CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY  
San Luis Obispo, California 93407  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
MINUTES OF  
The Academic Senate  
Tuesday, April 17, 2001  
UU220, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate meeting of March 6 and March 13, 2001 were approved without change.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: none.

B. President's Office: none.

C. Provost Office: none.

D. Statewide Senators: none.

E. CFA campus president: (Fetzer) There is a significant problem in San Luis Obispo County created by HMOs dropping health care coverage in rural areas. Faculty members are encouraged to contact state legislators and voice their concerns in regards to health care services available in this county.

F. ASI Representative: (Love) ASI Resource: A Guide to the Programs and Services of Associated Students, Inc., ASI's new publication is now available. The faculty is encouraged to become acquainted with this resource guide.

G. Other:

Poly Reps: A student representative of the Poly Reps gave a presentation on the role of Poly Reps at Cal Poly (including their involvement with alumni and campus tours). Darlene Lee can be contacted at dale00@calpoly.edu for tour or other information.

Public Safety: Tony Aeilts, Director of Public Safety, invited everyone who has any concerns regarding safety, parking, etc., to contact the University Police. Aeilts also mentioned how the University Police is becoming a community-oriented department.

CSU Trustee: Board of Trustees member, Debra Farar, attended the Academic Senate meeting and responded to questions regarding the following issues:

Calendar – Funding is available for campuses on quarter systems to change over to a semester system, but this is optional, and campuses will not be forced to make the change. Quotes from Trustee Farar relating to the issue of the calendar included: “It will be your choice” and “It will not be forced on anyone.”

Chancellor Reed – Chancellor Reed has a great deal of support from the Board of Trustees, legislators, and some faculty members. An independent third party is handling Chancellor Reed's evaluation. Several Cal Poly Academic Senate members made it clear to Trustee Farar that Chancellor Reed did not have much support on this campus.

Faculty morale – The Board of Trustees is very concerned about faculty morale on many campuses as well as recruiting difficulties and faculty shortages.

IV. Consent Agenda: none.
V. Business Items:

A. Resolution on the Budgetary Impact of Enrollment on Instruction: first reading Kann (Writing Program). This resolution addresses the problem of teaching writing-intensive courses when class size is larger than 25-35 students. Resolution will return as a second reading at the next Senate meeting.

B. Resolution on Publication of Change of Major Criteria: first reading, Breitenbach, Chair of Instruction Committee. This resolution calls on all departments to publish the criteria which would allow students to transfer into the department’s major before the end of Summer 2001. M/S/P to move resolution to a second reading. M/S/P to approve resolution.

C. Resolution of Commendation for Dean Joseph J. Jen: first reading by Menon, CENG caucus chair. This resolution commends College of Agriculture Dean Jen on his pending nomination as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. M/S/P to move resolution to a second reading. M/S/P to approve resolution.

VI. Discussion Item(s): none.

VII. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Submitted by:

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