

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

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, January 25, 2005
UU220, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Preparatory: The meeting was opened at 3:15 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Executive Committee meetings of November 30, 2004 and January 4, 2005 were approved.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): Social Hour co-sponsored by the President's Office & College of Architecture & Environmental Design will be held at Vista Grande this Thursday, January 27 from 4-6 pm.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) all curriculum proposals are now available on the web and catalog proofs are going out to all departments next week for review. A faculty representative is needed to serve on the Council for Student Success.
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) The trustees are meeting this week. A CSU committee presented an extensive report of direct and indirect, social and economic, impacts of the CSU on the state of California. The intent of the reports is to get it out to as many constituencies of the university as possible and to engage a broad number of them in a more active role in advocating for the university as a critical institution in the state. The report is available in various forms online.
 - C. Provost Office: (Dalton) the number of enrolled students stands at 16,350; this is more than the original target but less than the revised target. Course loads are at 14.08 units, which is a bit lower than the anticipated load of 14.2 units. (Detweiler) the newly implemented registration system will continue for one more quarter before making a determination on whether or not it's adequate. (Conn) A recommendation has been made for the 2006-2007 calendar to move Washington's Birthday observance to the preceding Friday in order to avoid a second Monday holiday during winter quarter.
 - D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) the administration is pleased that the compact is being honored and has asked Chancellor Reed for strategies on how to retain funds. Enrollment is a big issue, since the entire CSU system is unable to meet the target for this year, and administrators are worried that they will have to refund some money to the state. There are two main reasons for the enrollment to be down, the first one being that target enrollment was increased too late in the year to increase admission and the other reason being the fact that higher fees have encouraged students to graduate or quit. The CSU is pushing legislation to require that state employees disclose any outside employment; CFA and the Statewide Academic Senate oppose this legislation. (Foroohar) Three resolutions from the Statewide Faculty Affairs Committee were passed, two of them dealing with academic freedom and the other dealing with lecturers' representation on campus' Academic Senates. The resolution on Patriot Act, which speaks of faculty concerns about limiting research, will return in March for a second reading.
 - E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) a petition, for faculty only, is being circulated by CFA asking the Governor for more money for the CSU. Last year through a letter writing campaign and other means CFA was able to restore \$40 million to the budget. Changes to the state pension plan are considered a dangerous situation for state employees. The Governor is considering increasing the contribution rate to 11% or the implementation of a 401K plan without guaranteed returns. There is also discussion on reporting of outside employment. This will be an issue of the upcoming bargaining.
 - F. ASI Representative: (Mednick) Next year ASI will undergo some restructuring which will include replacing the Vice President position with a Chief of Staff position, which more accurately reflects

the duties of that position. A resolution on campus leadership and textbook price reduction will come to the Senate once it's approved by the Board of Directors. ASI is committed to participate in a safe Mardi Gras celebration by distributing flyers containing facts and safety information.

- G. Other: (Hood) at the last meeting, there were many concerns expressed and suggestions made regarding the advertisement for the CIO positions that have been ignored. It's being asked that the Academic Chair consult with the administration to consider future meaningful consultations with the Academic Senate.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Items:

- A. **Academic Senate/universitywide committee vacancies 2004-2006:** The following appointments were made to the Academic Senate Sustainability Committee: Orfalea College of Business, Kate Lancaster from Accounting and from the College of Liberal Arts, Steven Marx from English. Cornel Morton is requesting two faculty members to set study groups for the Council on Student Success. Additionally, Harold Kerbo from Social Sciences was approved as internal reviewer for Ag Business.
- B. **Appointment of non-CENG faculty members to the Consultative Committee for the Selection of Dean, CENG:** Harvey Greenwald from Mathematics and Steve Kaminaka from Bioresource and Ag Engineering were elected to serve on the Consultative Committee for the Selection of Dean, CENG.
- C. **Resolution on Final Assessments:** Schaffner, Chair of Instruction Committee. This resolution replaces existing CAM 484.1-3 which deals with final examinations. This resolution provides added flexibility in determining the most appropriate terminal assessment activities for each course. M/S/P to agenda resolution.
- D. **Resolution on Amendment to the Constitution of the Faculty (Representation for the College of Education):** Greenwald, indicated that after meeting with Elaine Chin, COE representative, it was decided that their representation on the Academic Senate needed to be more than 1 but less than 4 which is what the current formula would allow. This resolution modifies the *Constitution of the Faculty* as follows:
Article III, Section 1: Academic Senate Membership
a. Colleges with fewer than 30 faculty members shall elect two senators. All other ~~Each~~ colleges shall elect three senators, plus one senator for each thirty faculty members or major fraction thereof. Any academic unit not housed within a college, which is otherwise not represented within the Academic Senate, shall have an opportunity to obtain representation in the Senate and/or University committees through a petition to the Academic Senate Executive Committee. The unit, upon petition, may be allocated one senator for each thirty full time faculty members or major fraction thereof who are solely affiliated with that unit. M/S/P to agenda resolution.

VI. Discussion Item (s):

- A. **Committee Composition for the Search Committee for Vice Provost of Information Technology:** Hannings, Chair of the Academic Senate. The Academic Senate has been asked to nominate 3 faculty members to the committee by February 15, 2005. The number of faculty on the committee and their "knowledge" of computer technology was intensely discussed. The chair will follow up with the Provost regarding faculty representation on this committee.

VII. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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