## CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY San Luis Obispo, California 93407 ACADEMIC SENATE 805.756.1258

## MINUTES OF The Academic Senate Tuesday, March 1, 2005 UU220, 3:10 to 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate meeting of February 8, 2005 were approved as presented.
- II. Communications and Announcements:
  - A. **Response from Campbell on new parking facilities and safety**: Please notify Dave Hannings if more information is required.
  - B. Academic Senate election results for 2005-2006: Congratulations to all newly elected and returning senators. Request for nominations for Academic Senate officers (Chair, Vice-chair, and Secretary) will soon go out to all senators.

## III. Reports:

- A. Academic Senate Chair: None.
- B. President's Office: None.
- C. Provost's Office: None.
- D. Statewide Senators: None.
- E. CFA Campus President: None.
- F. ASI Representatives: None.
- G. Other: None.
- IV. Consent Agenda: None.
- V. Business Item(s):
  - A. **Resolution on Accessibility to Information Technology Resources:** Bailey/Fryer/ Hanley, second 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.

M/S/P to add the following amendment by Senator Greenwald:

Resolved: That no recommendations concerning this program be sent to the

Academic Senate without the prior review of the Academic

Senate Instruction Committee.

M/S/F (Foroohar) to add the following amendment (includes the following whereas and resolved clauses):

Whereas: Since accessibility is an institutional responsibility and

compliance with this policy will require considerable effort of

faculty;

**Resolved:** That the campus provide adequate compensation for extra

workload for faculty to comply with this policy

M/S/P to close debate.

M/S/P to approve resolution as amended.

- B. **Resolution on Proposed Retirement Plan Modification:** Foroohar, chair of Faculty Affairs Committee, first reading. The resolution requests that the Academic Senate of Cal Poly strongly opposed the imposition of any mandatory defined-contribution retirement system and urges the Chancellor of the CSU to oppose any change in the California Public Employees retirement system that would result in lower retirement benefits. This resolution will return as a second reading item.
- C. **Resolution on Textbook Pricing:** Executive Committee, first reading. This resolution supports ASI Resolution #05-06 entitled *Support for Campus Leadership in Textbook Price Reduction*, which encourages faculty to respond to textbook requisitions in a timely manner. This resolution will return as a second reading item.
- D. **Curriculum proposal for Biomedical Engineering Program:** Elrod, chair of Curriculum Committee, first reading. The Academic Senate Curriculum Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the proposal for a new bachelors degree program in Biomedical Engineering for approval. M/S/P to suspend rules and move proposal to a second reading. M/S/P to approve proposal.
- E. **Resolution on Final Assessments:** Schaffner, chair of the Instruction Committee, first reading. This resolution modernizes the existing language in CAM 484.1-3 which addresses the issue of final examinations. The main points of the proposed change provide added flexibility in determining the most appropriate terminal assessment activities for each course and require that faculty be available to meet with students during finals' week. This resolution will return as a second reading item.
- F. Resolution on Amendment to the *Constitution of the Faculty* (Representation for the College of Education): Greenwald, CSM senator, first reading. Due to lack of time, this resolution will return as a first reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- VI. Discussion Item(s):

[March 8: TIME CERTAIN 4:30PM] Monday holidays

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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