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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, November 19, 2002
UU220, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Senate Committee meeting of October 1 and October 29, 2002 were approved without change.
- II. Communications and Announcements:
- Introduction of John Ashbaugh from History as the part-time/lecturer faculty representative.
 - A thank you to Jerry Hanley, Craig Schultz, and the folks at ITS for allowing the Academic Senate web site link on the Quick-finds drop-down menu list at the Cal Poly home page.
 - A quick poll on how many people use my My.CalPoly Portal revealed that only about 12 people at the Academic Senate meeting currently use it.
- A. **Free Expression (Draft) Policy available for viewing at:**
<http://policy.calpoly.edu/capdraft/100/CAP180draft.htm> (p.8). (Howard-Greene) Over the summer a group of folks including, staff, administrators, and student convened almost on a weekly basis to discuss campus policies related to free speech and have since then broadened that term to free expression to allow for both non-verbal and verbal forms of communication. Some incidents on campus last year called into question whether or not there was widespread understanding of the existing policies and also suggested that we needed to look at current and emerging policies in order to make sure that they reflected the current thinking of the campus community on the issue of free expression. As a result, a draft policy is now viewable on the web while it goes to committee and administrative and legal review. You are all invited to take a look at the policy and pass any comments to Dan Howard-Greene to share with the CAP committee. The policy emphasizes that Cal Poly has a responsibility to not only tolerate but actually facilitate, foster, and promote the robust exchange of contrasting views in an array of issues. At the same time, it emphasizes that certain rules, such a scheduling protocol, need to be followed in order to preserve the ability of the university to conduct its core education mission and also to provide security of public safety.
- B. **Resolution on Support for Proposition 47 (AS-590-02/EC)** approved by President Baker on October 18, 2002.
- C. **Memo re “Jointly Sponsored Volume of Articles on Academic Technology in the CSU”** (p.9).
- D. **At the December 3, 2002 Academic Senate meeting, the following Trustees will be present to discuss educational issues affecting the state and the CSU: Roberta Achtenberg (Trustee), Debra Farar (Chair, Board of Trustees), Harold Goldwhite (Faculty Trustee).** (Dingus) Be sure to attend the meeting. Senator Hood suggested sending discussion items to the Academic Senate office staff who will then forward them to the trustees.
- III. Reports:
- A. Academic Senate Chair: None.
 - B. President's Office: None.
 - C. Provost's Office: (Dalton) The CSU has allocated funds for an additional 100 FTE students for this year which will help cover some of the cost associated with the fact that enrollment is above our original target. Cal Poly has received the first confirmation of the total enrollment

target for next year which will be 17,100, an increase of 200 over what they are budgeting for us this year.

- D. Statewide Senators: (Foroohar) Members were elected to the faculty trustee nomination committee, which consists of seven members from different campuses. This committee will look at applications from those interested on becoming faculty trustees, and will send their recommendations to the full Senate by March. Two important resolutions were passed at the last meeting, including one dealing with an amendment to the CSU bylaws limiting the term of Executive Committee members to two consecutive years in the same position. The reason for passing this resolution is to allow more chances to more senators to get involved in the leadership of the Statewide Academic Senate. The other resolution, which resulted in a very long discussion, asks the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees to reconsider the budget proposal approved on October 31, 2002. The reason for this resolution is that the approved budget does not consider major priorities, such as faculty salary and class size, mentioned in two resolutions passed last May on budget priority.
- E. CFA Campus President: None.
- F. ASI Representatives: (Schrupp) ASI is currently working on recruiting volunteers to serve on the civility task force by identifying students from as wide a range of colleges as possible.
- G. Other: None.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Items:

- A. **Agribusiness Department Curriculum Proposal:** Hannings, Chair of the Curriculum Committee. Second reading. The procedure is for Senators to vote to agree or disagree with the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee. The Curriculum Committee recommends against changing the Math 118 or Math 221 listing in the catalog to Math 221. There was a clarification that the Curriculum Committee isn't opposed to the Math 221 requirement but does oppose requiring Math 221 without also requiring Math 118, which is a pre-requisite for Math 221. The Curriculum Committee considers this a classic example of a case of establishing hidden pre-requisites. Amspacher, representative for the Agribusiness department, mentioned that it is not their desire to up their Math requirement, but rather it is a desire to have the students be properly prepared and it's not a hidden pre-requisite situation. M/S/P to close debate. M/S/F to approve the Curriculum Committee's recommendation, therefore, the Agribusiness curriculum proposal stands as submitted with Math 221 as the only required course to be stipulated in the next catalog.

- B. **College of Business Curriculum Proposal:** Item was withdrawn.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

- A. Myron Hood thanked everyone for all the cards and e-mails. He also mentioned that he has recovered and is doing well.
- B. Del Dingus recognized each caucus chair and asked them to share something good and positive that has taken place within their college.
 - College of Agriculture – Harris – Last year the College of Agriculture students won eight national prizes at a very competitive level and would like to applaud the faculty and students for their investment and commitment to excellence.
 - College of Architecture and Environmental Design – Reich – For the first time in 25 years we are busy planning how to make our space that we work in a lot more usable by way of a college-wide committee working on spending Prop 47 money in a good way. One positive thing is that there are a number of younger people involved and interested in challenging some assumptions and continuing to press for real careful examination of all the issues and to make sure that they are current. The Architecture department hosted the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture,

which is the national faculty organization conference last weekend, brought 65 scholars from around the world, had many students involved, and published an excellent proceeding before the conference. There are some extra copies available for sale.

College of Business – Armstrong – A 6-month long strategic planning process, donated to the college, was completed. Ernst & Young conducted this \$100,000 program. We are anxious to roll out the various results from different aspect of that planning process into policies, procedures, and follow up.

College of Engineering – DeTurris – Our campus has the largest “Society of Women Engineers” student sections in the country, which won best student section award this year at the national competition. The college has 10 new faculty members this year. A \$5 million alumni donation will allow a senior project center to be built with construction beginning next year to be located in the parking lot outside the library. We expect a full accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering (ABET) for next year.

College of Liberal Arts – Lynch – We exceeded the fund raising campaign for the year by \$1.7 million. The faculty and staff are undertaking a funding campaign for a children’s center in Kabul and we encourage all to take part in that. There are 19 faculty tenure-track searches going on in the college for next year.

College of Science and Math – Brown – We had a large donation of the Unocal Pier last year, which will contribute to both students and faculty involvement across the college.

PCS – Montgomery – Librarians – We responded to ASI’s request to extend the hours of the library for the students at night and on the weekends. We are moving the current periodicals down to the first floor near the front of the library where a new room is now constructed but furniture has not arrived yet. We have received student fee money from several colleges for materials and resources.

Counselors – They are working diligently to realize Baker’s request to have students complete their degrees and senior projects on time. Athletics – The football coaches met with the players everyday to discuss how their academics are going and to keep them on track. The women’s soccer coach was named Coach of the Conference and Coach of the Year.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Submitted by,

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