I. Minutes. M/S/P (Burroughs, Hallock) to approve the minutes as distributed.

II. Announcements

A. Jack Bedell, Chair, Academic Senate CSU, will not be able to speak with us today. He was called to Sacramento to testify about faculty salaries.

B. President's Council Report. Micro-computer acquisition progress reported by Landreth. University will sign an agreement with Apple to buy Apple computers at a discount. Faculty and students will be able to participate. The University is pursuing contracts with other vendors.

Commencement activities reviewed by Don Coats. Faculty participating will be given a ticket for one other person.

Discussion of proposed recreation facility to be located near the gym.

Review of the proposed Disaster Preparedness Plan is continuing.

C. Spring Elections in the Academic Senate. Forms are available for nominations for offices of the Academic Senate. Sherry has the forms at the Academic Senate Office. Scriven and Gooden have indicated an interest in running for Academic Senate Chair. Spoden is running for Secretary.

Ballots for spring election should be in faculty mailboxes today. Deadline is 1:00 p.m. Monday.

High level of interest for the Statewide Senate seat. There are five candidates.

III. Business Items


Document outlines role of Academic Senates relative to collective bargaining. Deals with both statewide and local Senates. Simmons asked for questions. Why handle this now since the Chancellor has approved this? Weatherby indicated each campus needs to adopt it and have the President adopt it. The item will be a second reading item for the next meeting.

B. Resolution on EMSA

Lamouria moved the adoption of the item. Seconded by Wenzl. The Budget Committee took the lead from the Physics Dept. Several changes made based on feedback from the last Academic Senate meeting.

Call for question. Passed with one nay vote.
C. Resolution on GE&B (1st reading). Larry Gay discussed the contents of the resolution put forward. Basically states that each distribution area subcommittee should be made up of a majority which have experience relevant to the distribution areas.

Lewis asked time to get the whole GE&B committee to review and comment on this resolution.


Discussion was begun by Simmons. Flow chart indicated how the PRC was involved in personnel review. Collective bargaining does not allow for review until after the material has gone to the President for decision. Simmons pointed out parts of the report that support the existence of the PRC.

Terry circulated a draft of a resolution supporting the continuation of the PRC.

Where in the current flow chart can the PRC have input? Somewhere after the dean, but before the President, was the hope of the PRC.

How will the committee work in relation to the contract? Simmons indicated that Fort is considering a University-wide promotion review committee.

With no further questions or comments this item will be brought back as a second reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.

E. Schedule for Curriculum Review (1st reading). The purpose of the resolution is to provide more time to review curriculum. This additional time would allow the committee to complete outlines of changes. These outlines can be circulated to the faculty increasing faculty input into the review process. The process will hopefully allow faculty greater opportunity to solve inter-school curriculum problems.

This item will be a second reading item at the next Senate meeting.

F. Course Change Proposal (1st reading). At present, course change proposals require very little justification. The form would require more justification for course changes and provide a more efficient mechanism by which the Curriculum Committee could review the changes. This item will be a second reading item at the next Senate meeting.

G. Course Duplication (1st reading). This resolution outlines a mechanism by which the Curriculum Committee can evaluate and resolve problems relating to overlap in courses. There has been no standard by which the Curriculum Committee has evaluated potential overlap and this establishes some guidelines. Also, it establishes a series of steps that should be followed if overlap is determined.

This item will be a second reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.