

Special Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 2006
Library Collaboratory – BT 1302
Minutes

Call to order

-2:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

-unanimous

Approval of the Minutes from the last (May 9) Senate meeting

-approved with four abstentions

Intent to raise questions. [Answers only]

-Would it be possible to designate specific parking spaces for CSUCI's best students?

-This is being researched.

-Could there be shower space so as to encourage alternate modes of transport to campus?

-You are welcome to use the showers in the Gym during regular gym hours if you are a member.

Report from the Provost

Provost Ted Lucas wanted to take the opportunity to bust rumors. One such rumor dealt with the dean of the faculty. Lucas stated that Ashish Vaidya was his and President Rush's first choice for dean after the search, and that they fully support him. He will be holding rumor busting sessions in the fall.

He asked Dean Vaidya for a recommendation on how to reorganize and make more effective use of resources in the faculty area.

Report from the Dean of the Faculty

Dean Ashish Vaidya expressed sincere regrets about the manner in which the announcement of program chair elections and program organization was made. He consulted with faculty directly affected by the changes but in hindsight, realizes that he should have also consulted with the entire faculty. He assured everyone that this situation would never happen again. He said it will be his intent to seek out comments from everyone in the future regarding recommendations such as this one.

Vaidya then went on to explain the reasoning behind the recommended changes in Academic Affairs, and how the budget was a major deciding factor in the suggested changes. He distributed several handouts and proceeded to give an extended and detailed explanation of the reasons he recommended these changes to the provost.

Faculty members (Anderson, Balén, Barajas, Bleicher, Christopher, Grzegorzczk) asked questions and/or made comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.