

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

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, May 10, 2005
UU220, 3:10–5:00 p.m.

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

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Executive Committee meeting of April 19, 2005 were approved.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): None.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) Social Hour – co hosted by the President’s Office and the College of Liberal Arts, will be held Thursday, May 26, 2005 from 4-6 pm at Vista Grande Restaurant.
 - B. President’s Office: (Howard-Greene) This Friday, the Governor will present a revised budget ; at this time, Cal Poly is not aware of any unpleasant surprises in the budget but specific information, about each campus, will not be available for a couple of weeks.
 - C. Provost Office: (Detweiler) The Board of Trustees is currently reviewing the proposal for Student Housing North which is a major part of our campus strategic plan. Construction on Student Housing North is scheduled to being during summer or fall 2005. The search committees for the CIO and College of Engineering dean have identified 3 or 4 finalists who will be on campus for interviews in the next 3 weeks.
 - D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) A PowerPoint report prepared by Bob Cherny of SFSU is the result of a resolution endorsed by the Statewide Senate “Faculty Compensation and the Crisis in Recruiting and Retaining Faculty of High Quality”. The Statewide Academic Senate passed 15 resolutions this year including Resolution to Cap Budget and a resolution in opposition to the California Live Within Our Means Act, and a resolution on athletics asking that all campuses either endorse or live by the intercollegiate reform framework. Marshelle Thobaben from Humboldt State University was elected Chair of the Statewide Academic Senate for 2005-2006. (Menon) Campuses are looking for ways to have authority over students behavior while off campuses. (Foroohar) The Statewide Faculty Affairs Committee passed 15 resolutions this year including a resolution stating the value of FERP and a resolution on searches for campus administrators which urges campuses to review, revise, and publish procedures for search committees.
 - E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) Next bargaining session will be May 19 and 20, 2005.
 - F. ASI Representative: (Mednick) Tylor Middlestadt, current Executive Vice President was elected ASI President for 2005-2006.
 - G. Other: None.
- IV. Consent Agenda: None.
- V. Business Items:
 - A. **Academic Senate/universitywide committee appointments for 2005-2006/7:** The following appointments were made and approved:

College of Agriculture	
Faculty Affairs Committee	Marianne Wolf, Agribusiness
Research & Professional Development	Bill Plummer, Animal Science

- College of Architecture and Environmental Design**
Faculty Affairs Committee Barry Jones, Construction Management
- Orfalea College of Business**
Cultural Pluralism Subcommittee Dan Villegas, Economics
Faculty Dispute Review Committee Norm Borin, Marketing
- College of Engineering**
Cultural Pluralism Subcommittee Helen Yu, Electrical Engineering
- College of Science and Mathematics**
Faculty Affairs Committee Jimmy Doi, Statistics
- B. **Appointment of Academic Senate committee chairs:** The following appointments were made and approved:
Faculty Affairs Committee Manzar Foroohar, History Department
Faculty Dispute Review Committee Paul Rinzler, Music Department
- C. **Appointment of (1) Susan Elrod (BioSci) as internal reviewer for Food Science and Nutrition program; and (2) George Lewis (math) as internal reviewer for Philosophy program [replacing Ron Brown who was not able to serve].** M/S/P to approve the internal reviewer appointments.
- D. **Approval of members to General Education committee:** Due to members concerns about the lack of statements of interest from the candidates, Hannings decided to do an electronic follow up on the best way to proceed.
- E. **Resolution on Academic Senate Curriculum Committee Membership:** Elrod, chair of the Curriculum Committee. This resolution requests that the Academic Senate Bylaws be changed to require that general faculty representatives to the Curriculum Committee be the current chair or a current member of their respective college curriculum committee and the departments and/or colleges and the Provost provide assigned time to these members for the laborious and extensive involvement in the curriculum review process. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.
- F. **Resolution on Renaming the Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Award and Renaming and Constituting the Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Awards Committee:** Giberti, chair of the Research and Professional Development Committee. This resolution requests that the “Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Awards Committee” be renamed the “Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee” and that the “Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Award” be renamed the “Distinguished Scholarship Award Committee. “ The resolution also indicates the membership of the newly created committee. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.
- G. **Resolution on Presidents’ Day Holiday:** Greenwald/Hood, CSM senators. This resolution opposes the observation of Presidents’ Day on the Friday prior to the normal Monday set aside for this holiday and requests that Cal Poly administration reinstitute the traditional Monday observance of Presidents’ Day. There was much discussion regarding the background of the resolution of and previous discussions by the Academic Senate as well as the Instruction Committee. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.
- H. **Resolution on Social Security Numbers:** Greenwald, CSM senator. This resolution requests that an ad hoc committee be formed and charged with recommending strategies for improving campus security regarding Social Security numbers and SIS by the end of the fall 2005 quarter. This resolution is in response to the almost daily national reports of identity thefts using social security numbers. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.
- I. **Resolution on Student Referenda:** Greenwald, CSM senator. This resolution requests that a committee be formed and charged with reviewing the policies and procedures regarding student referenda and make any necessary recommendations to the President of Cal Poly. M/S/F to table resolution discussion. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

VI. Discussion Item (s):

- A. **Provost candidates:** (Hannings) as a member of the selection committee for the Provost position requested some feedback from the Executive Committee members to take back to the selection committee: Dr. James Applegate - Concerns with his view on institutional tenure and research and distant learning as part of faculty workload. Extremely quick on his feet but no sense of what he stands for, concern with his strong ideas and worry about his lack of flexibility. Dr. William Durgin – has a number of innovative approaches that might be applicable to Cal Poly, has a lot of ideas since he comes from a polytechnic institution. Janice Schach, FASLA – Conducted herself very well, proven that she has been very successful, nice but presentation was shallow, faculty at Clemson have some concerns about her. A potential 4th candidate might be on campus at the end of the month for a full interview. Everybody is encouraged to submit in writing a pro/con statement to President Baker by the end of the month. Provost wanted to reinstate that the President will not hire anyone who is seen as unacceptable by the committee but he does reserve the right to select anyone who is seen as acceptable by the committee.
- B. **Student commitment to general education courses:** Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed.

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

Submitted by,

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