GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

MAY 15, 2003

Speaker Thompson called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. The agenda was approved as distributed. The minutes of September 3, 2002 were approved.

CONSENT ITEM

a. 12/AS/03/GF--Commendation for Thomas J. Young

Whereas, Thomas J. Young, Professor of Communication Studies, is a distinguished member of the Faculty, serving for over two decades, and,

Whereas, Professor Young has given invaluable service to the Department of Communication Studies, to Faculty Governance locally and throughout the CSU system, to the California Faculty Association, and to the Administration of California State University, Stanislaus, and,

Whereas, Tom Young enriches the University with a commitment to and advocacy for affirmative action, equal opportunity, and non-discrimination held throughout his professional life, and,

Whereas, Tom Young is key to the internal relations and stability of our campus and has provided counsel to and served as a mentor of immeasurable worth for faculty, and,

Whereas, specifically, among achievements too numerous to catalogue, Tom received the Equal Rights Award from the California Faculty Association, developed and chaired the Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee of the Statewide Academic Senate, served as Secretary and Vice-President of the state California Faculty Association and Vice-President and President of the Stanislaus chapter, and was elected to two terms as a Statewide Academic Senator as well as four terms as the Communication Studies Senator; therefore, be it

Resolved: that the Faculty of California State University, Stanislaus extend respect, gratitude, and commendation to Professor Thomas J. Young for his unstinting work on behalf of students, staff, faculty, and administration; and, be it further

Resolved: that the Academic Senate and the General Faculty of California State University Stanislaus bestow upon Tom Young the titles: esteemed colleague & friend of the faculty

The resolution was approved by acclamation.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. University Educational Policies Committee (Stone)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate office. Stone thanked the UEPC members, subcommittee members, Vice Provost Demetrulias, Randi Esau, Shervin Sham, Dawn McFarland, and in particular the student representative, Mario Estrella.

b. Faculty Affairs Committee (Brown)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Brown thanked members of the committee.

c. Faculty Budget Advisory Committee (Sarraille)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Sarraille thanked the committee and Diana Bowman for her assistance.

d. University Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee (Schulz)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Schulz thanked members of the committee, as well as Wendy Miller and Associate Vice President Bowers.

e. Leaves and Awards Committee (Janes)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Janes thanked the committee as well as Diana Bowman for her assistance.

f. Committee on Committees (Aronson)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Aronson thanked the committee.

g. Faculty Development Committee (Schulz)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Schulz thanked the committee.

h. Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Policy Committee (Youngblom)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Youngblom thanked the committee.

i. Graduate Council (Lindsay)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Lindsay thanked the Council.

j. Statewide Academic Senate (Sarraille)

Sarraille gave a brief overview of the work done by the SWAS for 02/03.

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT HUGHES

President Hughes thanked Speaker Thompson for his organizational skills and dedication throughout the year. She noted that Dickens' opening to A Tale of Two Cities accurately depicts the 2002-2003 academic year, and suggested that one result of our challenges on budget issues was to heighten our focus on building an extremely open budgeting process. Hughes went on to enumerate an extensive list of achievements which demonstrate how successfully our community has worked together over the last year. She closed by wishing all a restful and refreshing break and noted that she looks forward to fall and the start of another challenging but productive year.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER THOMPSON

Thompson stated his pride at serving as Speaker of the Faculty, and noted that CSUS faculty enjoy a level of consultation and authority over curriculum that faculty at most other institutions would envy. He thanked all members of the Academic Senate, the multitude of committees and task forces, and various working groups for their efforts in ensuring that the voice of the faculty remain a force in the University. He also acknowledged the graciousness and willingness to actively engage in shared governance of President Hughes and Provost Dauwalder.

Speaker Thompson reminded faculty of two major areas where progress was made this year. As he noted, Faculty and administration made progress in separating assessment from accountability and worked to ensure that data appropriate for each activity is collected but not misused. He expressed the

hope that this work would be enhanced by eventual approval of the Principles of Assessment of Student Learning. Thompson stated that Post Tenure Review is another major item which the Faculty made progress on, noting that while complete agreement with administration was not reached, he is confident that faculty will continue to work toward a policy that is truly grounded in faculty development.

Thompson closed by reiterating his observation that faculty at CSUS care deeply about students and work hard as an expression of their caring.

PASSING OF THE TURKEY LEG

Speaker Thompson passed the traditional turkey leg to 03/04 Speaker Aronson.

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW FACULTY OFFICERS BY SPEAKER ARONSON

Aronson introduced the 2003/04 SEC:

Speaker-elect-Steve Filling

Clerk-John Sarraille

Chair of UEPC-Cathy Watkins

Chair of FAC-Chuck Floyd

Chair of FBAC-John Sarraille

Chair of GC-Dawn Poole

SWAS-Mark Thompson

SWAS-Paul O'Brien

It was MS Aronson/Filling:

WHEREAS: Speaker Thompson has worn many hats this academic year; and

WHEREAS: Speaker Thompson has built a strong culture of shared governance in planning and decision-making at CSU Stanislaus; and

WHEREAS: Speaker Thompson has stayed atop and prioritized a dizzying number of issues and information items in his faculty leadership roles; and

WHEREAS: Speaker Thompson has drafted many thoughtful initiatives and responses and followed up on issues requiring action; and

WHEREAS: Speaker Thompson has used email for effective and frequent communication with the faculty; and

WHEREAS: Speaker Thompson has successfully completed the year with many concrete accomplishments; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the General Faculty express its heartfelt appreciation and admiration to Speaker Thompson for his hard work and effective leadership as Speaker Of the Faculty.

Unanimously approved by acclamation.

Speaker Aronson began her remarks by thanking President Hughes for ramping up the Speaker Elect position so that Speakers can begin their term of office much better prepared. She stated her appreciation to John Rogers for the beautiful and environmentally sound JSRFDC, and reminded faculty that it is their building, and that taking the short walk out to JSRFDC and enjoying the view is a great stress reduction recipe.

Aronson continued by reminding faculty of the shift toward increased shared governance led by Russ and Thompson. She asked faculty to remember that they are the long term backbone of the university and to become a part of participatory governance at CSUS.

Speaker Aronson concluded her remarks by noting that strategic goals and priorities have been developed by USGPC and the Steering Committee and are in the approval process. She noted that those University goals, combined with her own goals of strengthening faculty governance, working on parking and transportation issues, and expanding faculty input into support unit review, will give us plenty to work on next year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.