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**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate**  
**Tuesday, May 4, 2004**  
**UU220, 3:10 to 5:00 pm**

- I. Minutes: The minutes of March 2 and April 13, 2004 were approved without change.
- II. Communications and Announcements: (Lewis) Addition of Business Item C – Election of Academic Senate Vice Chair [Time certain 4:50 pm].
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: None.
  - B. President's Office: (Baker) BUDGET - The Department of Finance has asked state agencies, including the CSU, to prepare contingency plans for an additional 3% reduction for 2004-05. However, discussions between the Governor's Office and the Chancellor's Office seem to indicate that Department of Finance is not anxious to push the CSU into a bad position. Options for absorbing a further 3% reduction are problematic. For example, reducing enrollments is an impractical solution for many campuses. More will be known about the future budget after the May revision, which is out the middle of next week. Baker emphasized that Cal Poly has sought to avoid budget reduction decisions that are not reversible, reasoning that the economy is likely to come back and funding to higher education gradually restored in coming years. GOLDEN HANDSHAKE - Will probably be approved within the next 10 days. PEOPLESOFT - the \$15 million needed to implement the Student Administration module of PeopleSoft is a preliminary estimate only. A fit-gap analysis is under way to determine the relationship between our functionality needs and the PeopleSoft Student Administrative System's capabilities. The imperative and requirement for campuses to participate in the CSU's "Common Management System" has been determined to outweigh other considerations; so therefore Cal Poly has made the decision to not consider another vendor unless the CSU system chooses to do so. MASTER PLAN - Due to enrollment reductions, reductions in state funding and changes in capital outlay plans for academic facilities and Student Housing North (SHN), this latter project will be delayed. Three phases are envisioned for SHN with first occupancy in 2008. As part of the implementation plan for SHN, all freshmen will be required to live on campus (with certain exceptions) and second year students will be guaranteed housing on campus. The faculty housing program was slowed down by litigation but again, we are moving forward and the first phase will be completed by Fall of 2007 as currently scheduled. The construction of an entirely new Science facility will begin in the next few years and it will replace all current science facilities except the Biological Sciences. Because of the cost and the amount of money available thru State bonds, it will be split in two construction phases of \$47-48 million per phase. This summer the construction of two engineering buildings, one privately funded and one funded by General Obligation bonds, will get under way. ATHLETICS - Early in Pres. Baker's career at Cal Poly, he encouraged discussions about the future of Athletics. In determining what kind of Athletics program to have it was decided to have a program that reflects a partnership with the students. This partnership and the underlying support enhances institutional control, keeps the focus on academic success and avoids the downside of over-reliance on private support. The several sources of funding for Athletics include state general fund budget revenues, student fees dedicated to Athletics, private fund raising, sponsorships and

gate receipts. The recently approved ASI fee increase for Athletics comes about primarily because of a 68% unplanned increase in the cost of scholarships for athletes over the last several years, in large part as a result of rising fees, rising meal plan costs and increases in the cost of housing. The fee increase will permit Athletics to pay for the increase in these mandatory costs. It will also release other funds for the band and spirit groups, and maintain equity between men's and women's programs.

- C. Provost's Office: None.
- D. Statewide Senators: None.
- E. CFA Campus President: (Feroohar) CFA is circulating a petition asking the administration to postpone the implementation of the Student Administration module of CMS until the budget improves and requesting a fit-gap analysis before moving forward.
- F. ASI Representatives: (Mednick) ASI elections for President and Vice-President are Wednesday and Thursday.
- G. Other:

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies:** (Hannings, Chair of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee and Steve Parks, Dean of Continuing Education) the CLA Curriculum Committee, the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee, as well as the Faculty Advisory Committee have reviewed this proposal. This is a self-supporting program intended to allow working people who have been out of college for some time and have fulfilled all their General Education requirements to complete their bachelor's degree. A copy of the full proposal is available by clicking on <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/news/BA%20InterStudies.pdf> This resolution will return as a second reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- B. **Resolution on Cal Poly Modem Pool:** Greenwald, Academic Senator. The intent of the resolution is to convey the notion that many faculty and staff feel that having modem access is an important part of their job. The resolution proposes that the Academic Senate request the administration to seek a financial solution to the problem while ITS seeks to solve the technical part of the problem with the modem pool. Hanley mentioned that ITS has created a website specifically to address this issue and to ease the migration and mitigation process. The site is available at <http://uss.calpoly.edu/> This resolution will return as a second reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- C. **Election of Academic Senate Vice Chair:** Elrod, Academic Senate Vice Chair. Stacey Breitenbach was elected, by acclamation, Academic Senate Vice Chair for the 2004-2005 academic year.

VI. Discussion Item(s): None.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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