Minutes of the Meeting of February 8, 2000

Members Present: Diane Beeson, Kevin Callahan, Cal Caplan, Joan Davenport, Patricia Guthrie, Edward Keller, William Langan, Henry Reichman, Eric Soares, Emily Stoper, Don Wort

Members Absent: Norma Rees

Guests: Joyendu Bhadury, Gladys DeNecochea, Jake Fuchs, Mary Hubbins, Linda Kinrade, Frank Martino, Leigh Mintz, Sally Murphy, Carl Stempel, Arthurlene Towner, Alison Warriner, Lina Woo

1. Approval of the Agenda

   M/S/P (Reichman/Caplan) to approve the agenda

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2000

   M/S/P (Keller/Soares) to approve minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2000.

3. Reports

   A. Report of Chair

   The attachment to 96-97 CIC 24, the document that contains the new GE program, states that beginning with the 1998-2000 GE package, courses proposed for GE areas B (Natural Sciences), C (Humanities), or D (Social Sciences) must first be considered by the appropriate School Curriculum Committees (School of Science for area B and School of Arts, Letters and Social Sciences for areas C and D). Leigh Mintz will distribute a supplemental page to the Curricular Procedures Manual and notify the campus that we will begin implementing this requirement for courses proposed for those areas by departments outside those Schools. Courses approved for the 96-98 GE program that were not reviewed by the appropriate School Curriculum Committee will be granted temporary approval in stage one but submitted to the School Curriculum Committees for review during phase two of the implementation of the 98-00 GE package.

   M/S/P (Reichman/Langan) to schedule the Executive Committee Review of Administrative Officers for April 25, 2000.

   B. Report of the President - There was no report.

   C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

   The Statewide Senate's Faculty Affairs Committee has proposed a list of principles for implementation of year-round operations. They include the right of each campus to determine its own academic calendar (including the question of quarters or semesters); and preservation of the same level of instructional quality for the summer term, which includes pay at the same rate as in other terms of the academic year and offering a
similar mix of regular faculty and lecturers. Some Schools in CSUH have not been following this latter principle.

- The Board of Trustees has agreed to postpone until May the issue of revising Title V to reduce the minimum unit requirement for the baccalaureate from 124 semester units (186 quarter units) to 120 (180) in order to give local Senates and the Statewide Senate time to consider it, as requested by the Statewide Senate.

4. Appointments to Special Committee on Academic Standards

The Executive Committee appointed Penny McCullagh (KPE) as the SEAS representative and Norm Bowen (Political Science) as the ALSS representative to the Special Committee on Academic Standards.

5. 99-00 CIC 12, Request to Apply DANC 1016 and THEA 3014 to GE Area F, Performing Arts and Activities

M/S/P (Soares/Davenport) to place 99-00 CIC 12 on the Senate agenda.

The Executive Committee was informed that the primary reason for moving THEA 3014 to the upper division level had to do with the quality of work required for this course.

6. 99-00 CIC 8, Proposed New Student Center for Academic Achievement

M/S (Caplan/Callahan) to place 99-00 CIC 8 on the Senate agenda.

All members of the Executive Committee expressed their approval of the idea of creating a Student Center for Academic Achievement. Considerable concern was expressed about the funding for the proposed Center, however. Some services presently funded will be absorbed by the Center, such as the Learning Resource Center. But new funds will be needed. The Provost could offer no guarantee that those new funds would not come from funds presently allocated for instructional salaries. Some faculty wished to postpone placement on the Senate agenda until more details were available about the budget and the organization of the new Center. Others argued that the Senate’s approval would signal to the administration the priority the faculty gives such a center and it would then be the task of the administration to find the funds to support it.

The motion passed.

7. Report from Committee A

M/S (Soares/Caplan) to place the Report from Committee A on the Senate agenda.

The report was described as "the product of a great deal of thought and a certain amount of compromise" by the chair of Committee A, Hank Reichman. It is presented as the multi-year plan called for in 98-99 BEC 6, which outlines faculty participation in the tenure-track allocation process. The Guide also identifies criteria that departments, schools and administrative officers can allude to in proposing or reviewing tenure-track requests. At present, three different sets of criteria are being employed with conflicting and confusing results. The concern that this grants too much authority to the President was countered by pointing out that the President already possesses statutory authority for all personnel appointments, and that this Guide includes recognition of criteria favored by the faculty (e.g. replacement of lecturers by tenure-track appointments and recognition of the importance of General Education) not formerly included in the President’s stated criteria.
The motion was amended to place the report on the Senate agenda of the meeting following the meeting of February 15, in order to allow time to post the report, together with 98-99 BEC 6, on the Senate Web Page and invite faculty comments.

The motion passed, as amended.

8. 99-00 CAPR 5, Permanent Unit for Engineering Program

M/S (Soares/Guthrie) to place 99-00 CAPR 5 on the Senate agenda.

There was considerable discussion of the status of a stand alone academic unit that is not within one of the academic Schools. Professor Joyendu Bhadury, Director of the Engineering Program, explained that a committee dominated at least at first by administrators will function the way a dean functions in a School. A committee composed of faculty from the School of Business and Economics and from the School of Science will function the way a department faculty functions, recommending on curriculum, conducting searches, etc.

The motion passed.

9. Senate Endorsement of Continued Participation in CalState TEACH

M/S/P (Caplan/Wort) to place Endorsement of Continued Participation in CalState TEACH on the Senate agenda as a BEC document.

10. Senate Endorsement of the CSU Academic Senate Resolution on Support for Proposition 26

M/S/P (Davenport/Caplan) to place Endorsement of the CSU Academic Senate Resolution on Support for Proposition 26 on the Senate agenda as a BEC document.

11. General Education Coordinator

M/S/P (Reichman/Caplan) to hold over the issue of General Education Coordinator until the next meeting.

12. Late Add Policy, Revisited

M/S/P (Soares/Langan) to hold over the issue of the New Late Adds Procedure until the next meeting.

13. Adjournment

M/S/P (Langan/Callahan) to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

William Langan, Secretary