GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

MAY 16, 2002

Speaker Russ called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. The agenda was modified so the 2002/2003 SEC could be introduced under Reports and Announcements. The agenda was then approved. The minutes of September 5, 2001 minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2002/2003 SEC was introduced as follows: Speaker-Mark Thompson, Speaker Elect-Melissa Aronson, Clerk-Steve Filling, UEPC Chair-Koni Stone, FAC Chair-Randy Brown, FBAC Chair-Margaret Tynan, GC Chair-David Lindsay, SWASenators-John Sarraille and Mark Thompson.

It was MS Thompson/Filling:

Whereas, Professor Pamela Russ has steadfastly and admirably fulfilled her duties as Speaker of the Faculty, and

Whereas, Speaker Russ has intervened forcefully on behalf of the Faculty at critical junctures, and

Whereas, Speaker Russ has helped to sedate the more radical elements of faculty governance, and

Whereas, Speaker Russ has unwaveringly advocated for a sense of community and cooperation in shared governance, be it, therefore,

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

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

Resolution passed unanimously.

a. University Educational Policies Committee (Floyd)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Floyd thanked the UEPC members as well as Jeanne Elliott.

b. Faculty Affairs Committee (Brown)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Brown thanked members of the committee as well as a special thanks to Chairperson Towell. He also thanked Diana Bowman for her assistance.

c. Faculty Budget Advisory Committee (Filling)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Filling thanked the committee, and Colleen Kerr. He also thanked the Speaker and SEC for their support.

d. University Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee

No report
e. Leaves and Awards Committee (Gackowski)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Gackowski thanked members of the LAC as well as Diana Bowman for her assistance.

f. Committee on Committees (Watson)

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

g. Faculty Development Committee (Littlewood)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Littlewood thanked members of the committee as well as Ximena Garcia.

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

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Stone thanked David Blankinship and all members of the committee.

i. Graduate Council (Blodgett)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office. Blodgett thanked the committee as well as Mary Coker for her assistance.

j. Statewide Academic Senate (Sarraille/Thompson)

Written report is on file in the Academic Senate Office.

2001/2002 SPEAKER'S REMARKS

Speaker Russ stated rather than have a long drawn-out speech, she wished to thank some of the people she has worked with throughout the year.

First, she thanked Vice President Mary Stephens. Vice President Stephens had asked to be a part of the Senate this year as a non-voting member, but it didn't happen. She still came to the majority of meetings and shared vital information important to faculty. Russ expressed her hope that the SEC and AS will again address the issue of the Vice President of Business and Finance as a non-voting member of the Senate. Russ presented Stephens with the first Governance Award for 2001/2002.

Russ stated that Vice President Morgan-Foster attended every Senate meeting, so she presented her with the Attendance Award for 2001/2002. She further noted that Morgan-Foster listened to the faculty's concerns, gave input, and was a pleasure to have at the meetings.

Speaker Russ welcomed Provost Dauwalder to the meeting and looks forward to spending time with him at the faculty BBQ on Saturday.

She acknowledged members of the Senate Executive Committee: Blodgett-a stickler on issues; Floyd-wonderful sense of humor; Towell-detailed oriented; Sarraille-brought tons of stuff from the SWAS; Thompson and Filling-a good leader surrounds themselves with committed people, and give them credit for all the things they do. Without Thompson and Filling's guidance, she

would not have made it through the year, she stated. She further thanked Assistant to the Speaker Bowman for her support throughout the year. She is a great asset to the SEC and especially to the Speaker. She noted that Diana is an avid hiker so she presented her with new hiking boots.
INTERIM PROVOST REMARKS

Interim Provost Rhodes began his remarks by expressing his appreciation for the invitation to participate at the Spring General Faculty meeting.

He gave a brief overview of new faculty searches as follows: the total number of searches for full-time faculty is 38; the total number of tenure-track searches is 33, of these 33 tenure-track searches, 20 are for new positions and 13 are replacement positions; the number of departments searching for full-time faculty members is 28; the number of lecturer searches is 5; the number of tenure-track searches in ALS is 23; in COE 4, in COBA 3, in the library 1, in athletics 1, and in counseling 1; and 14 of the tenure-track searches have been successfully completed. Further, some tenure-track searches are still in final stages; that is, interviews or offer consideration. It appears that a number of additional hires will be completed before the end of the month.

For academic year 2001-02, the overall university enrollment target was 5,978 FTES. Final achievement was 6,180 FTES, which is 202 FTES over target. Of the 6,180 FTES for 2001-02, 623 were achieved at the Stockton Campus and represents a 15% increase over last year. He expressed his appreciation to departmental faculty, chairs and to college leadership for all the efforts made in planning for and successfully accommodating this enrollment growth.

He pointed out that one of the most positive things that CSUS has demonstrated to him during his tenure as interim provost is the amount of energy that faculty have been able to harness as a university when everyone plans and works together. For example, forty-two faculty projects were submitted for consideration in the FMI bonus award program and President Hughes concurred with all the LAC recommendations. Through partnerships, the university has raised over $800,000 to start the pre-licensure nursing program. The Ag Studies degree has been approved and the Rolland Starn Endowed Chair and director of the new program has been hired. The Honors Program will graduate its first students from the new program this June. The College of Education was recently notified that all its professional programs received continuing accreditation from the NCATE. CCTC also granted continuing accreditation for credential programs. The College of Business Administration has made tremendous strides toward accreditation. And, approval has been granted for the first blended certificate program at CSUS--the Community College Leadership Program.

Interim Provost Rhodes expressed his appreciation to the Academic Senate; to Dr. Pam Russ, Speaker of the Faculty, to members of the Senate Executive Committee, and to Diana Bowman. He also extended his best wishes to the new speaker of the faculty, Dr. Mark Thompson and to our new provost, Dr. David Dauwalder. He further expressed his deep appreciation to the entire Campus community for its support and cooperation over the past year and gave special thanks to the Deans Council for their support. He thanked President Marvalene Hughes for her confidence in him this past year as her interim provost, but stressed that he is looking forward with great enthusiasm to returning to the classroom and working with our students.

REMARKS BYPRESIDENT

President Hughes thanked everyone for showing their abiding interest in the welfare of the campus community by convening in the midst of one of our most hectic times in the academic year. She further stated that this closing session enables us to pause and keep focused on the big picture. We are part of a
community that relies on every member to sustain it, to challenge it to grow, and to lead it in the right direction, she stated.

The President explained her opportunity at Colorado College was an intriguing prospect, but after discussion with family, she listened to her values as her heart spoke to her. She also realized that we have come a long way together and that much is left to be accomplished. She especially wanted to acknowledge and express her appreciation for the overwhelming support that came forward from the campus community as well as the external community once the announcement of her decision went out.

President Hughes stated that the spring General Faculty meeting as a time to reflect on what has been accomplished and what has not been accomplished, as a way to guide future planning. She then highlighted a few accomplishments:

* Strategic Enrollment Management-This goal has been fulfilled with the arrival on campus of AVP Roger Pugh.

* Capital Development-May 9 dedication of the Mary Stuart Rogers Educational Services Gateway Building and the John Stuart Rogers Faculty Development Center; upcoming: Bernell and Flora Snider Music Recital Hall.

* Campus Budget-Appointed a Budget Review Committee that submitted their recommendations to the President, all of which have been accepted and sent to the Senate. Among them was a proposal to redesign the University Budget Advisory Council. Next year, all recommendations will be fully implemented. This includes linking strategic planning to resource allocation. Further, open budget hearings were held.

* Provost Search Committee-The campus is eagerly anticipating the official start date of our new provost, Dr. David Dauwalder.

* CSU Stanislaus-Stockton is positioned to be a model for the nation thanks to the academic leadership of Dean Morgan, the business oversight of the Joint Powers Authority and the vision of the developer of the site, Grupe Commercial Co.

* Education Summit '02-The campus hosted the first annual Central Valley Education Summit '02, a partnership with Assembly Member Dave Cogdill and Superintendent Martin Petersen of the Stanislaus County Office of Education. The conference was designed to improve the college-going rates in the Central Valley.

* Portuguese Studies-Received $250,000 in one-time General Fund support.

She noted the challenges on the horizon:

* Educational Facilities Bond-Voters will be asked to approve a $13 billion bond in November 02 and $12 billion bond in March 04. If approved, this would provide the CSU with more than $1.4 billion for capital outlay projects over a four-year period from 02-06. This would enable the construction of the Science II building and the seismic upgrade of the ceiling over the Drama building.

* Opening Doors Internationally-The President traveled to Tokyo, Taipei and Korea that layed the groundwork for collaborative research and to encourage the start-up of an overseas alumni chapter. She visited two universities a day in Taiwan, initiated talks with the College of Agriculture of National Chung Hsing University on a program for sustainable agriculture and extended an invitation to the hosts in the Ministry of Education to enable the campus to reciprocate the hospitality shown our delegation. The President stated that she discovered that on campus we do not have the
infrastructure to respond to such opportunities, so she has

asked Linda Bunney Sarhad to begin organizing the strategies the campus needs to create such an infrastructure.

* Web Page Advisory Committee—This committee has been charged with ensuring that the University Web Page maximizes its outreach to potential students, parents, distinguished faculty, the external communities and corporations scouting ideal sites. They will also develop standards, priorities and guidelines, ensure user friendliness and bring our Web Page up in quality as a reflection of the quality of our university.

* The Strategic Planning Steering Committee—will be in charge of overseeing the Strategic Plan. It will be composed of three subcommittees dealing with goals and priorities, measurements and evaluation and the budget.

* Learning outcomes—The University needs to begin a deliberate review of our progress to determine if we are responsive to the feedback received from WASC during our accreditation review. One of the areas identified for strengthening was the creation of means to measure learning outcomes.

* Joint Ed.D. programs—The CSU and University of California have formed a collaboration up to develop educational doctorate programs that accommodate the schedules of faculty members, teachers and administrators. An assessment of leadership needs of K-12 and community colleges throughout the state will be conducted.

* University Extended Education—The President's Task Force on University Extended Education has been working this year to think creatively about UEE and to recommend ways for enhanced program development, increased responsiveness to regional need, and strategies for fiscal solvency, particularly given the financial impact of the conversion of summer term from self-support to state-support. A draft preliminary report is due this summer.

* Cultivating collegiality—There is a critical need for efforts to cultivate a collegial environment on campus. She asked for input on this issue.

President Hughes thanked Interim Provost Rhodes for his service as Executive Assistant and as Interim Provost and noted that he will be returning to his first love—teaching.

The President advised that she attended the first annual Faculty Appreciation Dinner at which time student leaders each selected one faculty member to honor. It was a very dignified and touching event, and at least one faculty member changed his mind about retiring as a direct result of listening to the considerable impact of his teaching and service. This faculty member decided to FERP instead. On that note, she encouraged faculty to keep uppermost in mind the influence and impact they have on the lives of their students.

She recalled a story of one of the candidates for graduation this spring. He was a Vietnamese prisoner of the Communist government from 1975-1980. He stated to her that he never imagined he would have the opportunity to immigrate to the United States much less have the opportunity to attend college or fulfill his life-long dream of teaching. He is on the threshold of achieving his dream of becoming a teacher and CSUS is helping him make that dream come true.

President Hughes stated that CSU Stanislaus is a place for making dreams come true—dreams for attaining a quality education, dreams for a better future, and dreams for personal growth and improvement. As faculty members, you play a vital role in dream fulfillment, she stated, yours, your students’, and your community’s dreams.
She expressed her wish to faculty for a restful and refreshing break over the summer and looks forward to seeing all again in the fall, revitalized and ready to continue inspiring and teaching. She believes the best of times is yet to come.

PASSING OF THE GAVEL

Speaker Russ officially passed the turkey leg to the 2002/2003 Speaker of the Faculty Mark Thompson.

REMARKS BY 2002/2003 SPEAKER

Speaker Mark Thompson expressed his thanks to Speaker Russ for her leadership this past year. He further stated his desire to be Speaker and looks forward to it. Speaker Thompson noted the SEC has an agenda as long as your arm, about 33 items so far, and that he is looks forward to working with President Hughes as well as Provost Dauwalder.

He stated one of the major issues for next year is the Strategic Planning Steering Committee (SPSC). He will be meeting with the President next week to discuss the composition of this committee.

He further wondered how the SPSC will interact with the UBAC as well as the SMPAC, USGAC, FBAC, UEPC, ASL, SEM, even the AT, and especially the APRC. And maybe the GC, FAC, of course the SEC. Maybe even reaching out into the URPTC, RSCAPC, FDC, and the FCETL. He noted that for someone coming in from the outside, this may seem pretty simple and straightforward work, but it might turn out to be more complex than it appears. In addition, he stated that we have strong chairs whom he is counting on to set and carry out the agendas for their committees.

He stated that the last Speaker from the English Department was his mentor when he arrived on campus--Doug Taylor, and he intends to heed his advice by remembering that he is the Speaker OF the Faculty, and not the Speaker FOR the Faculty.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.