Watson, John
Gourneau, Bonni  Lothspeich, Jason  Weisenstein, Greg
Grandstrand, Tyrone  Mamaghani, Iraj  Widmer, Donovan
Grant, Emanuel  Marshall, David  Wittgraf, Michael
Graves, Corey  Mayzer, Roni

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Suzanne  Riedy, Joshua
Baker, Mary  Schnellert, Gary
Behrmann, William  Smith, Bruce
Beneda, Nancy  Tepper, Nadine
Benoit, Joseph  Wettersten, Kara
Bradley, April  Wilson, H. David
Covington, Chandice  Wu, Min
Cripe, Haylee
Drewes, Mary
Elbert, Dennis
Faruque, Saleh
Gordon, Gregory
Halvorson, Isaac
Kaler, Amanda
Kitzes, Adam
Light, Steven
Moen, Jan
Mortinson, Matthew
Rendahl, Stephen
4. The following announcements were made:
   a. Mr. Petros announced that Big Event flyers were available and encouraged senators to participate.
   b. President Kupchella distributed information regarding the Sustainability Symposium.
   c. Mr. Gallager reported that a Parking Task Force is being formed to review and make recommendations to the University Administrative Parking Committee.

5. The question period began during the parking update given by Mr. Gallager and was closed at 4:30 p.m.

6. The chair asked for corrections or additions to the February 7, 2008 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

7. A motion was made by Mr. Marshall, and seconded by Ms. DeMers, to accept and file the Senate Student Academic Standards Committee, Administrative Procedures Committee, Academic Policies and Admissions Committee, and General Education Requirements Committee annual reports. The motion was approved.

8. Mr. Jackson presented a proposed change to the Council of College Faculty constitution which would allow the election of the CCF representative to the State Board of Higher Education to take place earlier in the year in order to take advantage of system resources to provide training that would facilitate the work of the CCF/SBHE rep in the year to come. Mr. Perkins moved to accept the change. There was a second by Mr. Poochigian. The motion passed with a vote of 48 for and 1 abstention.

9. Mr. Rice, on behalf of the Chair’s Role and Compensation Task Force, presented a proposed revision to the Faculty Handbook regarding the role of department chairs. Discussion ensued and questions were answered by Mr. Rice. Mr. Rice moved, and Mr. Marshall seconded, to accept the revision. More discussion ensued. Mr. Marshall moved to amend the proposal by adding a semicolon after the word “staff” in the third paragraph followed by “all chairs serve at the pleasure of the VPAA.” Mr. Rice was not in favor of the amendment. The motion was seconded and defeated with a vote of 1 for, 43 against and 1 abstention. Mr. Kupchella suggested that language be added to include requiring professional development for chairs. It was requested that the Task Force add the professional development language and that Mr. Rice bring the document back to the April Senate meeting.

10.
A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Perkins, to accept the Curriculum Committee report. The motion passed unanimously.

11.

Lori Swinney, Center for Instructional and Learning Technology, presented information and a demonstration on the clicker standard. Mr. Fisher moved, and Mr. Jackson seconded, to support the recommendation to use the Turning Point clicker. The motion passed with a vote of 43 for, 6 against, and 1 abstention.

12.

Mr. Murphy moved, and Mr. Haskins seconded, to extend the meeting time by 15 minutes. The motion passed.

13.

Ms. Iiams, chair of the Senate Committee on Committees, presented the slate of nominees for Senate committees for 2008-09. Nominations were taken from the floor and the senators were asked to complete their election ballot.

14.

A University Parking Plan resolution, sponsored by Dexter Perkins and Sukhvarsh Jerath and co-sponsored by Don Poochigian, Ric Ferraro and James Haskins, was presented. Mr. Perkins moved, and Mr. Jerath seconded, to approve the resolution. Discussion ensued. The motion was defeated with a vote of 10 for, 36 against, and 1 abstention.

15.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Lori Hofland for Suzanne Anderson
Secretary to the Senate