Preparatory: the meeting was opened at 3:15 p.m.

I. Minutes: The minutes from the November 6, 2001 Executive Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

II. Communications and Announcements:
Reservations were taken for those interested in having lunch with Trustees Goldwhite and Tsakopoulos on January 22. Those attending include: Reich, DeTurris, Gooden, Hood, Zingg, and Menon.
Letters of intent and vitae on the two candidates for Academic Council on International Programs was distributed to all members. Members were asked to review applicants’ qualifications and submit their vote by e-mail before Thursday, January 10 at noon. John Battenburg from the English Department was selected to serve the 2001-2004 term.

III. Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair Report: None.
B. President’s Report: None.
C. Provost’s Report: (Zingg) Cal Poly alumni Ozzy Smith was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame today. Budget impact analysis by colleges and division are being received by Administration and discussed by various committees on campus. Governor Davis will announce the new state budget this Thursday.
D. Statewide Senate: None.
E. CFA: (Fetzer) Issues between the CFA and CSU are not significantly different financially. There is a relatively small monetary difference between the position of the CFA and that of the CSU. We believe that SSIs are a non-cost item while the CSU argues that there are net costs involved. The difference in the cost of the items CFA seeks to have as part of the package and that which the CSU is offering is small: the GSI, SSIs, an upgrade in the stipends of chairs/heads, lecturer health benefits add up to a relatively modest sum out of a CSU annual budget of $3 billion. Our other disagreements are in non-monetary areas, for example, providing enough people to process faculty rights issues in a timely manner. The certified fact-finding phase of contract negotiations will take approximately one month.
F. ASI: None.
G. Other: None.

IV. Discussion Item:

V. Business Items:
A. Academic Senate/committee vacancies: Greenwald and Reich are currently working on filling their college’s vacancies.
B. Review/recommendation of nominee for General Education Director 2002-2005: M/S/P to make a recommendation to the Provost to nominate Doug Keesey for the General Education Director position.

C. Resolution on Budget Principles and Strategies: Greenwald, COSAM caucus chair. This resolution represents the faculty's view and voice, to the Academic Senate, of what they are comfortable with in an attempt to provide advice to administration on how to deal with the budget crisis. This was agendized for the next Academic Senate meeting.

D. Resolution on Minimum Units for Degree: Hammings, chair of the Curriculum Committee. This resolution was created in order to respond to the 180-unit minimum requirement and provides the opportunity for the Senate to voice its opinion on this issue and to add their concerns. There was no motion made to agendize this resolution.

E. Resolution on Academic Integrity, Program Accountability, and 180 Units for Degree: Hood, COSAM Senator. This resolution will simplify the 180-unit requirement by satisfying all three guidelines mentioned in the resolution. The following changes were made to the resolution:

   First WHEREAS, Title V of the California Code of Regulations requires a minimum of 180 quarter units for graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Baccalaureate degree in the CSU; and

   Last WHEREAS, It is the duty of the faculty of Cal Poly to educate its students so that they graduate as lifelong learners who are prepared to meet both the economic and societal challenges of a world that is becoming increasingly more culturally and technologically diverse; therefore, be it

   M/S/P to refer the resolution to the Curriculum Committee for their review and to have them bring it back to the next Executive Committee meeting.

F. Resolution on Process for Change of Major: Breitenbach, chair of Instruction Committee. This resolution addresses problems and barriers that students face when changing majors. Motion to table until the next Executive Committee meeting. M/S/P

VI. Discussion Item(s):Information Competency: The Information Competency Committee had brought forward a resolution in 1998 with recommendations for an Information Competency Plan but was defeated. Since there are many questions and no single group can answer all of them, it is recommended that a group of representatives provide answers. M/S/P to authorize the Vice Provost for Academic Programs to establish whatever committee is necessary to ensure that an Information Competency proposal is brought to the Senate by date certain.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.