

ACADEMIC SENATE  
OF  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
SACRAMENTO

Minutes

Issue #6

Wednesday, December 11, 1985

ROLL CALL

Present: Addicott, Anderson, Ball, Bess, Bosco, Chmaj, Christian, Colen, Comstock, Deaner, Endres, Farrand, Gelus, Gillott, Good, Gregorich, Harriman, James Hernandez, Juan Hernandez, Holl, Jensen, E. Kelly, Kimenyi, Koester, Kostyrko, Maxwell, McGillivray, Moulds, Nelson, Price, Pucci, Radimsky, Shattuck, Snow, Ster, Stroumpos, Swanson, Torcom, Wade, Wheeler, Winters

Absent: Alexander, Beckwith, Hitchcock, Madden, Pettay, Taniguchi, Walther, Westphal, Wilson

ACTION ITEMS

AS 85-68/F1r. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 1985, are approved.

Carried.

AS 85-69/Ex. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Board of Judicial Appeal (ASI): WILLIAM DILLON, 1986

Faculty Address Committee: [establish terms & fill vacancies]

CHARLES G. NELSON, 1984-87

JOHN SYER, 1984-87

LITA WHITESEL, 1984-87

ROBERT CURRY, 1985-88 (repl. for J. Brackmann)

JOHN MCFADDEN, 1985-88 (repl. for L. Kavaljian)

Student Disciplinary Action Hearing Officer: PATRICK MCBRIDE, 1986

Student Life Committee: ELAINE ALEXANDER, 1986

Undergraduate Education Study Commission: LAURA SHAW, Student

Carried unanimously.

\*AS 85-70/AP, Ex. "I" GRADE

The Academic Senate approves the following:

1. An undergraduate student's GPA calculation shall include Incomplete grades as "F's" at the time the graduation petition is reviewed. The graduation evaluation form shall warn the students by showing that reduced GPA. The form shall also have an appropriate warning.
2. The semester grade reports sent to all students shall include a code for Incomplete grades received referring to an explanation about the need for the student to remove the Incomplete as soon as possible. The explanation shall also state that the Incomplete will convert to an "F" after one year or less if the Incomplete is received during the year prior to graduation.
3. A degree shall not be awarded when a student receives an "I" grade in any course taken during the graduating year (ordinarily the student's senior year) if counting of this course as an "F" will cause the student's GPA to fall below the minimum level for graduation. An explanation shall be given to the student as to why he or she will not be awarded the degree and that completion within prescribed time limits will be necessary for granting the degree.

Carried.

\*AS 85-71/CC, GPPC, FisA, Ex. PROGRAM CHANGES

[The following program changes have been analyzed by the appropriate committees, including the Curriculum, Graduate Policies and Programs, and Fiscal Affairs Committee. The Executive Committee recommends approval. Full descriptions of all proposed program changes are available in the Academic Senate Office (Adm. 264).]

The Academic Senate, CSUS, recommends approval of the program changes:

- 1) Art Therapy: The Art Therapy Study Area will be transferred from the Art Department to the Department of Counseling, Administration, and Policy Studies, with an increase in the program from three courses as part of the 30-unit M.A. in Art to 24 units as part of the 60-unit M.S. in Counseling.
- 2) Criminal Justice: The Criminal Justice Department will move courses from one category to another within its 30-unit M.S. program, and will reactivate two courses.
- 3) English: [See AS 85-76]

Carried unanimously.

\*AS 85-72A/AA, Ex. SEARCH COMMITTEE, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Academic Senate recommends that a representative from the Affirmative Action Committee serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the search committee for the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Carried.

AS 85-72B/Flr. SEARCH COMMITTEES, MEMBERSHIP OF

It was moved (McGillivray) and seconded (Jensen) that the Senate ask the Executive Committee to explore developing a policy, for consideration next spring, regarding participation of an Affirmative Action Committee member on administrative searches.

Carried.

AS 85-73/Ex., Flr. ACADEMIC SENATE RESPONSIBILITY

After discussion, it was moved (McGillivray) and seconded (Bosco) to table this motion.

Carried.

\*AS 85-74/GPPC, Ex. GRADUATE PROGRAMS - CATALOG COPY

The Academic Senate recommends approval of recommendation A.1 of the "Report of the Study Group on Graduate Education, CSUS, May 17, 1985":

- A.1. The Catalog mission statement (1984-86, p.11) should be revised from its emphasis on the achievement of acceptable standards to an emphasis on the achievement of excellence. In promoting such a change, it is recommended that the current Catalog statement of mission for graduate programs be modified to read:

"At the graduate level, selected programs leading to the master's degree and a number of advanced credential programs in education are offered. Whereas the transmission of knowledge is the major task of undergraduate education, the utilization and advancement of knowledge are the major goals of graduate study. In keeping with those goals, graduate offerings at California State University, Sacramento are focused in programs which stress the achievement of excellence in scholarship, as well as the promotion of high professional standards. The fundamental objective of the programs is the preparation of students for leadership positions by the development of expertise in theory and its application."

Carried.

AS 85-75/Ex. ACADEMIC FREEDOM

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate, CSU, Sacramento, has maintained a long-standing commitment to academic freedom, as for example in a 1968 resolution which stated: "The Academic Senate of Sacramento State College believes that institutions of higher education must remain free at all times from the threat of political intervention in order to preserve and pursue the values for which these institutions were founded and for which these institutions stand," and

WHEREAS, An organization named "Accuracy in Academia" has announced goals which include monitoring faculty in the classroom to see whether they conform to A.I.A.'s idea of the truth, thus threatening academic freedom, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate, CSUS, endorse the following statement issued by the presidents and executive directors of nine higher-education associations:

"We are concerned about the threat to academic freedom from a new organization called 'Accuracy in Academia' (A.I.A.), which was formed by 'Accuracy in Media' to 'combat the dissemination of misinformation.' A.I.A. encourages students in classrooms to record professors' statements and send them to A.I.A., which will determine whether they are correct. A.I.A. says that it will ask the professors to acknowledge alleged errors and will publicize the professors' names and 'incorrect' statements.

"We believe such activities pose serious dangers for the following reasons:

"--The classroom is a place of learning where the professor serves as intellectual guide, and all are encouraged to seek and express the truth as they see it. The presence in the classroom of monitors for an outside organization will have a chilling effect on the academic freedom of both students and faculty members. Students may be discouraged from testing their ideas and professors may hesitate before presenting new or possibly, controversial theories that would stimulate robust intellectual discussion.

"--The call is for accuracy in academia, but the goal of A.I.A. is conformity with their particular views and is therefore clearly inimical to the principle of free expression of views by all members of the academic community.

"A.I.A. claims that it can assess the correctness of what is said in the classroom. We believe the quality of academic performance is best judged through peer evaluation by skilled professionals."

The statement was signed by:

Robert H. Atwell, president, American Council on Education

Ernst Benjamin, general secretary, American Association of University Professors

Robert L. Clodius, president, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges

Sister Alice Gallin, executive director, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities

Jim Harrison, president, Association of Urban Universities

Jules B. LaPidus, president, Council on Graduate Schools in the United States

The Rev. William C. McInnes, president, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities

Tom Swan, president, United States Student Association.

and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate, CSU, Sacramento, reaffirm its long-standing commitment to academic freedom, resist efforts by outside groups to identify faculty as "perpetrators of incorrect thoughts," and urge the public to continue its support for the traditions of academic freedom essential to a democratic, diverse, and free society.

Carried unanimously.

\*AS 85-76/CC, GPPC, FisA, Ex. PROGRAM CHANGES

The Academic Senate, CSUS, recommends approval of the following program changes:

English: The English Department will change its undergraduate program by increasing the units in the major from 42 to 48, by adding two required lower division courses, and by requiring majors to complete one year of college-level foreign language study, or the equivalent.

In its graduate program, the English Department will require all students to complete English 200A. English 200B and 200C will be dropped.

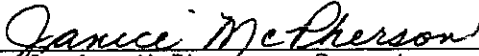
Carried.

AS 85-77/F1r. APPROPRIATENESS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN  
CAMERA

It was moved (Wade) and seconded (Bosco) to ask the Senate Executive Committee to develop a policy concerning the circumstances under which executive sessions may be held.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

  
Janice McPherson, Secretary

JM/CD

\*President's response requested.