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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, October 29, 2002
UU220, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: None.
- II. Communications and Announcements: (Menon) Introduced: Dr. Cornel Morton, Vice President for Student Affairs, who is an ex-officio member of the Academic Senate and so we will continue to see him at meetings. Dr. Morton will be presenting a report. Also in attendance were Carol Schaffer, Associate Director of Housing, and Joel Neel from Facilities Planning.
- III. Reports:
- A. Academic Senate Chair: (Menon) a) Myron Hood is now back home after successful cardiac surgery and is recovering well. The Academic Senate Executive Committee has asked Reg Gooden to be the substitute Statewide Senator until Myron Hood is able to resume his duties. b) The next issue of Cal Poly Report will have a CSU call for nominations to replace CSU Faculty Trustee Harold Goldwhite when he completes his term this year. Experience in academic governance is a requirement and almost all past CSU Faculty Trustees have served as Chair of CSU Statewide Senate. c) A large team of accreditation evaluators from ABET (Engineering Accreditation Council & Computer Science Accreditation Council) were on campus last week October 19-22nd, for the periodic reviews of all twelve engineering and computer science programs within CENG, CAGR and CAED. The initial feedback from the accreditation team is very positive and they have much praise for the quality of our programs. I wish to place on record the Senate's appreciation to all faculty, students, support staff and administrators who were involved in various ways, in this very important test of our academic accountability. d) The topic of "Facilitating Student Success" with improving graduation rate, as a major component of such success will be emerging in different forms during this academic year, both here at Cal Poly and CSU wide. I will keep the Senate informed as this initiative begins to gain momentum.
- B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene via email which was read out verbatim by Chair Menon) we continue to move forward with the development of the Free Expression Policy. Since my visit with the Senate Executive Committee, I have circulated a fresh draft among the members of the summer ad hoc group. With the benefit of some additional input from members of the group, I am finalizing a draft for review by the CAP Committee this Friday. I expect to get the draft out to the CAP Committee (copy to the ad hoc group) by tomorrow morning at the latest. Following the CAP Committee's meeting, the policy draft will then be formally available for wider campus review and comment, prior to a second review by the CAP Committee in December. The policy will likely then be sent on for legal review, further administrative review, and ultimate Presidential review/approval. Through all these review phases, there will be an open door for individuals and groups to weigh in with comments and suggestions.
- C. Provost's Office: (Zingg) a) The ABET review last week involved the College of Engineering, College of Agriculture, and College of Architecture and Environmental Design. It was extremely gratifying and very positive to hear the comments on our students and colleagues in the programs reviewed which underscores why we have the top ranked public undergraduate

engineering school in the country. For the record “my appreciation to all of those who contributed to an effort that has been going on for three years, preparing for this visit.” b) As required by the Chancellor’s Office, Cal Poly has now submitted the preliminary request on enrollment targets for next year and our request is to roll back our enrollment to the point that they were at two years ago. We want to restore the balance of resources with enrollments and the number that we submitted would enable that to occur and it will also create alignment between what our physical plan capacity is and the resources that we get from state funding. Systemwide there is a sense that we are all over enrolled. c) There will be no budgetary actions for the remainder of the calendar year and there is no expectation of retroactive budgetarial reduction.

- D. Statewide Senators: (Menon) Statewide Senators are meeting next week, Wednesday for committee sessions and Thursday/Friday for full senate plenary sessions. More information will be available after the meetings.
- E. CFA Campus President: (Feroohar) there was a Board of Directors meeting October 18-20 in Los Angeles. CFA is discussing many different issues but the important one is preparing for re-opener contract negotiation. It will start next April and right now a faculty survey is being prepared to find out what issues are important to faculty. Two other issues that were discussed but basically we have no control over, are health care issue for rural areas and the “golden handshake.” CFA is considering filing an unfair labor practice suit, since the Chancellor has rejected our meet-&-confer meeting request with CFA to discuss the possibility of a golden handshake as authorized by the governor for all state agencies.
- F. ASI Representatives: (Schrupp) the issue of civility was discussed with the ASI Board and the question of action required is not specific and needs clarification. Menon mentioned that the charge assigned to ASI at this time is to look at ideas that have emerged and issues of civility from ASI point of view. Essentially, we are looking for ASI to designate the student representatives to join faculty members in an Ad Hoc joint ASI-Senate committee to be formed which will then be given a formal charge jointly by Menon and Parnell.
- G. Other Reports by: Dr. Cornel Morton, Vice President for Student Affairs. Carol Schaffer, Associate Director of Housing, and Joel Neal from Facilities Planning. (Morton) I have spent 6 years at Penn State University as Associate Vice President for Student Support Services and several years in other locations in higher education. The work provided by student affairs is largely that of student advocate and in our work, we are partners with academic colleagues, with those who work in labs, studios, classrooms, etc and we look for opportunities to help students round out their experiences. Many of us are looking for opportunities to broaden the definition of student success by including the larger array of experiences that shape the life of an individual over 4, 5, 6 years and have her or him leave the university a changed person and able to engage a democratic society responsibly. We view the notion of student success in a larger context that helps us to understand that success defined as progress to degree, change of major, transferring, senior projects are all critically important and have to be made more student friendly. They are all important dimensions of success. In regards to housing, the phase I project, which includes 800 new beds, is a very meaningful step in the right direction in this community since it will make for a more rich and complete residential experience for our students. Student now want greater control over their space and look forward to a more contemporary arrangement. Phase I is configured as apartment, private bedrooms, common living space, laundry facilities, and in a very beautiful setting. Phase II, which will be complete Fall 2006, includes a more traditional residential facility with 700 beds with a degree of privacy and convenience. The Cal Poly Care Team handout describes a student support system inside the division of student affairs that represents various departments throughout the university community. We are looking for opportunities to learn from the faculty how we might help those students who appear to be in need of help. (Schaffer) Handouts provided on housing are self explanatory with a lot of information and blueprints. There is a 5,000 sq. ft. community building as part of the project and will be utilized as socialization space for the 800 residents. Grand opening will be Fall of 2003 and we are looking at current student population to fill it.

(Neel) We are in the process of working out the next phase for 700 beds with an expected opening date of Fall 2006.

- IV. Consent Agenda:
All curriculum and course changes (except for items A and B under Business Items below) as shown at: <http://www.academics.calpoly.edu/curriculum/index.htm>. Hannings, chair of the Curriculum Committee. Business 396 and 397 and 398 courses are withdrawn from the consent agenda but will be reviewed by the Executive Committee next Tuesday. M/S/P to approve the consent agenda as amended.
- V. Business Items:
- A. **Approval of New Program Proposals for 2003-2005:** Hannings, chair of the Curriculum Committee, second reading. M/S/P to approve programs as proposed.
- B. **“Item pulled from the Consent Agenda”:** Hannings, chair of the Curriculum Committee, first reading. Ag Business has requested to replace the requirement of Math 118 or Math 221 with Math 221. The Curriculum Committee recommended against that proposal because it would be a case of establishing hidden prerequisites. The Academic Senate needs to sustain or not sustain the Curriculum Committee recommendation. After much discussion, the proposal was agendaized to return as a second reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- C. **Computer Science major to use GE Engineering template, required changes in curriculum display:** Kearns, Chair Computer Science. By approval of the General Education committee, Computer Science will use the Engineering GE template. As a result of this change in GE requirements, Computer Science will make the changes outlined in the memo. The Academic Senate Curriculum committee requests that these changes be approved as part of the consent agenda. M/S/P to consider this item part of the consent agenda. Passes unanimously.
- VI. Discussion Item(s): None.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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