June 30, 2006

TO: Members, CSULB Academic Senate

FROM: Margaret Merryfield, Chair

Academic Senate

SUBJECT: 2005-2006 Academic Senate Year-End Report

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The elected members of the 2005-2006 Executive Committee of the Academic Senate were:

Chair Margaret Merryfield, Chemistry & Biochemistry

Vice Chair Betsy Decyk, Philosophy/Psychology

Secretary Keith Freesemann, Kinesiology

Member-at-Large Jalal Torabzadeh, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Member-at-Large Praveen Soni, Marketing

Member-at-Large Teri Yamada, Comparative World Literature and Classics

Member-at-Large Tim Caron, English

The items considered and the actions taken by the Academic Senate in 2005-2006 are summarized below.

# UNIVERSITY POLICY

Revision to Policy 02-08: Declaration of Major (AS-683-05/CEPC) was approved by the Senate on February 23, 2006, received concurrence from the President on March 23, 2006, and was issued as University Policy Statement 06-04.

Revision of the Academic Appeals Committee charge (AS-695-06/CEPC) was approved by the Senate on May 11, 2005 and the President was notified on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Revision of the: International Education Committee Charge (AS-692-05/CEPC) was approved by the Senate on April 20, 2005 and the President was notified on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Revisions to the Academic Senate Rules and Regulations (AS-678-05/EC) were approved by the Academic Senate on November 10, 2005 and the President was notified on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Revision to the University Policy Statement 04-07, Advisory Council on Enrollment Management (AS-671-05/EC) was approved by the Academic Senate on September 22, 2005, received concurrence from the President on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and was issued as University Policy Statement \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**AWARDS**

The University Awards Committee selected the following faculty members for the 2005/06 awards indicated:

Distinguished Faculty Scholarly and Creative Achievement Award

Melody Kiang, Information Systems, College of Business Administration

David Jacques, Theatre Arts, College of the Arts

Mahmoud Wagdy, Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering

Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award

Praveen Soni, Marketing, College of Business Administration

Barbara Nelms, Nursing, College of Health and Human Services

Florence Newberger, Mathematics & Statistics, College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics

Nicholas Perkins Hardeman Academic Leadership Award

Craig Smith, Communication Studies/Film & Electronic Arts, College of Liberal Arts/College of the Arts. President Alexander presented the award to Dr. Smith at the April 20, 2006 Academic Senate meeting.

Outstanding Professor Award

Galen Pickett, Physics & Astronomy, College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics

Troy Johnson, History/American Indian Studies, College of Liberal Arts

**DEGREES, PROGRAMS, OPTIONS, CERTIFICATES, AND CREDENTIALS**

Implementation of the B.S. in Occupational Studies, Option in Integrated Professional Studies (AS-672-05/EPC/FAC) was approved by the Senate on September 22, 2005, received concurrence from the President on November 9, 2005, and was issued as University Policy Statement 05-15.

Implementation of the B.A. in Family and Consumer Sciences, Option in Family Life Education (AS-673-05/EPC/FAC) was approved by the Senate on September 22, 2005, received the concurrence of the President on November 1, 2005, and was issued as University Policy Statement 05-14.

Implementation of the Minor in Film and Electronic Arts (AS-674-05/EPC/FAC) 9/22 was approved by the Senate on September 22, 2005, received the concurrence of the President on November 1, 2005, and was issued as University Policy Statement 05-16.

Implementation of the Option in Informal Science Education for the M.S. in Science Education (AS-677-05/URC/CEPC) was approved by the Senate on November 10, 2005, received the concurrence of the President on November 28, 2005, and was issued as University Policy Statement 05-19.

Implementation of the MFA in Theatre Arts, Option in Dramatic Writing (AS-690-05/CEPC/URC) was approved by the Senate on March 30, 2006, received the concurrence of the President on April 18, 2006, and was issued as University Policy Statement 06-01.

Implementation of a Minor in Theatre Arts (AS-685-05/CEPC/URC) was approved by the Senate on March 30, 2006, received the concurrence of the President on April 18, 2006, and was issued as University Policy Statement 06-02.

Implementation of the BS in Hospitality, Foodservice and Hotel Management (AS-686-05/CEPC/URC) was approved by the Senate on March 30, 2006, received the concurrence of the President on April 18, 2006, and was issued as University Policy Statement \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Implementation of the MS in Kinesiology, Option in Exercise Physiology and Nutrition (AS-687-05/CEPC/URC) was approved by the Senate on March 30, 2006, received the concurrence of the President on April 18, 2006, and was issued as University Policy Statement 06-03.

Implementation of the Minor in Film and Electronic Arts (AS-674-05/EPC/FAC) 9/22 was approved by the Senate on September 22, 2005, received the concurrence of the President on November 1, 2005, and was issued as University Policy Statement 05-16.

**DISCONTINUANCES, NAME CHANGES, &**

**SUSPENSIONS OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

Discontinuance of the Early Childhood Specialist Credential Program (AS-684-05/CEPC/URC) was approved by the Academic Senate on March 17, 2006, and received concurrence from the President on March 28, 2006.

Discontinuance of the B.S. in Audiology (AS-680-05/CEPC) was approved by the Senate on December 8, 2005, and received the concurrence of the President on December 14, 2005.

Degree name change of the BA in Family and Consumer Sciences, Option in Communication to the Option in Consumer Sciences Education (AS-682-05/CEPC/URC) was approved by the Senate on December 8, 2005, received the concurrence of the President on December 14, 2005, and was issued as University Policy Statement \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Suspension of the Informal Option in Audiology in the M.S. in Communicative Disorders (AS-681-05/CEPC) was approved by the Senate on December 8, 2005, and received the concurrence of the President on December 14, 2005.

The name change of the University Library to the Library and Academic Technology Services was approved by the Academic Senate on April 20, 2006, and henceforth was approved by the Provost on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (AS-693-05/CEPC)

# COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects: The Academic Senate voted to recommend to President Maxson the appointment of Alan Colburn, Science Education, Rose Marie Hoffman, Ed PAC, Valarie McKay, Communication Studies, and Nancy Oliver, Nursing (reappointment) to serve on this Board on September 8, 2005. The President concurred on September 21. (AS-675-05/EC)

Advisory Council on Enrollment Management: The Academic Senate approved the appointment of Sharon Downey and Dawn Person to serve on this Advisory Council on September 8, 2005.

WASC Self-Study Steering Committee: The Academic Senate approved the membership structure of this committee and forwarded its recommendation to the President on September 22, 2005. The President concurred on November 1, 2005. (AS-676-05/EC).

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Retreat: The Academic Senate Retreat was held on October 7, 2005 and the topic was Assessment.

Assessment Timetable: On December 8, 2005, the Academic Senate endorsed the Assessment: Responsibilities and Timetable. (AS-679-05/PROV)

Plus/Minus Grading: On April 20, 2006, the Academic Senate rejected a motion to adopt plus/minus grading. (AS-695-05/EC)

WASC Themes: The three WASC themes developed by the WASC Steering Committee were discussed by the Senate on February 23, 2006.

Open Discussions: Open forum discussions were held at the Academic Senate meetings of September 8, 2005, February 9, 2006, and May 4, 2005.

Tabled Discontinuances: The Discontinuance of the MA in Kinesiology, Option in Sport Management (AS-688-05/CEPC/URC) and the Discontinuance of the MA in Kinesiology, Option in Pedagogical Studies (AS-689-05/CEPC/URC) came before the Senate for second readings on March 30, 2006. The items were tabled. The Executive Committee was charged with drafting a membership for a task force to examine discontinuance practices in relation to self-supported vs. state-funded programs.

**RESOLUTIONS**

The Academic Senate approved a resolution urging adequate funding for the CSU as written and presented by the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) at its December 8, 2005 meeting.

The Academic Senate presented a musical resolution in honor of President Maxson at its December 8, 2005 meeting.

The Academic Senate approved a resolution for the 2006-07 Academic Senate Schedule of Meetings at its May 11, 2006 meeting.

# REPORTS TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Enrollment Fee Deposit: Tom Myers, Director of Admissions, gave a summary of a proposal to require an enrollment deposit upon acceptance to the University on October 27, 2005.

Student Success: Vice Provost Dowell addressed the Senate regarding CSULB’s response to the CSU Twenty-Two Recommendations for Facilitating Graduation on November 10, 2005.

Faculty/Staff Housing: Mo Tidemanis, CSULB Director of Real Estate, presented the body with preliminary results of the faculty and staff housing survey on December 8, 2005.

New Senate Website: The Academic Senate office staff, Mica Aragon and Kiry Meng, presented an overview of the newly updated Academic Senate website on February 9, 2006.

Plus/Minus Grading: Senator Soni, as Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Grading Options, presented the Committee’s report to the body on March 16, 2006.

Parking: Senior Director of Parking, Transportation, and Event Services, Tom Bass, addressed the Senate body with a general report on campus parking issues on March 30, 2006.

Forty-Niner Shops: The Forty-Niner Shops General Manager, Don Penrod, presented a general report on the activities and upcoming projects in the Forty-Niner Shops organization on May 6, 2006.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Academic Senate, unanimously approved a resolution of commendation for Gary Reichard upon his promotion as Executive Vice Chancellor to the CSU at its February 7, 2006 meeting.

T4IP: At its meeting of November 15, 2005, Associate Vice President for University Research and Jim Till, Director for Research Compliance consulted with the Executive Committee regarding the creation of the Think Tank for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property. This group was charged with examining the current policy and make recommendations to update it and provided regular progress reports to the Executive Committee. On May 9, 2006 three members of the task force, Sam Min, Marketing, Kris Slowinski, Chemistry/Biochemistry, and Jim Till, Director of Research Compliance provided a status report on the results of the faculty needs and awareness survey and their plans for fall 2006.

Ad Hoc Committee on Plus/Minus Grading: At its meeting of September 13, 2005, the Executive Committee approved the membership for this Committee, which examined grading options and current data on the effectiveness of the various options.

The Center for Cognitive Science: At its meeting of January 31, 2006, the Executive Committee was presented with a proposal for this Center by Charles Wallis, Philosophy and Dan Chiappe, Psychology. The establishment of the Center for Cognitive Science was unanimously approved.

Center for Community Engagement: At its meeting of November 22, 2005, the Executive Committee was presented with a proposal for this Center by its director, Patricia Rozee. The Center has already been in operation and was seeking official endorsement in accordance with University Policy. The establishment of the Center for Community Engagement was unanimously approved.

The Center for Advanced Logistics Management Systems: At its meeting of April 18, 2006, the Executive Committee was presented with a proposal for this Center by Mahyar Amouzegar, Associate Dean, COE and Michael Mahoney, Dean, COE. The establishment of the Center for Advanced Logistics Management Systems was unanimously approved.

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