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MINUTES OF  
The Academic Senate  
Tuesday, May 27, 2003  
VU220, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Senate Committee meeting of May 6, 2003 was approved without change.
- II. Communications and Announcements:
  - A. 2002-2003 year end report of the Academic Council on International Programs (ACIP): Copy of this report is available in the Academic Senate Office.
  - B. Academic Senate Luncheon: Wednesday, May 28 is the last day to RSVP for the Wednesday, June 4 luncheon.
  - C. Childcare Report: This report has been pulled at the request of Senator Reich.
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: None.
  - B. President's Office: (Baker) On CMS - The current CMS discussion is on the issue of Student Administrative module implementation and the need for Cal Poly to make the best possible decision within the CSU guidelines. The timeline for our campus is influenced, among other things, by the fact that our current student legacy system is reaching the end of its useful life. If we don't meet the campus timeline, we run the risk of encountering much bigger problems. We like to use our campus expertise as much as possible. Parking fees and dorm fees will not be used to support CMS. On Student Housing North - This project, which fits within the Master Plan, is anticipated to have a lower cost per squared foot and greater amenities than Cerro Vista. Some of the amenities include two 950 space-parking garage and 30,000 sq. ft of commercial space for services such as a grocery store and coffee house. We are developing a unique partner relationship with Capstone and have worked with the Chancellor's staff and the CSU Board of Trustees in structuring the proposed partnership. In regards to the request for the creation of a new committee composed of faculty members to advise the administration, it would be better to have faculty members already from the many committees to cross-communicate with the rest of the facility and campus community. We want effective suggestions, which work in practice. On Budget - There is strong support in Sacramento for sustaining the Governor's budget, but there is still a probability that something could go wrong between now and mid June. The present 10% CSU budget reduction (as provided for by the Governor's budget) is projected to result in a \$12.3M net shortfall for the Cal Poly Campus, after mitigations, or 6.91 % ( a bit less for the Colleges). Provost Zingg mentioned that there will be an augmentation, coming from the Cal Poly Plan and Academic Affairs, in excess of \$900,000 to the GE budget. This is more than twice, what it was last year.
  - C. Provost's Office: None.
  - D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) At a Statewide Academic Senate meeting Chancellor Reed provided a very informative report in which he mentioned the additional \$69.6 million cut from the 2003-2004 CSU budget. At a meeting of the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees, Vice Chancellor Richard West, explained the CSU's position on the State Auditor's report on CMS. Basically, West said that the CSU had done nothing wrong, the project was proceeding on budget and on time, and that the campuses that had implemented CMS were satisfied with its functionality. West stated that because of the budget crisis, campuses could request a year's deferment in implementing CMS.

- E. CFA Campus President: (Feroohar) Next round of bargaining will take place in Sacramento on Thursday and Friday, May 29 and 30.
- F. ASI Representatives: (Paasch) ASI is planning a Softball tournament for the Executive Staff and the Board of Directors as well the end-of-year banquet.
- G. Other: Athletics Governing Board: (Wenzl) The Athletics Department had the special honor of having two students, volleyball players, honored by the NCAA. One student will receive a generous post-graduate scholarship while the other was named a highly ranked alternate. This is the first time in at least the past 18 years that a Cal Poly student has won this prestigious award. The NCAA is looking for new ways to structure the way in which it calculates graduation rates. They are considering going to a "points system" but details are not yet available.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

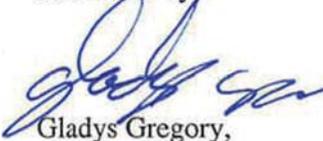
V. Business Item(s):

- A. Resolution in Support of Signing the Talloires Declaration: Steve Marx, along with other members of the Talloires Committee and authors of the *Proposal to Cal Poly Academic Senate in support of signing the Talloires Declaration*. Second reading. The declaration is not binding and is completely voluntary leaving each campus to decide on the desired implementation. The range of compliance among the 300 colleges who have signed it varies greatly. The ten-point statement is a list of goals and nothing more. MIS/p to approve resolution.
- B. Resolution on Budget Crisis: Feroohar, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee. This resolution provides President Baker with criteria and suggestions on how to reduce the impact of budget cuts on the quality of education in our university.  
Friendly amendment to modify the fourth RESOLVED as follows: "That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly strongly urge President Baker to ensure that there will be continuing transparency and consultation in the budget process so that the campus community can be fully informed; and be it further". MIS/p to approve resolution including the friendly amendment.
- C. Resolution on Credit/No Credit Grading (CRINC): Breitenbach, chair of the Instruction Committee/Hannings, chair of the Curriculum Committee/Keeseey, Director of the GE Program. This resolution modifies the current policy, which was adopted in 1997 but was never fully implemented and continues to cause confusion for students 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. Discussion will be continued at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- D. Resolution on Change in Academic Senate Grants Review Committee Membership (Bylaws section 1.7.a): Due to lack of time this resolution will be addressed at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- E. Resolution on Change in Academic Senate Library Committee Membership (Bylaws section 1.9.a): Due to lack of time this resolution will be addressed at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- F. [June 3] Resolution on Establishing a Faculty Award to Recognize Distinguished Research and Professional Development at Cal Poly: Sullivan, chair of research and Professional Development Committee.

VI. Discussion Item(s): None.

VII. Meeting recessed at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by



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