



**Academic Senate
Santa Barbara Division**

**Meeting of the Division
MINUTES (Draft)
February 24, 2003**

A Meeting of the Academic Senate Santa Barbara Division was called for February 24, 2003. The meeting was located in the College of Creative Studies Old Little Theatre and began at 5:00PM with Walter Yuen, Chair, presiding. Present were approximately 86 Senate members and other interested persons.

Mr. Yuen explained that on February 13, 2003 a Special Meeting of the Faculty Legislature was called to discuss the resolution below. Due to the fact that there was not a quorum at that meeting no action on the resolution could take place. This divisional meeting has been called in response to the significant number of faculty who showed interest in holding another meeting where action could take place.

A motion was made by Professor Emeritus Tom Scheff, Sociology, and seconded by Professor Ellen McCracken, Spanish & Portuguese, to adopt the following resolution:

President George Bush,

We the faculty of the University of California Santa Barbara endorse the statement of American Nobel Laureates on a Unilateral, Preventive Attack on Iraq; viz

"The undersigned oppose a preventive war against Iraq without broad international support. Military operations against Iraq may indeed lead to a relatively swift victory in the short term. But war is characterized by surprise, human loss, and unintended consequences. Even with a victory, we believe that the medical, economic, environmental, moral, spiritual, political, and legal consequences of an American preventive attack on Iraq would undermine, not protect, U.S. security and standing in the world."

The following individuals spoke in the discussion on the above resolution:

- Professor Charles Bazermann, Education
- Professor David Cleveland, Anthropology
- Edward Collins, President, Graduate Student Association
- Professor Stephen DeCanio, Economics
- Professor Sarah Fenstermaker, Sociology
- Professor Emeritus Peter Lackner, Dramatic Art and Dance

- Professor Marc McGines, Environmental Studies
- Niko Pipney, Undergraduate Student
- Professor Emeritus Robert Potter, Dramatic Art and Dance
- Professor James Proctor, Geography
- Professor Rebecca Zwick, Education

The following is a summary of the main arguments made in the discussion of the above resolution:

- Our country will lose the knowledge it has gained over the past 100 years if we return to the time when countries followed their own fears and their own self interests above all else. It is important that the U.S.A . receives the highest level of international cooperation before they take any serious action against Iraq.
- It is important that as Faculty we come together, as we have in the past, to take a stand on issues that will affect our community. Our students have shown overwhelming interest in discussing these issues in class because they look towards us for guidance. Our knowledge and input is essential for the public to critically analyze our countries current situation. It is important that as Faculty we take our public responsibility seriously.
- The above resolution is badly drawn, and the Academic Senate will lose credibility if the resolution is passed and we find out that there are weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. A similar resolution was passed in the 1930's at Oxford, with respect to Germany, which history has shown to be an embarrassment. We must remember that it is possible for reasonable people to disagree on the effectiveness of a preventative war and it is possible to intervene in advance to stop devastation from occurring. We need to make these types of decisions on a case by case basis.
- It could be more affective if the Senate passed an original resolution, rather than that of the Nobel Laureates. We should add examples to the resolution that give more detail on what our concerns about the war really are.
- Some faculty showed interest in a full faculty vote, but there is no provision for this to take place. Action taken at a Divisional meeting is of the same as action taken via a full Senate ballot.

Action: Professor Ellen McCracken, Spanish and Portuguese, made a motion to call the question. This motion was seconded by Professor Eillen Boris, Women Studies, and passed.

Action: The resolution, as written above, passed 82-4-0. Please see **Appendix A** for a list of Senate members who were unable to attend the meeting, but wanted the record to show that they are in support of the resolution.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Attest:

Harry Nelson, Vice Chair/Secretary

Appendix A

The following Senate Members, who were unable to attend the meeting, requested that their names be recorded in support of the above resolution (these names were not counted in the vote):

Professor Richard Appelbaum, Sociology

Professor Janet Chrispeels, Education

Professor Emeritus Alice Condodina, Dramatic Art and Dance

Professor Emeritus Joseph Connell, Biological Sciences

Professor Richard Duran, Education

Professor Nancy Gallagher, History

Professor Richard Hebdige, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center

Professor Emeritus Mireya Jaimes-Freyre, Spanish and Portuguese

Professor Shirley Lim, English

Professor Susan McLeod, Writing Program

Professor Cecilia Mendez-Gastelumendi, History

Professor Yukari Okamoto, Education

Professor Lisa Parks, Film Studies

Professor Emeritus Birger Pearson, Religious Studies

Professor Rita Raley, English

Professor William Robinson, Sociology

Professor Leila Rupp, Women's Studies

Professor Beth Schneider, Sociology

Professor Emeritus Stewart Shapiro, Education

Professor Tonia Shimin, Dramatic Art and Dance

Professor Emeritus Thomas Steiner, English

Professor John Sutton, Sociology

Professor Verta Taylor, Sociology

Professor Kay Young, English