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**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate**  
**Tuesday, March 2, 2004**  
**UU220, 3:10 to 5:00 pm**

- I. Minutes: The minutes of February 10, 2004 were approved without change.
- II. Communications and Announcements:
  - A. **Election results for 2004-2006 academic senators:** It is requested that Caucus Chairs fill the vacancies by the end of the academic year.
  - B. **Athletic Fund Raising Data:** Fund raising data for the last five years provided by Bob Detweiler.
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Lewis) Two items may come to the attention of the Academic Senate in the near future include the question of limiting the students' ability to stay on the university indefinitely and the idea of a summer jump-start program required of all incoming Freshmen.
  - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) Today is Election Day and so far propositions 55 – 57 are showing as polling above 50% and trending upwards.
  - C. Provost's Office: (Detweiler) President Baker is convening the search committee to deal with the hiring of a permanent dean for the College of Business and has appointed the search committee for the Director of Athletics. The following draft statement represents the position of the University regarding the future of Margi Gras. Marie Rosenwasser, President of Cuesta College, David Romero, Mayor of San Luis Obispo, and President Baker all have agreed on the following: "Whatever positive contributions Margi Gras has made to our community over the years, there is no dispute that public safety issues associated with the event have become increasingly difficult and costly to address. The growing influx of outsiders from around the country who have come to view our Margi Gras, the second largest in the nation, as an opportunity for alcohol abuse and uncontrolled behavior is a particularly troubleing factor. Regrettably, an event that was intended to provide family fun for the community has made San Luis Obispo a destination for mischief. We fear that the event, if its held again, will continue to attract unruly individuals and ultimately lead to serious property damage, injury or even death. This is a risk that our community can't afford." The University does not have authority over Margi Gras, however President Baker is urging that those in the community who encourage this community event consider stopping it. Cal Poly doesn't accept responsibility for all of the misbehavior, alcohol abuse, criminal activity and bad judgments by participants but roughly 25% of the individuals who were arrested during the Margi Gras weekend were Cal Poly students so we take responsibility for at least a portion of the event. Cal Poly's budget depends greatly on the election results. If voters support Proposition 55, the implementation of our Master Plan for new facilities will stay on track. If voters support Proposition 57 and 58, the reduction plans previous presented will, be the final plans for Cal Poly. If Proposition 57 and 58 passed we will be able to protect tenure-track positions, it doesn't mean that no faculty will loose their job. Many temporary faculty, those not on tenure track assignment, and FERP may loose jobs. We are trying to minimize the loss of permanent staff positions, however, it seems very unlikely that we will able to protect all of them. Staff who are not permanent, such as hourly employees, will more than likely not be reemployed.

The Academic Senate has been asked to look at the large issue of excess units, rationing of classes, and policies that have been ignored systemwide. Perhaps this is the right time to ask hard questions on how to encourage student to move towards completing their degree by looking at unit caps or tier fees. (Morton) restrictions that are sometimes related to state policy make it difficult to reach students when they are misbehaving off campus. Students arrested are asked to participate in a workshop, peer lead by staff and students, to address these problems.

- D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) There is a meeting next week where the issues to be discussed besides the budget include the issue of excess units and a student fee policy that hopefully will be endorsed by the Trustees and accepted by the legislature.
- E. CFA Campus President: (Feroohar) CFA is getting a lot of complaints from faculty regarding the salary schedule for summer session instruction. CFA's position is that faculty are encouraged not to take any job for less than their regular pay. CFA is considering filing a grievance. This issue is important because faculty who teach for credit should get full pay, therefore, the remedy, according to the contract, could be retroactive pay which would be a major problem for our campus.
- F. ASI Representatives: None.
- G. Other: **Kimi Ikeda, Assistant Vice Provost-Systems Resource Management:** A handout with answers to questions received ahead of time was distributed as well other documents related to information previously provided. There was a lengthy discussion regarding information from the Chancellor's office and implementation requirements as well as the ability of the vendor to provide adequate support to our campus.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on Appointment Procedures for Grant-related Instructional Faculty (GRIF) of Exceptional Merit:** Feroohar, Chair of the faculty Affairs Committee, second reading. This resolution sets policy and procedures for Cal Poly by asking that the Academic Senate of Cal Poly approve the *Appointment Procedures for Grant-related Instructional Faculty of Exceptional Merit*, and forwards it to President Baker for his approval. M/S/P to approve resolution.
- B. **Resolution on Proposal for the Establishment of the University Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education:** Bailey/Detweiler/Konopak/Opava, second reading. This center will recruit and train secondary level teachers in the areas of Science and Mathematics. This resolution requests the approval of the proposal for the establishment of the University Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education. Rogers: Friendly amendment – Five (5) Cal Poly faculty, with representatives from the College of Liberal Arts, College of Science and Mathematics, and the University Center for Teacher Education and one Cal Poly Faculty from College of Engineering. M/S/P to approve resolution.

VI. Discussion Item(s): None.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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