

Spring General Faculty Meeting  
May 11, 2006

Speaker Petrosky called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

The agenda was changed to move 8) and 9) forward to 5). The agenda was approved as amended.

The minutes of September 6, 2005 were approved.

## **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **a. Committee on Committees (Chuck Floyd)**

Floyd thanked the COC, Arthur Buell, Steve Filling, Annie Hor, John Sarraille and Diana Bowman. He stressed the need for faculty to send the committee preference form in. There will be a lot of people needed to serve for next academic year. He recommended COC work with SEC to take a look at how we can change the system to entice more people to get involved in faculty governance. Complete report is on file in the Academic Senate Office.

### **b. Faculty Affairs Committee (Koni Stone)**

Stone thanked members of FAC, Helena Janes, Randy Brown, John Sarraille, Vickie Harvey, Priscilla Peters and Jim Youngblom as well as Diana Bowman and Margaret Ramos. She stated her relief that no FAC resolutions were tabled or rejected. She recapped the work FAC completed this year and felt it was a productive year. Complete report is on file in the Academic Senate Office.

### **c. Faculty Budget Advisory Committee (Richard Weikart)**

Weikart thanked members of FBAC, David Lindsay, Annie Hor, John Sarraille, Kim Tan, Connie Kane, Dawn Strongin, David Dauwalder, Bret Carroll, Peter Nelligan, and Andrew LaFlamme. Weikart recapped the issues FBAC discussed, resolutions put forth and recommended carryover items for next year.

### **d. Faculty Development Committee (Betsy Eudey)**

Eudey thanked FDC members Jennifer Esterly, Jeffrey Mantz, Shradha Tibrewal, Marjorie Sanchez-Walker and Ted Wendt, as well as Ximena Garcia. She stated the main work the committee provided was advice and assistance to the Director of FDCTL for the various activities throughout the year. Also, the committee insures the FDC Use Policy is upheld. They discussed and recommended the need for a small stipends for new faculty to attend the faculty orientation workshop at the beginning of the academic year.

### **e. Graduate Council (John Garcia)**

Garcia thanked members of GC John Borba, Genese Lynch, Randy Brown, Peter Nelligan, Arnold Schmidt, Andrew Wagner, Diana Demetrulias, Nancy Taniguchi, David Lindsay, Pam Roe, Kurt Baker, April Hejka-Ekins, Margaret Tynan, Dennis Sayers, and Ramon de Jesus Vega. Complete report on file in the Academic Senate office.

### **f. Leaves and Awards Committee (Stephen Thomas)**

Thomas thanked LAC members Jere O'Donnell, Kaylene Williams, Mira Mayer and Diana Bowman. He recapped the items reviewed and approved during the academic year: RSCA grants, Sabbaticals, Outstanding Professor Awards and Papageorge Faculty Development Award. LAC also recommended Emeritus Status for Ellen Dunbar and Amin Elmallah. Complete report on file in the Academic Senate Office.

### **g. Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Policy Committee (Ken Schoenly)**

Schoenly thanked members of the RSCAPC Gordon Senior, Jennifer Helzer, Pi-Sheng Deng, Kweku Smith, Amy Andres, Peter Nelligan/Kurt Baker, Annhenrie Campbell/Lynn Johnson, Genese Lynch, Suzanne Burns, and Patricia Fuentes. He gave special thanks to Paul O'Brien and Koni Stone for their help on revising the Sponsored Programs document. He thanked John Garcia, Chris Nagel along with members of the SEC for their help in revising the UIRP Policy. RSCAPC is still discussing the Research Misconduct Policy.

### **h. Statewide Academic Senate (Paul O'Brien and Mark Thompson)**

O'Brien read a resolution unanimously approved at the SWAS recognizing Mark Thompson for his work for eight years as statewide academic senator. He recapped issues discussed and items approved during the academic year. Complete report on file in the Academic Senate Office.

**i. University Educational Policies Committee (Elaine Peterson)**

Peterson thanked UEPC members Bret Carroll, Arnold Schmidt, Renae Floyd, Tim Mahoney, Mary Salisbury, Lynn Johnson, John Brandt, Diana Demetrulias, Jane Rodgers/Scott Harvey as well as Randi Esau. Thanks also to the subcommittees for their hard work. She recapped the work of UEPC during the academic year, specifically facilitating graduation, College of ALS restructuring, Assessment Council, WASC, eCollege, strategic planning, graduate priority registration, human subjects policy, etc. Complete report on file in the Academic Senate Office.

**j. University Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee (Marvin Johnson)**

Johnson thanked members of URPTC Agnes Riedmann, Armin Schulz, Tahi Gnepa, and Kofi Akwabi-Ameyaw. The URPTC conducted 51 reviews in this RPT cycle. Fifteen were retention only and 36 were promotion or promotion and tenure reviews. The URPTC agreed with the Departmental RPT Committees in 46 of the 50 cases where the Departmental Committee was unanimous. The URPTC also received one request to allow a Departmental SET form to replace the IDEA form. The request was turned down when the department declined to provide evidence showing the reliability or validity of the form.

**k. Associated Students (Janz)**

Andrew Janz reported the results of the student elections: The referendum on the sports complex passed with 68% voting for it. 1,200 students voted. Chelsea Minor will continue as President, Reuben Martinez was elected Vice President Internal, John Calhoun Vice President of Finance and Andrew Janz as Vice President External. Janz thanked President Shirvani, Vice President Morgan Foster and Chelsea Minor for their leadership moving the referendum forward.

**Remarks by President Shirvani**

President Shirvani presented Speaker Petrosky with a new US soccer ball autographed by him. He stated he was absolutely delighted to work with him this past year. There were few differences, but many of the issues were resolved and able to move forward.

He stated he is honored to have served this institution during the last eleven months. He feels we have accomplished a lot. The sports complex is very significant for CSUS. He stated he has received a lot of calls congratulating us. He acknowledged it was a team effort, faculty, vice presidents, athletic director and students.

Shirvani remarked that this is a great university, the best that exists for quality education. He stated that some might feel he is moving too fast, but he explained he is responsible to deliver. The reality is we need more resources. We will get some from enrollment growth, but we have to be more entrepreneurial and efficient. He recognizes faculty salaries are not good, but he is working on it. He is asking faculty to help by accepting larger class size, but also recognizes departments are different. But it is a matter of creativity and innovation. He stated we are dealing with a very competitive market, especially with UC Merced down the road. He referred to an article he read about on-line courses. In Massachusetts, they have an on-line program that has increased their enrollment

President Shirvani commented that there are so many people that don't know about us. He is making 3-4 presentations a week to explain who we are. He is very excited about it. He feels we are the best kept secret in the central valley. Further, he stated his belief in tenure-track faculty. He considers himself as a colleague. He stated he will do his best to create more resources so we can do more. He appreciates the faculty support he has received. He commented that our students are so serious about school, so articulate and that is because of our faculty. Further, we have so many successful alumni and they have no contact with the University. We have to do something about that.

Shirvani stated he feels we have a great year ahead of us, and hopes everyone will have a wonderful summer.

**Remarks by Interim Provost/VPAA Demetrulias**

Interim Provost Demetrulias remarked that a year ago at the General Faculty meeting the message was conveyed to honor our core commitment to learning and a year later the same theme is relevant. We are not only surviving, we are thriving. She thanked President Shirvani for his confidence in her. She thanked the vice presidents in the other divisions as well as her staff. Demetrulias stated that next year will be an exciting year. There will be a new Provost and new deans. And if faculty searches are successful, we will have 37 new faculty. She stated her sincere appreciation for the support she has received and looks forward to a new year.

## **Remarks by Speaker Petrosky**

Speaker Petrosky thanked the Senate and the Senate Executive Committee for commitment to the cause of faculty participation in shared governance, for the productive past year, as well as for their patience regarding his own idiosyncrasies. He also thanked Provosts David Dauwalder and Diana Demetrulias (better known as the “double-Ds”) and new President Ham Shirvani for their cooperation throughout the year, not to mention their willingness to continue his employment despite this “cooperation”. Finally, in a moment of self-aggrandizement of epic proportion, Petrosky played a self-produced tribute video featuring campus luminaries providing words of praise for the outgoing speaker. Following the video, with those present fighting back tears and/or bile, Speaker Petrosky wished incoming Speaker John Sarraille and his officers well, and suggested they face the challenge of the new year with “some combination of fortitude, patience, strong coffee, and adult incontinence products.”

## **Passing of the Turkey Leg**

Petrosky gleefully passed the turkey leg to Sarraille.

It was MS Sarraille/Filling

Whereas, Professor Al fred R. Petrosky has steadfastly and admirably fulfilled his duties as Speaker of the Faculty, and

Whereas, Speaker Petrosky has held steady the rudder of shared governance during the inaugural year of a new President, and

Whereas, Speaker Petrosky has showered his acolytes, er colleagues, with extraordinary musical compilations for every occasion, and

Whereas, Al Petrosky has never failed, at the slightest provocation, and with a mere glance at his wristwatch, to accurately calculate and announce the exact number of months, days, hours, minutes, and seconds remaining in his term, and

Whereas, Speaker Petrosky has advocated for a sense of community, cooperation, and collegiality, be it, therefore,

Resolved that the General Faculty express its heartfelt THANKS to Speaker Petrosky, and be it, further

Resolved that the Faculty wish Speaker Petrosky all the best in his future endeavors on behalf of the California State University, Stanislaus.

## **Remarks and introduction of new faculty officers by Speaker Sarraille**

Sarraille introduced the 2006/2007 Senate Executive Committee: Speaker-Elect Lynn Johnson, Clerk Steve Filling, Chair of FAC Mark Thompson, Chair of UEPC Bret Carroll, Chair of FBAC David Lindsay, Chair of GC Peter Nelligan, SWAS Paul O'Brien and SWAS Jake Myers.

Sarraille stated he would save his remarks until the Fall General Faculty meeting, but commented he looked forward to working with the faculty during 2006/2007.

Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.