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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, February 10, 2004
UU220, 3:10 to 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes of January 20, 2004 were approved without change.
- II. Communications and Announcements: None.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: None.
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) Election Day is March 2. The ballot will include many initiatives, two of particular relevance to Cal Poly. Proposition 55 is an education bond for K-12 and higher education and if it passes it will bring about \$34 million to Cal Poly. (If it fails to pass, it will be reintroduced in the November elections). Proposition 57 is a \$15 billion debt financing bond which is a significant part of the Governor's budget.
 - C. Provost's Office: (Detweiler) Budget cuts for Cal Poly will be \$9.3 million for 2004-2005 academic year on top of the mid-year and current year reduction. 2004-2005 enrollment will be reduced by approximately 5% or 850 students, which will be largely achieved by greatly reducing summer quarter in order to stabilize the size of the freshmen class and by reducing the number of transfer students. Some colleges are planning to offer some classes on state support this summer while Extended Education will be increasing the number of courses offered. At this time, no agreement has been reached as to faculty salaries or students fees. Allocations to colleges and all non-college support units within Academic Affairs have been made, unevenly, based on assessment of needs and the centrality to the mission of Cal Poly.
 - D. Statewide Senators: (Menon). Information will be available at the next Academic Senate meeting since there is a Statewide meeting later this week. (Hood) The United Auto Workers (UAW) is trying to organize all graduate students like it did in the UC system. (Foroohar) The plenary of the Statewide Academic Senate passed several resolutions including a resolution in support of Proposition 56, Budget Accountability Act, which will punish the legislature if a budget is not passed on time and reduce the percentage necessary for legislative approval of the budget to 2/3 from 55%. Another resolution passed was "Faculty Role in Academic Restructuring and Program Discontinuance." This resolution asks each campus to either review or develop a policy for discontinuance and review of programs. Our campus' Faculty Affairs Committee looked at our current policy and decided not to make any changes because some colleges are in the middle of applying the policy. A resolution on policies on the employment of graduate students, as a way to save money, was also passed and it asks campuses to create criteria for the use of graduate students in place of lecturers. Cal Poly currently doesn't have such policies but the Academic Senate Faculty Affairs Committee is discussing it.
 - E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) The CFA Board of Directors met last weekend in Los Angeles where it discussed Proposition 56 and the campaign supporting it. There has been a lot of discussion on the decision that some campuses are making to move summer session to Extended Education. Traditionally the problem with Extended Ed has been that student fees are higher while faculty pay is lower, but this year the Chancellor's Office has asked campus to set student fees equal to regular state fees. Nevertheless, faculty salary is still much lower than regular state funded summer sessions. Cal Poly CFA is very concern with the borrowing of \$15 million to implement CMS Student Administration component.

- F. ASI Representatives: (Cowan) Last week ASI Board of Directors passed a resolution in support of Proposition 55 and a resolution supporting Chancellor Reed's request to save the education opportunity program from budget cuts. ASI is creating a task force to look into the implementation of senior projects campus wide and its effectiveness in fulfilling the capstone experience, and is requesting input from the Academic Senate as to what has been done in the past.
- G. Other: **Academic Affairs Office: CMS update and financial report and PolyProgress.** Documents distributed at this meeting are available at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/news.html>. **PolyProgress** – (Ikeda) is an automated degree audit system, which will enable students to advance towards their degree in a timely and efficient manner. (Detweiler) Cal Poly has spent a lot of energy and money developing this program, and it would not be smart not to bring it to closure. Additional phases to Degree Works can be delayed due to budget restrictions. **CMS** - (Detweiler) The Student Administration program will move ahead on a rather ambitious timeline. This seems reasonable because in 2007 our current hardware and software systems will no longer be dependable; therefore, the solution is to use the CMS Student Administration program with PeopleSoft. This is a timely and expensive process but we have no other reasonable alternative since it costs us money to keep our current system, which will be thrown away later. The harsh reality is that our current system is coming to the end of its life. That is why we can't afford to do nothing; it would put us in a high-risk situation. (Ikeda) Our current estimate for implementation is \$14 million. Cal Poly is looking at the possibility of a loan to fund the program and postponing the repayment but details are not available at this time. Questions regarding CMS will continue at the next Academic Senate meeting.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on Free Electives:** Hannings, chair of the Curriculum Committee. First reading. The Curriculum Committee unanimously supports this resolution which allows programs to require fewer than 9 units of free electives in order to bring down the number of units required to complete a degree and requests that programs allow their students flexibility in meeting all degree requirements. M/S/P to move resolution to a second reading. Greenwald proposed the following amendment to replace the last resolved clause:
RESOLVED: That programs proposing to reduce the number of required free electives below 8 units be required to provide justification.
M/S/P to approve the amendment as presented.
M/S/F friendly amendment proposed to modified approved amendment to read ...below 9 units...
M/S/P to approve resolution as amended.
- B. **Resolution on Appointment Procedures for Grant-related Instructional Faculty (GRIF) of Exceptional Merit:** Due to lack of time this resolution will be addressed at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- C. **Resolution on Proposal for the Establishment of the University Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education:** Due to lack of time this resolution will be addressed at the next Academic Senate meeting.

VI. Discussion Item(s): None.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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