Faculty Affairs Committee

Meeting Notes of Wednesday, November 5, 2003

Members Present: J. Bhadury (Acting Secretary), J. Laherty, C. Maloles, D. Stronck, V. Traversa (Chair)

Members Absent: S. Clark, R. Garcia, M. Good, C. Lauzon

Guests: M. Karplus, B. Trumbo

Meeting was called to order at 2:50 p.m.

It was noted that the absence of members did not fulfill the requirements of a quorum. However, it was decided to still continue with the meeting, but not make any substantial policy decisions.

The agenda was approved unanimously. Given below is a brief summary of the essential points of discussion at the meeting.

Item 2 of Agenda:

The minutes of the previous meeting (Oct 15, 2003) were approved unanimously with the following modification. Item 5(b) of the minutes were modified to read: “FAC voted to return to J. Norton, Chair, Academic Senate, the multiple referrals that ExCom had sent to FAC. Norton will clarify, simplify and prioritize the referrals and forward them to FAC for action.”

Item 3 of Agenda:

V. Traversa presented a report. The following items emerged from this activity:

(a) S. Clark, the Presidential Appointee, had informed him that he (S. Clark) would be able to attend the remaining 2 meetings of FAC in the Fall Quarter.

(b) Phil Storrer, Professor and Chair of the Department of Accounting and CIS, would serve on the FAC Subcommittee for Lecturers. With this nomination, all the FAC subcommittees are now in order.

(c) V. Traversa would investigate the possibility of providing M. Good with an electronic (MS-Word) version of the documents “The Constitution and the By Laws of the University Faculty, California State University, Hayward”.

(d) There was ambiguity in the by-laws regarding the usage of the term “faculty” – it was not clear to FAC if that term implied only regular faculty or was inclusive of part-time faculty as well.

Item 6 of Agenda: After some discussion it became evident that there was a lack of complete understanding of the full extent of this charge. Hence, it was decided that this consideration of this charge from Ex-Comm would be postponed until V. Traversa could get clarification from J. Norton on the precise implications of the phrase “strengthen the document”.

Item 7 of Agenda: V. Traversa informed FAC that the recommendation regarding voting rights of the Presidential Appointee to the FAC had been recovered in the Academic Senate Office and approved by ExComm on October 28, 2003. Hence, as far as FAC was concerned, the matter is to be considered as having been resolved.

Other Items: It was decided that FAC would consider the issue of voting electronically at a future meeting where the quorum was met.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyendu Bhadury, Acting Secretary