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**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate**  
**Tuesday, May 3, 2005**  
**UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 pm**

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate meeting of April 12, 2005 were approved as presented.
- II. Communications and Announcements: None.
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) Visitations from candidates for the Provost position are proceeding well. The next candidate, Janice Schach, Dean of the College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities at Clemson University will be on campus Monday, May 9 for an open forum at 10:15 in UU 220. Due to the numerous agenda items, it is anticipated that the Academic Senate will meet on May 31, 2005 to finish up all issues before the end of the academic year.
  - B. President's Office: (Baker) Due to a scheduling conflict wasn't able to attend any Academic Senate meetings last quarter. He started with an update on the Centennial Campaign. The Centennial Campaign started out with a goal of \$225 million and raised \$264 million. Over the last 25 years, University endowments have increased from about \$1 million to \$140 million, with a substantial increase during the Centennial Campaign. Most of the funds received have been focused on restricted gifts that came as a result of proposals put forward by the different colleges. Sandra Ogren, Vice President for University Advancements, is in the process of working with deans and colleges in developing the next steps, to follow up and sustain the momentum achieved through the campaign. The established practice of philanthropy in higher education is for campaigns to be followed by successor campaigns, developed to continue the level of funding. Turning to a discussion of campus enrollments, Baker reported that in August, additional enrollment funding was made available to the CSU by the State. The 23 campuses, including Cal Poly, have endeavored to make adjustments during the academic year to the enrollment numbers. At Cal Poly, we were unable to meet our revised target enrollment number, and the campus was under enrolled by approximately 250 students. At the same time, the registration process changed between fall quarter and winter/spring quarter which may have fractionally contributed to the enrollment numbers. In any case, it is very difficult to adjust enrollments so late in the year. The system as a whole is under enrolled by approximately 1800-2000 students. Looking ahead, there are strong sentiments at the Chancellor's Office to rebuild summer quarter, and our target is to get back to the 25% of the academic year FTES which is also the systemwide target. Baker next discussed the campus master plan and capital program. A troublesome issue in implementation of the master plan is the escalating cost of construction materials. These costs are wreaking havoc with the CSU system capital budget and some campuses have had to revert projects due to the increase in cost estimates. At our campus some modifications have had to be made but overall we are managing to press ahead. We have received successful bids to complete Engineering III and it will be available for occupancy this summer. Engineering IV started construction and will be available for occupancy in the winter 2007. Commenting on the Environmental Design South (EDES) project, Baker noted that working drawings for the new building are nearing completion with construction to start this Fall, but construction cost escalation will likely result in modifications in those aspects of the project that involve renovation of existing buildings. Baker recently discussed with the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor the Student Housing North Project, which is the largest project ever undertaken by the CSU at \$300 million. We have received a successful bid for this project which will provide 2,700 beds in apartment style configurations

similar to Cerro Vista. The project also provides for 1900 parking space, recreation facilities including a pool and 20,000 sq ft of commercial space. This project was previously presented to the Board of Trustees for approval of schematic drawings and environmental review reports. The Trustees will consider the project financing plan in May. The first phase of the housing is scheduled for opening in Fall 2008, the balance is to be opened in Fall 2009. We are trying to guarantee housing to all new students for two years since according to surveys one of the main reasons why students who are accepted to Cal Poly don't attend is housing availability in the first two years. Next, Baker commented that the trustees are focused on monitoring graduation rates and decreasing the time to graduation. At the last WASC visit, we were advised to compare ourselves with peer institutions such as the University of California. We will continue to make the academic success of our students, including progress to degree, a high priority. On other fronts, we have also asked Chancellor Reed to entertain for discussion revival of the CSU workforce initiative including consideration of expanding the concept to address the unique capital as well as operating budget requirements of disciplines deemed critical to the state's science and technology workforce. The revived workforce initiative might include the operating budget component of the past Trustees workforce initiative but also call for policy changes and enhanced revenues to more effectively meet the physical space requirements of science and engineering programs. Embodied in the language of the governor's compact with higher education is a request to address the declining number of graduates in sciences and engineering fields and to expand and strengthen the state's K-12 science and mathematics teaching workforce. The University of California and the CSU are in the early stage of formulating science and math teacher initiatives to try to develop more qualified science and math teachers. Nationwide, 290,000 new science and math teachers will be needed by the year 2008.

- C. Provost's Office: (Detweiler) Attendance to the open forums with the finalists for the Provost position and CIO of ITS is encouraged; comments should be submitted in writing to the appropriate search committees. Only one adjustment to the registration policy has been made, the rest of the policies will remain in place. Beginning in Fall quarter, the number of units that a student can register for during the initial round of registration will go back to 16 units. This decision was made due to the unacceptable impact on the mean unit load and because there was much dissatisfaction among students. The problem of rationing courses remains for those students with low priority registration but we will focus on bottleneck courses to improve the supply of courses and solve the problem. President Baker has confirmed today that the Governor's compact will hold, that the budget for fall is fairly solid, and that money is now available for an increase of faculty and staff's salary and benefits. CFA and CSU negotiations are moving at a snail pace so it's very unlikely that faculty will receive salary increases by July 1 even though the money will be available.
- D. Statewide Senators: None.
- E. CFA Campus President: (Manzar) The first bargaining session took place last week but no resolution is expected until the end of July.
- F. ASI Representatives: (Cowan) Please encourage all student to vote on the elections for ASI officers which will be taking place Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 and 5, 2005.
- G. Other: **Craig Schultz, ITS: report on Poly Card.** In order to comply with California legislation (SB25 and AB3016) and CSU Chancellor's Office directives (HR 2005-07) a new PolyCard will be issued to every faculty, staff, non-graduating student, and emeritus beginning June 1, 2005. Individuals who are still using old PolyCards with the Social Security number printed on the front need to have their photo taken for the new PolyCard by May 13, 2005. Additional information is available at <http://polycard.calpoly.edu>.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on Proposal for Cal Poly National Pool Industry Research Center:** Pal, Civil Engineering, first reading. This resolution requests the approval of the proposal for the establishment of the Cal Poly National Pool Industry Research Center. This center will be the only

one of its kind in the US, has been conceptually approved by the Academic Deans' Council, and no state funding will be used. Discussions will continue at the next Academic Senate meeting.

- B. Resolution on Intellectual Property Policy:** Opava, Dean of Research & Graduate Programs, first reading. Due to lack of time, this resolution will return as a first reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- C. Curriculum proposal for new Ethnic Studies major:** Elrod, chair of the Curriculum Committee, first reading. This proposal creates a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Ethnic Studies degree program. The proposed degree builds on the strengths of the College of Liberal Arts and Ethnic Studies Department. M/S/P to suspend the rules and move the resolution to a second reading. Second reading. M/S/P to approve resolution as presented.
- D. Resolution to Change Administrative Status for General Engineering Program:** Walsh, Associate Dean for CENG, first reading. Due to lack of time, this resolution will return as a first reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- E. Resolution on Academic Calendar:** Greenwald/Hood, CSM senators, 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):

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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