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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, February 8, 2005
UU220, 3:10 to 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate meetings of January 18, 2005 were approved.
- II. Communications and Announcements: Social Hour, co hosted by the President's Office and the College of Engineering, will be held Thursday, February 24, 2005 from 4-6 pm at Vista Grande Restaurant.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) The Academic Senate has a group of nominees interested in serving on the CIO Search Committee but more nominations are welcome. The Executive Committee will choose 6 senate representatives at the next Executive Committee meeting. A replacement for Myron Hood to serve on the Campus Administrative Policies Committee is needed. Hood explained that the Campus Administrative Policies Committee, which is very informative and deals with all aspects of the University, meets about once a month during the academic year, usually on a Wednesday. Dan Howard-Greene recognized and acknowledged Hood's service on the committee and expressed great appreciation for his many years of service. If the Academic Senate receives nominations, a representative will be chosen next week. The search for a new Provost is going well and the search committee plans to hold video interviews of 8 candidates later this month. The President submitted an interim response to Resolution on Intercollegiate Athletics: Graduation Rates and Post-Season Competition. His response indicates some concerns that will be further discussed before implementation. The entire interim response is available at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/resolutions/2003-2004/618.pdf>
 - B. President's Office: None.
 - C. Provost's Office: (Detweiler) two handouts were distributed in an effort to summarize what the administration is focusing on. In regards to budget management, it is safe to assume that the worst is over. Cal Poly has a strategy to seek as much support as possible from the state and augment that with support through student fees and donations. Enrollment management includes an ambitious 2.5% annual growth rate. The Centennial Campaign finished at more than \$260 million from an original goal of \$200 million and will celebrate its success with some campus events this spring. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Academic Senate Office for copies of the handouts or direct any questions to bdetweil@calpoly.edu.
 - D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) Chancellor Reed and Richard West, Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance, announced that they are very pleased with the Governor's budget

and the fact that the compact is being honored. 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 higher fees. There is a lot of systemwide concern for the student administration module of CMS since several campuses are having problems with this implementation. The Provost added that it's anticipated that Cal Poly will be 1.2% under target but won't have to repay any funds this year but will have to meet the enrollment target for next year. (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.

- E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) CFA had a meeting last week to look at the public proposal for the upcoming negotiations. A Sunshine proposal will be published by the end of the week and the CSU Sunshine proposal is expected to be published by mid March with negotiations beginning in early April.
- F. ASI Representatives: (Mednick) ASI is sending 17 students to the state capital to lobby on higher education issues and attend workshops to improve the lobbying and activism skills. ASI is currently working with Foundation and the administration to develop a survey regarding food on campus and the possibility of bringing national brands on campus. The textbook resolution passed and will be presented to the Senate with one point of emphasis being a request for the faculty to turn in textbook requests in a timely manner. Mardi Gras went well, with very few incidents and most of the arrests being for drunk in public, the police force was professional and polite and received a lot of praise, and the student were also well behaved and deserve some recognition for their cooperation.
- G. Other: **Cornel Morton /Elie Alexroth: Task Force on Women's Safety and Campus Climate.** (Morton) Congratulations and thanks to the students for their participation and behavior during Mardi Gras. The task force on Women's Safety and Campus Climate was formed about one year ago and was created to address issues such as violence and offensive behavior toward women and focuses on campus climate environment, especially at reported instances of gender inequality that sways the academic success of women on campus. There are a number of groups on campus, such as Student Life and Leadership, working on the same issues as the task force. (Axelroth) number of reported sexual assaults has been increasing during the past couple of years but is still under reported. In the past, the emphasis of the task force has been on safety issues such as lighting but we need to increase the number of reported incidents. The task force is continuing to work on these issues and is trying to increase its visibility and it's encouraging faculty to be open to students needs and be aware of resources available to them.

IV. Consent Agenda: **Curriculum proposals: approved.**

V. Business Item(s):

- A. **Curriculum Proposal: approval of proposed new course PHYS 141, 4 units, inclusion in the 2005-2007 catalog:** Jim Harris, CENG senator, second reading. Withdrawn, item was resolved prior to the meeting.
- B. **Resolution on Accessibility to Information Technology Resources:** Bailey/Fryer/Hanley, first reading. This resolution requests the Academic Senate's endorsement of Cal Poly's efforts to develop an implementation plan and policy to ensure campus compliance with CSU policy and existing law governing accessibility to campus

information technology resources. Any specific suggestions for second reading need to be sent to the Senate Office. Further information regarding web authoring resources is available at www.calpoly.edu/warc This resolution will return as a second reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.

- C. **Resolution on Final Assessments:** Due to lack of time, this resolution will return as a first reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- D. **Resolution on Amendment to the *Constitution of the Faculty (Representation for the College of Education)*:** Due to lack of time, this resolution will return as a first reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Submitted by,

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