## CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY San Luis Obispo, California 93407 ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF The Academic Senate Tuesday, May 8, 2001 UU220, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

- Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate meeting of April 10 and April 17, 2001 were approved without change.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none.

## III. Reports:

- A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hood) Has been meeting with groups of administrators discussing the issue of a quarter versus semester calendar. President Baker's view is that Cal Poly must have good rationale for whatever position it takes on this issue. A "Frequently Asked Questions" brochure will be sent out to the campus asking each department and college how they think the change will affect their program. The entire process should be completed by October 15, 2001. Linda Dalton, Vice Provost for Institutional Planning, added that President Baker needs arguments and evidence with solid data to back them up.
- B. President's Office: none.
- C. Provost Office: none.
- D. Statewide Senators: (Gooden) The statewide Academic Senate is looking at a resolution on stand alone Ed.D. degrees. Cal Poly's Academic Senate members voted not to support this resolution.
- E. CFA: (Foroohar) The CFA has filed a formal complaint against the CSU for not bargaining in good faith. One of the reasons for filing this complaint is the refusal by CSU to provide CFA with needed information to bargain effectively.
- F. ASI Representative: (Love) ASI is working on ways to obtain students' input on the issue of a quarters vs. semesters calendar.
- G. Other: (Hood) Presented College of Agriculture Dean Joseph Jen with a framed resolution commending him for his nomination as Undersecretary of U.S. Department of Agriculture (Education, Research, and Economics).
- IV. Consent Agenda: none.
- V. Business Items:
  - A. Resolution on the Budgetary Impact of Enrollment on Instruction: second reading, Kann (Writing Program). This resolution addresses the problem of teaching writing-intensive courses when class size is larger than 25-35 students. Senator Keith Stowe (physics) presented an amendment in which the faculty would be responsible for setting and maintaining academic standards and giving faculty the right to refuse any measures that might compromise academic integrity but failed. Senator Foroohar's (History) amendment to add two resolve clauses failed.

M/S/P to change the title to read "Resolution on Budgetary Impact of Enrollment on Writing Intensive Instruction"

## M/S/P to modify the first resolved as follows:

That Cal Poly redirect funds to meet the budgetary shortfall resulting from the increased enrollment expected for the Fall of 2001 so as to support the fundamental writing-intensive general education of its students at enrollments consistent with the recommendations and goals of the new General Education program. These redirected funds shall not affect the base funding for any college, or for UCTE, or any academically related unit including the library; and be it further

M/S/P to approve resolution as amended.

- **B.** Resolution on Commencement: second reading, Breitenbach, chair of Instruction Committee. This resolution would require students to complete all graduation requirements prior to participating in graduation ceremonies. Discussion, as a second reading, will continue at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- VI. Discussion Item (s): none.
- VII. Adjournment: meeting was recessed at 5pm until next Tuesday, May 15.

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MINUTES OF The Academic Senate Tuesday, May 15, 2001 UU220, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

This meeting is a continuation of the May 8 Academic Senate meeting.

- I. Minutes: none.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none.
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
  - B. President's Office: none.
  - C. Provost Office: (Zingg) The increase in energy cost and lower tax revenues has created a problem for the May revise of the state budget. This budget, which is not in its final form, is an increase over last year's budget but is still grim and has both long and short-term implications. Some CSU campuses are considering offering a 4-day class schedule in order to conserve energy during the summer.
  - D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) The Statewide Academic Senate passed a resolution chastising Chancellor Reed for his poor behavior specially for his lack of responsible communication on bargaining. (Gooden) The CSU Academic Senate passed a resolution allowing the CSU campuses to offer independent Ed.D. degrees and (Kersten) further stated funds for these programs will most likely come from current undergraduate and masters programs.
  - E. CFA campus president: (Fetzer) The CSU Northridge "Sundial" published a letter by Chancellor Reed denying faculty discontent and stating that unhappy faculty members are only a minority among the CSU campuses.
  - F. ASI Representative: (Love) Introduced the following students: Samuel Aborne, Michael Rumsey, and Brian Pennino as guests to the meeting.
  - G. Other: none.
- IV. Consent Agenda: none.
- V. Business Items:
  - B. Resolution on Commencement: second reading, Breitenbach, chair of Instruction Committee. This resolution would require students to complete all graduation requirements prior to participating in graduation ceremonies.

M/S/P to approve Harvey Greenwald's (Caucus Chair – CSM) amendment to replace the second resolved clause with the following:

- RESOLVED: That it shall be the policy of Cal Poly that for a student to participate in graduation ceremonies, the student must satisfy at least one of the following:
  - 1. The student shall have completed all degree requirements and not have participated in a graduation ceremony previously.
  - 2. The student shall currently be enrolled in classes that would complete all of the student's degree requirement.
  - 3. The student shall be registered for classes for the following term that would allow the student to complete all of his/her degree requirements.

Reg Gooden, Statewide Senator, proposed an amendment to delete #3 from Greenwald's amendment but the amendment failed.

Simon Evnine, Senator, presented the following friendly amendment to the first resolved:

RESOLVED: That students shall be made aware that participation by students who are not scheduled to complete have not completed all degree requirements is contradictory to the spirit of academic integrity and of the commencement ceremony; and be it further

M/S/P to approve resolution.

- C. Resolution on Incomplete "I" Agreements: second reading, Breitenbach, chair of Instruction Committee. This resolution strongly encourages the use of the "I" Agreement form to ease the process of converting an "I" grade to a letter grade. There was some discussion and minor modifications to the form.
  M/S/P to approve resolution.
- D. Resolution on Name Change for the Academic Senate Faculty Ethics Committee: first reading, Greenwald, member of the Faculty Ethics Committee.
   M/S/P to move the resolution to a second reading.
   Hood, Academic Senate Chair, suggested a friendly amendment to modify the title of the resolution to read as follows: "Resolution on Procedures and Name Change for the Academic Senate Faculty Ethics Committee."
   M/S/P to approve resolution.
- VI. Discussion Item (s): none.
- VII. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

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