

general education program to better tie it to our mission.”

Chair Nellen said, “We also started an annual Academic Freedom Forum, created an Academic Freedom website, and created an Outstanding Lecturer Award.”

Chair Nellen said, “We created a Heritage, Preservation, and Public History Committee so that we can address the significantly overlooked issues of archiving and promoting our rich history. In addition, we created a formal policy on qualifications for student office holders. And, we created a Faculty Diversity Committee which will be proactive in helping the campus hire a more diverse faculty.”

Chair Nellen said, “We have had the highest participation level of students in the Senate and on its committees than we have had in many years. Thanks to Associated Students (AS) President Rachel Greathouse and AS Vice President Pearl Yuan.”

Chair Nellen said, “Thanks to all of you for working so hard this year. It has been a very busy year. Some things we have to look forward to next year include the work of the University Planning Council in creating specific plans to reach our goals in 2010, and continuing work to promote the importance of general education and a liberal education. We may also see a push by the Board of Trustees to reduce the minimum 48 units of general education. And, you should be seeing a new Retention-Tenure-Promotion (RTP) policy coming before you in fall. In addition, there will be continued work by the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) on reducing the time to degree for our students.”

Chair Nellen said, “For me personally, I will be continuing the Educated Person Dialogue. I will also be the Director of the Campus Reading Program at the request of AVP Bob Cooper. And, I will be teaching my first MUSE class in the fall. In addition, I will be on sabbatical in the Spring 2006.”

Chair Nellen said, “I like to extend a special thanks to Eva Joice, who works tir Tm(A)TjETBT/TT0 1 Tf

and a highlight of my 15 years with the university.”

B. From the President of the University –

President Kassing said, “The Chancellor and the Trustees have expressed confidence in us. Dave Spence will be leaving as Chief Academic Officer, and I think he felt comfortable with the work that we have been doing here this year. I will be staying through summer 2007.”

President Kassing said, “I will be focusing on getting the strategic planning base laid in so there is a place to work from. Also, the WASC self study is critical. In addition, the campus village will be opening up, and VP Bob Ashton and I feel that we are in a good position for some fundraising this year.”

President Kassing said, “I’d like to thank Chair Nellen, the Executive Committee, and all of you for the year we’ve had. Trustee Carol Chandler, who was here last week, really enjoyed her visit, and was very complimentary of the campus and the Senate.”

President Kassing said, “The Tower Foundation has gotten much more involved with the Tower Award. This last Saturday, the Chairman of the Board of the Tower Foundation, Chuck Davidson, presented the Tower Award to Susan Hammer.”

President Kassing said, “The last thing I would mention is that we have moved for an increase in the IRA fee for Athletics. The current fee is \$12.75. The recommendation came from the Athletics Task Force. The recommendation is that the fee be increased to \$77.75. This would make our fee similar to that of San Diego (\$75) and Boise State Universities (\$90). Sacramento State and SLO, which are both below us in level of competition, are \$150 a semester/\$150 a year. We got into a broad discussion with the current AS Board of Directors on this and they supported us and I want to thank them for this. The incoming AS Board of Directors didn’t support this fee increase, but agreed not to work against it. We also met with the fraternity boards, the IRA, and we had a student forum last Thursday. The Campus Fee Advisory and Executive Committees both supported the fee increase last week. And, this fee will provide the base of a three-legged approach. It has a student investment of \$78 a seme/TT0 1Sena2 T Buzanski sai 12 0 3Abo436./TT0 T sm(work against it.)TBT/

passed as amended.

- VI. Policy Committee and University Library Board Action Items – In rotation**
 - A. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee – Moved to next meeting**
 - B. University Library Board – Moved to next meeting.**
 - C. Professional Standards Committee – Moved to next meeting.**
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