

2000-01 FACULTY SENATE
OF
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

Issue #9

Minutes
March 15, 2001

ROLL CALL [+ indicates alternate]

- Present: Alexander, Algert, Amata, Banta, Barakatt, Bauerly, Behrman, Brentwood, +Brodd, B. Buckley, Cager, Chambers, Ching, Christensen, Curiel, Day, DeBow, Elfenbaum, Evans, Fitzgerald, Gelus, Hall, Harvey, Hecsh, Hill, A. Jensen, Klucas, Klyse, Kostyrko, Krabacher, Lascher, +Lee, McCormick, +Murai, Peters, +Provo, Raingruber, Reihman, Scott, Stanley, Takeuchi, Uwazie, Valadez,
- Absent: Antonyappan, Anderson, Bayard, L. Buckley, Cakouros, Cameron-Wedding, Deaner, Ewing, Kando, Kent, Leezer, Lund, Maxwell, Meyer, Roseberry-McKibbin, Reveles, Rosegard, Russell, Smith, Underwood, Williams, Zack

ACTION ITEMS

FS 01-11/Flr. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of February 15, (#8), 2001, are approved with the following corrections: Robby Ching's name was omitted as an attendee of the meeting of February 15. Ching's alternate, Barrick, was erroneously listed as absent.

Carried.

*FS 01-12/CPC, Ex. JOINT DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY --
REQUEST TO NEGOTIATE

The Faculty Senate recommends approval to negotiate a Joint Doctoral program in Higher Education Policy between CSUS and the School of Policy, Planning and Development of the University of Southern California.

Carried unanimously.

*FS 01-13/CPC, Ex. CURRICULUM REVIEW -- DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

The Faculty Senate receives the commendations and recommendations of the Curriculum Policies Committee on the program review of the Department of Psychology and

recommends that the Bachelor of Arts degree and the Master of Arts degree in Psychology be approved for six years or until the next program review.

Carried unanimously.

*FS 01-14/CPC, Ex. COURSE PROPOSALS -- NEW COURSE PROPOSAL POLICY
(Amends "Policies and Procedures for Initiation, Modification, Review
and Approval of Courses and Academic Programs" [*Blue Book*])

The Faculty Senate recommends approval of amendments to the *Blue Book*, Section II, subsections A and D, as shown in March 15, 2001 Faculty Senate Agenda Attachment C.

Carried unanimously.

*FS 01-15/CPC, Ex. CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS -- APPROVAL PROCESS FOR
CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION
(Amends *Blue Book*)

The Faculty Senate recommends approval of amendments to the *Blue Book*, Section VII, Subsection E, as shown in March 15, 2001 Faculty Senate Agenda Attachment C.

Carried unanimously.

*FS 01-16/CPC, Ex. CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS -- PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING
PROPOSALS FOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS (Amends *Blue Book*)

The Faculty Senate recommends approval of amendments to the *Blue Book*, Section VII, Subsection I, as shown in March 15, 2001 Faculty Senate Agenda Attachment C.

Carried unanimously.

FS 01-18A/Flr. WAIVER OF FIRST READING OF FS 01-18

The Faculty Senate waives the first reading of FS 01-18, Resolution on Cesar Chavez Holiday.

Carried.

FS 01-18/Ex., Flr. CESAR CHAVEZ HOLIDAY RESOLUTION

[BACKGROUND: In August 2000, Governor Gray Davis signed into law a bill declaring March 31 a state holiday marking Cesar Chavez's birthday. The law provides a paid day off for state employees. California Government Code Sections 6701 specifies that if March 31 falls on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on the following Monday, and if March 31 falls on a Saturday, the holiday will be observed on the preceding Friday. On January 24, 2001, the

California State University Board of Trustees notified the CSU Presidents (HR 2001-04) that in year 2001, the holiday will be observed on Friday, March 30.

This resolution is intended to move future observances of the Cesar Chavez Holiday to the last week in December.]

WHEREAS, the CSUS Board of Trustees decided at its January 24 meeting that all campuses should be closed on March 30 in honor of Cesar Chavez, and this decision was only communicated to the faculty in mid-February; and

WHEREAS, most teaching faculty had already prepared their calendar of lectures and assignments before the semester began, and distributed their syllabi to students on the first day of class, and it is very disruptive of these assignment schedules to have one class day suddenly removed on such short notice; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees made little or no consultation with the Faculty about whether this precipitous action was wise or practical, and many individual faculty have been angered by both the substance and manner of this action; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Presidents' Day has always been moved to the last week of December in order not to interfere with class schedules, and it would be difficult to defend the proposal that Cesar Chavez was more important to the history of this country than George Washington and Abraham Lincoln combined; and

WHEREAS, Chavez, like Washington and Lincoln, might actually be better honored by holding classes and striving toward academic achievements rather than merely having a "skip day"; be it therefore

RESOLVED: that the CSUS Faculty Senate expresses to the Trustees its disappointment at their hasty and disruptive action; and be it further

RESOLVED: that all such actions that impact the academic calendar should be taken only in consultation and in agreement with the Faculty; and be it further

RESOLVED: that all future observance of the Cesar Chavez holiday should be moved to the last week of December in exactly the same way as Presidents' Day.

Defeated.

The following item received a first reading and will be presented for second reading on the next Faculty Senate agenda:

FS 01-17/CPC, Ex. ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEWS – SELF STUDY GUIDELINES
(Amends *Blue Book*)


INFORMATION

1. Senate Chair Buckley advised that the Senate will consider the following topics in the near future: distance education policy and grade appeals procedures.
2. J. Bauerly gave a brief report on the Faculty Merit Pay System Workgroup.
4. B. Buckley gave a report on Accountability Goals (March 15, 2001 Faculty Senate Agenda Attachment E).
5. B. Buckley gave a report on YRO.
6. Tentative S'2001 Senate Meetings – Thursdays, 3:00 – 5:00 P.M., in the Foothill Suite, University Union, unless otherwise noted:

Spring 2001		April 26 3:00-3:30 3:30-5:00	2001-02 Senate Nominations 2000-01 Senate Meets
March 29	No Meeting	May 3	<i>Tentative</i>
April 5	Senate Meets	May 10 3:00-3:30 3:30-5:00	2001-02 Senate Elections 2000-01 Senate Meets
April 12	Spring Recess	May 17	<i>Tentative</i>
April 19	<i>Tentative</i>	May 24	<i>Tentative</i>

7. Senate Home Page: <http://www.csus.edu/acse/> or CSUS Home Page *then* Administration and Policy *then* Administration *then* Faculty Senate

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.


Cheryl Johnson, Secretary

*Presidential approval requested.