MINUTES for the Academic Senate

Meeting on TUESDAY,

September 9, 2003

Senate Members Present:

Gaudalupe Avila        John Gemello        Ania J. Otero
Patricia Bartsher      Deborah Gerson      Pete Palmer
Marian Bernstein       Sam Gill           Wenshen Pong
John Blando           Jan Gregory        Don Scoble
Tara Bohannon         Jaimes Guerrero     Brett Smith
Christopher Carrington Bruce Heiman       Miriam Smith
Gene Chelberg          Marlon Hom         Saul Steier
Yu Charn Chen          Rick Houlberg      Genie Stowers
Robert Cherny          Scott Jerris        Dean Suzuki
Caran Colvin          Karen Johnson-Brennan Dawn Terrell
Senate Members Absent: Eunice Aaron (excused), Alvin Alvarez (excused), Natalie Batista, Rob Strong (excused)

Visitors: Kevin Bowman, Dan Buttlaire, NeetaChowdry, Kristen Gates, Ann Hallum, Ken Monteiro, Brian Murphy, Godal Sakin, Mitch Turtiz, Marilyn Verhey

Call To Order at 2:10PM
Announcements

Senate Chair Edwards asked Senator Vaughn to the podium for an announcement regarding a CSU-wide scholarship, the Trustees Hearst award, given to five students every year in recognition of individuals who have overcome adversity in a variety of situations. Senator Vaughn stated that classics student Cameron Fitzsimmons had won this award, but teaching obligations prevented him from attending the current senate session. Senator Vaughn went on to note some outstanding qualities of student Fitzsimmons, who has been a unique student, a gifted linguist and teacher. He has a BA degree from Sarah Lawrence University, turned to Latin in his studies here, finishing his B.A., M.A. and certification. He has been wooed by UCLA to attend their Ph.D. program as well as others, and as a teacher and scholar he will be worthy representative from campus. Classics is very proud of him and Senator Vaughn noted that this was the 2nd year in a row that a student from our campus was selected, as a history student won this award last year.

Chair Edwards noted some changes in the senate office, that:

Angela Sposito was now the assistant to the chair, newly hired Leigh Magness

is now the new administrative assistant, coming from the History department, and currently working towards her MA in Anthropology here at SFSU.
Part time help also comes from the following students:

Nicole Henderson, Nathan Furgason, and Lejoi Mims.

Senate Chair Edwards also noted that the senate Executive Committee has appointed three election committee members:

Senators Terrell, Carrington and Palmer.

Senate Chair Edwards stated that nomination forms for four administrator search committees were on their way to senators’ mailboxes, due back before October 12, and urged senators to forward names. The four searches are for Dean of Faculty Affairs (internal) and nation-wide searches for Associate Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs, Associate Vice President for Academic Resources, and Dean of Graduate Studies Chair Edwards further noted that there was a faculty majority on all these committees.

Nomination forms will also be forthcoming for elections to the following committees:

University Advancement Advisory Committee,

All-University Teacher Education Committee,

Academic
Affirmative Action Committee,
University Academic Assessment Advisory Committee.

State-wide Senator Cherny reported that the CSU Academic Senate met last week, but his email report was not able to be distributed to the SFSU Senate. He indicated that a full report would be forthcoming at the next senate meeting.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Senate Chair Edwards spoke to several issues in his introductory remarks. He welcomed all senators, particularly newly elected senators, and noted both the internal and external complexities present for campus this year. Stress levels are apt to be unusually high, and he suggested that faculty refer students who might need emotional bolstering to the Counseling and Psychological Services Center in the Student Services Building, telephone contact 338-2208. Further, faculty concerned about individual students’ psychological well-being or wishing to discuss their own personal needs can utilize the staff/faculty number, 339-6100. He urged a spirit of positivism on all campus members.

AGENDA ITEM #1 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

Senate agenda moved for approval by Senator Otero, second Senator Houlberg. Approval unanimously passed.
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ITEM #2 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE LAST MEETING OF THE SENATE AY 2002-2003

Minutes moved for approval by Senator Jerris, seconded by Senator Otero.

Senator Williams asked for a correction on item 9, to strike ?not? from his statement regarding the sunset provision of the Patriot Act.

Passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW SENATE AY 2003-2004

Minutes moved for approval by Senator Otero, seconded by Senator Jerris.

Approval unanimously passed.

AGENDAITEM #4 - SENATE ELECTIONS?STUDENT CENTER GOVERNING BOARD

ACADEMIC SENATE REPRESENTATIVE: Time Certain?No later Than 2:15 p.m.

Chair Edwards stated that the Student Center Governing Board is seeking faculty representative, and Larry Medcalf, Professor of Speech and
Communication, was nominated. The Senate sought nominations from the floor but there were none forthcoming.

Senator Warren moved for election by acclamation, seconded by Senator Terrell.

Unanimously elected Larry Medcalf to the Student Center Governing Board.

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ITEM #5 - REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO URBAN INSTITUTE, BRIAN MURPHY regarding VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPUS INITIATIVE through SEPTEMBER 22\textsuperscript{ND}, 2003: Time Certain No Later than 2:20p.m.

The Senate received a report from Brian Murphy of the Urban Institute regarding voter registration. Murphy noted that this initiative was only an extension from what CFA and student com had already started. Murphy mentioned an article from the New York Times on the American democracy project, and the large number of people and institutions committed to projects of civic engagement. He thought a voter registration initiative a highly appropriate vehicle for supporting these ideas. He spoke to staffing registration tables and that this movement had broad support from President Corrigan, the Associated Students, and the CFA. He reasoned that this was a justifiable expenditure of classroom time, especially if it came at
the beginning of class time. This was to be a year long project, with concern for the low number of registered voters in this age group. He noted that voter registration in the classroom would be strictly non-partisan.

Senator Houlberg noted that the recall is frightening in that there are a large number of new voters, most voting for Schwarzenegger. We may be working against our own best interests.

Murphy responded that the increase is a function of poor registration in the past and that in the south the Republican party was the organizing party.

Senator Gregory posed the notion that registering to vote should not be driven by nature of candidates, and should be done regardless of expected outcomes.

Murphy stated that he was approaching the Senate as a participant and leader in conceptualizing and implementing the initiative. He noted the significance of the coalition so formed - SFSU administration, CFA and Associated Students.

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ITEM #6 - REPORT FROM NED FIELDEN, CHAIR, COMMITTEES ON COMMITTEES

The senate heard a report from Senator Fielden, chair of the Committee on Committees, who reported on the document prepared by the committee
summarizing the work of the 30 Senate committees who produce annual reports. He made general comments about the process, the value of peer evaluation in reviewing committee work. Senator Fielden further noted the format of the report: a full review followed by an executive summary, with recommendations that ought well to be heeded by committees. He spoke to the nature of the recommendations, and their intent to suggest ways that the committees could do their best work. Provost Gemelo had noted earlier that 40% of our faculty are now here less than seven years, and Fielden urged senators and more experienced faculty to adopt a mentoring relationship to new faculty, who will be doing ever more committee work. Minor complaints arose as to attendance and timely deliverance of annual reports.

Senator Smith asked if a committee’s report is late, if there is any mechanism for feedback?

Fielden noted that reports will be accomplished after the fact and brought as addendums to a future senate meeting.

Senator Palmer moved to approve, Senator Houlberg seconded.

Approval of Committee on Committee report is passed unanimously.

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ITEM #7 -ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE- ACADEMIC CALENDAR AY 2004-2005, 1st READING, NO RECOMMENDATION: Time Certain?No Later Than 2:30
Chair Edwards introduced the calendar, coming from APC, with split recommendations. Senate cannot deal with two separate proposals, so will move to committee of the whole, for more informal discussion, and will then return to full senate deliberation.

Moved to committee as whole by Senator Meredith, seconded by Senator Garcia.
Passed unanimously.

Discussion occurs in committee of the whole.
Moved back to regular senate session.

APC chair Senator Meredith moves adoption of calendar option two, second by Senator Stier.

Senator Cherny moved to second reading, Gregory second.
Passed unanimously.

Second reading.
Meredith moved to vote
Calendar Option Two
approved unanimously.

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ITEM #8 - RECOMMENDATION from the STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN AT SFSU?consent item?, 1st and 2nd readings

Student Affairs chair Gerson moved approval. Senator Chelberg second.

Senator Gerson noted the good arguments from guest Murphy today and that this resolution now urges classrooms for voter registration, to enable all eligible members access to registration.

Senator Chelberg requested a friendly amendment, to add Associated Students as supporters along with CFA

Amendment accepted by Senator Gerson.

Resolution on Voter Initiative passed unanimously.

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ITEM #9 - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: RESOLUTION in OPPOSITION of PROPOSITION 54, 1st and 2nd readings?consent item
Senator **Gregory** moves adoption of this resolution, 
second by Senator **Vaughn**.

Senator **Gregory** commented that the format is different 
from the traditional resolution format, as not all concepts would be accurately 
portrayed. Resolution is a statement addressing some concerns that particularly 
affect the scholarly and academic community. This proposition would deprive 
scholars from data and keep them from conducting research. And is an anti intellectual, 
anti empirical movement. Proposition 54 is antithetical to policy documents on campus 
and in CSU documents.

Senator **Otero** noted the full support of 
students, who had passed their own resolution in opposition to this 
proposition.

Senator **Cherny** noted that the statewide senate 
also adopted a resolution in opposition, and suggested that our resolution may 
help inform and contribute to the board of trustees understanding of this issue.

Senator **Williams** felt very passionately about 
this topic. Academics is the main reason for support 
but he noted that as an African American discrimination is extensive and the 
kind of data that proposition 54 would inhibit is important for tracking all 
kinds of research and discrimination. Ward Connerly (proposer of Prop 54) says that this 
proposition is a move 
towards a race blind society, which would be fine, but we are not there yet Proposition 
54 will not help.
Senator Cherny moved to second reading, Senator Otero second.
Passed unanimously.

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ITEM #10 - ADJOURNMENT: Time Certain? No Later Than 3:30 P.M.

to be IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY SENATE ORIENTATION

Meeting Date (Archive):
Tuesday, September 9, 2003