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**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2005**  
**UU220, 3:10 to 5:00 pm**

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate meeting of March 1 and March 8, 2005 were approved as presented.
- II. Communications and Announcements: None.
- III. Reports:
- A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) a finalist for the Provost position will be on campus Thursday, April 28 for an interview, open forum, and short questions and answers presentation. The next social hour, co-hosted by the President's Office and Kennedy Library, will take place on Thursday, April 28 from 4-6 pm at Vista Grande.
  - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) ASI brought forward a request that consideration be given to selling beer by the cup at the stadium. The Provost looked at the request and determined that existing policy allows for exceptions to prohibition on campus and has agreed to a trial period of 9 home games. Cornel Morton, Vice President for Student Affairs, stated that it is most productive when students understand the implications of decision making and this opportunity allows students to demonstrate their ability to behave responsibly.
  - C. Provost's Office: (Detweiler) The current layout of the class roster has been revised thanks to many suggestions. The small but useful update is in the final testing stages and should be available to everyone soon. Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal to review and reform the current pension system has been withdrawn at this time; however, the issue remains for future consideration. A record number of students are expected to visit our campus this weekend and will participate in the many Open House activities. Bids are now being received for the Student Housing North Project which is the largest project in the CSU history at \$265 millions and it's critical to the strategy and growth of Cal Poly. Student leaders are following the correct referendum process and voting will take place April 20 and 21. The strategic plan includes using Mustang Daily, e-mails, and a pamphlet that was sent to all students stating both sides. Any legal concerns or challenges regarding the referendum campaign should be sent in writing to the Provost's Office.
  - D. Statewide Senators: (Feroohar) several resolutions are scheduled for presentation at the meeting of May 15 including a resolution on policy and procedures for the hiring of MPPs as well as new policy on FERPs. (Menon) The Statewide Academic Senate is lobbying in Sacramento on a variety of CSU topics.
  - E. CFA Campus President: (Feroohar) The presentation by Professor George Diehr, CalPERS Board Member, on the topic of proposed retirement changes, was very successful with over 150 participants in attendance.
  - F. ASI Representatives: None.
  - G. Other: Andre Schaffner, chair of the Academic Senate Instruction Committee on the issue of registration. Currently Provost Detweiler is open to the idea of changing the registration process, particularly the three course cap which has as one of its consequences the lower than normal course loads since many student don't go back to add more units. Three ideas are being considered: (1) to increase the unit limit to 16 – this might be problematic since it undermines rationing. (2) To drop the unit limit to 8 – this idea rations too heavily but even though it's fair, nobody gets a good schedule. (3) Do nothing. This idea was recommended to the Provost by the Academic Senate Instruction Committee although loads are down, students can progress more quickly with core

classes. Another issue discussed by the Academic Senate Instruction Committee is the use of e-permits which creates a burden for some faculty with the additional required paperwork. The Academic Senate Instruction Committee has recommended to the Provost that open enrollment continue until the first Wednesday class. After much discussion it was recommended that any further concerns or suggestions be sent to the Provost via email.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Item(s):

**A. Election of Senate officers for 2005-2006:** (Breitenbach) Hannings was the only faculty member who submitted a nomination for Academic Senate Chair and since no additional nominations were received from the floor, David Hannings was elected Chair by acclamation. (Hannings) Stacey Breitenbach's nomination was the only nomination received by the Academic Senate for Academic Senate Vice-Chair and since no additional nominations were received from the floor, Stacey Breitenbach was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.

**B. Resolution on Final Assessments:** Schaffner, chair of the Instruction Committee, second reading. 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 approve the resolution with the following modification:  
**CAM 484.1 Final Assessments**

**B. Nonlecture Course and 1-unit Course**

Final assessments in nonlecture courses (labs/activity course and 1-unit courses) will be held during the last week of instruction in the regularly designated meeting time and location unless an alternate time and locations is (1) pedagogically necessary, (2) does not create an academic scheduling conflict for any student, and (3) does not have to be scheduled by the University Scheduling Office.

**C. Resolution on Amendment to the *Constitution of the Faculty (Representation for the College of Education)*:** Greenwald, CSM senator, first reading. 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.

**It was requested to suspend the rules and move the resolution to a second reading.**

M/S/P to approve resolution as presented.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Submitted by,

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