

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

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, May 13, 2003
VU220, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Preparatory: The meeting was opened at 3:10 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Executive Committee meeting of April 22, 2003 were approved without change.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): None.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: None.
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) The CSU Board of Trustees is meeting this week and we will be waiting to hear any news about the Governor's budget.
 - C. Provost Office: (Zingg) A new article on the budget situation suggests that as of April 15, 2003 the amount of tax revenue exceeds what was expected and this could have a positive effect on bond ratings. Some of the budget issues will be decided over the next couple of months but President Baker has made it clear that CMS is on the table, along with everything else. A concise statement, detailing CMS expenses such as consulting cost and assigned time cost, will be created and distributed to anyone who requests it. Chancellor Reed said that the three priorities for the CSU are: to provide instruction and services for current students, preserve jobs, and do whatever it takes to accommodate new enrollment. Congratulations to Erika Rogers, Computer Science professor, who has been named Director of the Cal Poly Honors Program.
 - D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) Chancellor Reed visited the Statewide Academic Senate at the last meeting of the year and mentioned that the CSU will receive a cut of \$69.6 million, in order to defer payments on \$10 billion. This \$69.6 million cut is in addition to the previous cut of \$260 million. There is a possibility of an additional 12.5% fee increase on top of the 25% and the 10% fee increase from January, if it doesn't get worse, but we could end up with a 25% increase above and beyond the current 25% increase. At a special session of the Board of Trustees meeting, Richard West explained the state auditor's CMS audit and the CSU response to the auditor's report.
 - E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) CFA passed a resolution voicing their concerns regarding the CMS project. On the issue of bargaining, everything was going well until last Friday afternoon, when bargaining went back to the original proposal, bargaining then broke up, and no further meetings were scheduled. At this time, it appears that bargaining will probably end up in impasse.
 - F. ASI Representative: None.
 - G. Other: David Conn, A new task force is reviewing the issue of diversity on the Academic Curriculum with research taking place this summer and a recommendation expected in Fall quarter. The new task force is being co-chaired by George Lewis and Doug Cerf, under the coordination of USCP and General Education Committees.
- IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Items:

- A. Resolution to Promote Civility and a Diversity-Friendly Environment Through responsible Use of Computing Resources: Senator Vanasupa, chair of the Materials Engineering Department. This resolution requests that section D. Policy Application of the *Information Technology Resources Responsible Use Policy* be amended and that some definitions be clarified. There was much debate on the following issues: the need to avoid any use of personalized quotes in footnotes in any resolution, the questionable ability of the proposed amendments of Responsible Use Policy to work if implemented, and the re-assurance that any knowledge of offence or violation of the Responsible Use Policy with respect to hostile work places should always be brought forward to be remedied as currently required under existing policies. Chair Menon reminded the members that the author would like the resolution to be debated at the full Senate meeting, and the decision being made is whether the resolution as submitted is ready to be placed on the agenda for the full Senate. He then called for a secret ballot vote. MISIP to agendize the resolution to the full Senate meeting. Senator Hood made a motion urging the Academic Senate to endorse the creation of a task force to look at the problems addressed in the resolution and make recommendations to the Provost but was later withdrawn. A request for the formation of a group composed of the Provost, Academic Senate Chair, and Senator Vanasupa to address the issues brought up in the resolution was endorsed by the Academic Senate.
- B. Substitute Resolution to Promote Civility and a Diversity-Friendly Environment Through responsible Use of Computing Resources: Withdrawn due to Senator Vanasupa's resolution not being agendized.
- C. Resolution on Credit/No Credit Grading (CRINC): Breitenbach, chair of the Instruction Committee/Hannings, chair of the Curriculum Committee. This resolution modifies the current policy, which was adopted in 1997 but was never fully implemented and continues to cause confusion for student who in some cases end up with non-compliance. This resolution seeks to remedy the problems by reducing the number CRINC unit to a maximum of 8 units and raising the minimum grade required to earn credit from C- to C. . This resolution was endorsed and has the full support of both the Instruction and Curriculum Committees. MISIP to agendize resolution.
- D. Resolution on Change in Academic Senate Grants Review Committee Membership (Bylaws section I.7.a): Menon, chair of the Academic Senate. This change, in the membership of the Grants Review Committee, was requested by the committee after being debated by all committee members that a bylaw change is needed. MISIP to endorse the request as presented.
- E. Resolution on Change in Academic Senate Library Committee Membership (Bylaws section I.9.a.): Menon, chair of the Academic Senate. This change, in the membership of the Library Committee, was requested by the committee after being debated by all committee members that a bylaw change is needed. MISIP to endorse the request as presented.
- F. Membership recommendations for General Education committees: Menon, chair of the Academic Senate. Executive Committee members made recommendations for faculty to serve in the University General Education committee.
- G. Academic Senate/University-wide Committee Vacancies for 2003-2004: The following appointments were made:
College of Business
US Cultural Pluralism Subcommittee Dan Villegas, Econ
Library Committee Phillip Fanchon, Econ

- College of Science and Math
 Curriculum Committee Mike Yoshimura, Biological Sci
University-Wide Committee
 University Union Advisory Board Susan Elrod, Biological Science
 H. Appointment of Academic Senate Committee Chairs: The following appointments
 were made:
 Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee Steve Kaminaka, BioRes
 &AgEng.
MISIP to waive the term limit rule in order to allow Steve Kaminaka to continue
as non-voting (except as tie-breaker), chair of this committee for 2003-2004.
 Curriculum Committee Dave Hannings, Horti&SC
 Faculty Affairs Committee Manzar Foroohar, History
 Faculty Awards Committee Michael Geringer, Mgmt
 Faculty Dispute Review Committee Lezlie Labhard, IT
 Fairness Board Del Dingus, Earth&SS
 Grants Review Committee David Braun, ElecEngr
 Instruction Committee Andrew Schaffner, Stats
 Library Committee Debora Schwartz, English
 Research & Professional Development Comm. Ed Sullivan, C&E Engr
 Student Grievance Board Faysal Kolkailah, Aero Engr
 US Cultural Pluralism Subcommittee Michael Lucas, Arch

- VI. Discussion Item (s): Hannings, The CSU Board of Trustees has approved the BS in Software Engineering. The Curriculum Committee is currently discussing the curriculum-catalog cycle and its processes. In the last two years, there have been 300 experimental courses presented that were approved by the Academic Senate with a blanket resolution. Please send all suggestions to Dave Hannings at dhanning@calpoly.edu.
- VII. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:


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