MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, **January 3, 2006**  
UU220, **3:00 to 5:00pm**

I. Minutes: Approval of the November 1, 2005 Executive Committee meeting minutes (pp. 2-3).

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
A. Faculty Referendum to Amend the *Constitution of the Faculty*: Formula for Determining Academic Senate Representation was passed by the General Faculty.
B. Josef Kasperovich (CAED) was elected to the Academic Senate as the representative for part time academic employees.

III. Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair:
B. President's Office:
C. Provost's Office:
D. Statewide Senators:
E. CFA Campus President:
F. ASI Representatives:
G. Other:

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Item(s):
A. Academic Senate and University committee appointments/Senate committee chair appointments for 2005-2006: (pp. 4-5).
B. Resolution on Academic Senate Curriculum PCS Membership: Benedict, Interim Chair of the Curriculum Committee (p. 6)
C. Resolution on Academic Senate Description of the Sustainability Committee: Greenwald, Chair of the Sustainability Committee (pp. 7-10).
D. Resolution on Student Academic Employees: Foroohar, Chair of Faculty Affairs Committee (p. 11).
E. Resolution on Composition of Administrative Search Committees: Foroohar, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee (p. 12).
F. Resolution on Course Syllabi: Schnaffer, Chair of the Instruction Committee (pp. 13-14).

VI. Discussion Item(s):
A. Presentation to Senate of Greek community assessment results.
B. Adding a lecturer to the CLA dean search committee.
C. College of Education representation on the Academic Senate Executive Committee.

VII. Adjournment:
Preparatory: The meeting was opened at 3:10 p.m.

I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting of September 20, 2005 were approved.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): None.

III. Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) Dr. Bill Harris, Provost Designee, was in attendance until 3:30 p.m. to answer any questions and give a brief introduction. (Harris) Have been meeting with different deans to get an overview of the different colleges and the challenges they face. Will use available money to improve the institution but need help from faculty in identifying the problems and finding the best solutions. Come to this position expecting a partnership and a close working relationship with the faculty.

B. President's Office: None.

C. Provost Office: (Detweiler) Trustees across the system have made a commitment to close salary gaps for all employees, not just the President's salary, within the next 5 years.

D. Statewide Senators: (Menon) There is a statewide meeting Wednesday through Friday and will have a report at the next meeting.

E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) Everyone is urged to vote next week and to analyze the impact of proposition 75 and 76 on your own life.

F. ASI Representative: None.

G. Other: None.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Items:
A. Academic Senate and University committee appointments/Senate committee chair appointments for 2005-2006/7: The following appointments were made and approved:

- College of Agriculture
  - Library Committee: Wayne Howard, Agribusiness

- College of Architecture and Environmental Design
  - Instruction Committee: Gary Clay, Landscape Architecture

- College of Engineering
  - Student Grievance Board: Tali Freed, Industrial Engineering

UNIVERSITYWIDE COMMITTEES
- Intellectual Property Review Committee
  - Art Chapman: CAED
  - David Shaw: CAGR
  - Harvey Levenson: CLA
  - Lynne Gamble: PCS
Philanthropic Foundation
Jonathon Beckett, Animal Science - his name was added to the list of names submitted to Dr. Ogren for consideration.

ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIR
Distinguished Scholarship Award Committee Don Choi, Architecture
Fairness Board Gregory Bohr, Social Sciences

B. Vacancies for administrative search committees: The following faculty members were approved.
Dean of Library Services Search Committee
Wayne Howard - CAGR, Chris Yip - CAED, Barry Floyd - OCOB, Saeed Niku - CENG, Anita Hernandez - COE, and Barbara Mori - CLA
Vice President for Advancement Search Committee
Hany Khalil- CAGR, Al Hauck - CAED, and Carolyn Stefanco - CLA
Dean for the College of Liberal Arts Search Committee
Will Benedict - CAED and Steve Rein - CSM

C. Approval of Internal reviewers: Kurt Lo from the College of Engineering was approved as the internal reviewer for the Irrigation Training and Research Center. Harvey Greenwald from the College of Science and Mathematics was approved as the internal reviewer for the General Education Program.

D. Resolution on Establishment of the California Center for Construction Education: Barbara Jackson, faculty representative for Construction Management. This resolution requests that the Academic Senate endorse the proposal to establish a California Center for Construction Education. The center provides Cal Poly with the opportunity to assist, with a rigorous outreach education program, those involved in the areas of built environment and capital projects as well as construction management. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

VI. Discussion Item(s):
A. Academic Calendar - Each year David Conn's office sends potential calendars to many university groups including the Academic Senate who in turn refers it to the Instruction Committee for their review. The Instruction Committee makes a recommendation to the Executive Committee who in turn makes a recommendation to the Provost. This year the proposed calendars were sent officially to the Instruction Committee and unofficially to the Faculty Affairs Committee and unfortunately they came up with mutually exclusive recommendations. At this time, in order to avoid future problems, we must decide on procedures on how to select an alternative to having two Monday holidays. It was decided to send an e-mail to all faculty, explaining the two alternatives and asking them to contact their Senator with their preference, and a decision will be made on November 15, 2005.

B. College of Education representation on the Academic Senate Executive Committee - due to the lack of time, this item will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

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

Submitted by,

Gladys Gregory
Academic Senate
Academic Senate Committee Vacancies for 2005-2007

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
Faculty Dispute Review Committee

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee
Curriculum Committee
(Must be Chair or a current member of their college curriculum committee)

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Distinguished Scholarship Award Committee
George Petersen
Faculty Dispute Review Committee
Fairness Board
Grants Review Committee
Instruction Committee
Research and Professional Development Committee
Student Grievance Board
Sustainability Committee

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Fairness Board

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
Cultural Pluralism Requirement Subcommittee
Curriculum Committee
(Must be Chair or a current member of their college curriculum committee)
Distinguished Scholarship Award Committee
Fairness Board
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATIVE SERVICES

Faculty Affairs Committee

Fairness Board
Chris Parker-Kennedy

Student Grievance Board

UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEES
Vacancies for 2005-2006/07

ASIIBoard of Directors
(1 Representative/1 Vacancy)
Manzar Foroohar

CAP Ad Hoc Editorial Coordination and review Committee
(2 Representatives/1 Vacancy)

Council on Student Success
1-year term to replace Jean M. Williams who is on sabbatical (must be faculty member)

Faculty Development Grants Review Committee
(1 Representative/1 Vacancy)

Honors Council
(At least 1 from every college but preferably 2 from every college)
- College of Agriculture - 2 vacancies
- College of Architecture and Environmental Design - 1 vacancy
- College of Engineering - 1 vacancy
- College of Liberal Arts - 1 vacancy
- College of Science and Math - 2 vacancies
- Orfalea College of Business - 1 vacancy

Intellectual Property Review Committee
(9 Representatives/2 Vacancies)
* Initial term; subsequent terms will be three years
- OCOB, 2005-2008
- COE, 2005-2007*

Student with Disabilities Advisory Committee
(4 Representatives/1 Vacancy)

University Diversity Enhancement Council
Replacement for Johanna Rubba term 2005-2006

ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Student Grievance Board
Alan Weatherford

Department
WHEREAS, The General Faculty membership of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee was recently modified (AS-636-05); and

WHEREAS, The recent General Faculty membership change was aimed at creating a stronger link between representatives and the curriculum process; and

WHEREAS, This modification created confusion regarding the Professional Consultative Services (PCS) membership of the committee; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate bylaws section 1.2.a (Academic Senate Curriculum Committee Membership) be amended as shown to clarify the PCS membership:

(Highlighted portions designate changes made to Curriculum Committee membership by Academic Senate resolution AS-636-05)

I. COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

2. Curriculum Committee

a. Membership

General Faculty representatives from colleges shall be either (1) the current chair of their college curriculum committee, or (2) a current member of their college curriculum committee. The PCS representative shall be an academic advisor from one of the colleges. The ex officio members of the Curriculum Committee shall be the Provost/Vice-President for Academic Affairs or designee, the Dean of Library Services or designee, a representative from Academic Records, and an ASI representative.

 Proposed by: Academic Senate Curriculum Committee
 Date: October 25, 2005
WHEREAS, On October 26, 2004, the Academic Senate approved the Resolution on the Creation of a Standing Sustainability Committee (AS-622-04); and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Committee was charged with creating the bylaws description for the committee; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be amended to include:

12. Sustainability Committee

a. Membership

The ex officio members of the Sustainability Committee shall be the Executive Vice Provost for Institutional Planning, the Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Undergraduate Education, the Director of Facilities Planning, the Manager of Engineering and Utilities, one academic dean, and two ASI representatives.

b. Responsibilities

The Sustainability committee shall inform and support the activities of other committees whose scope encompasses environmental responsibility. The Sustainability Committee shall make recommendations to the Academic Senate, as appropriate, regarding the provisions of the Talloires Declaration.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Sustainability Committee
Date: November 4, 2005
The Talloires Declaration
(Signed by Cal Poly's President Warren Baker, April 23, 2004)

1) **Increase Awareness of Environmentally Sustainable Development**
   Use every opportunity to raise public, government, industry, foundation, and university awareness by openly addressing the urgent need to move toward an environmentally sustainable future.

2) **Create an Institutional Culture of Sustainability**
   Encourage all universities to engage in education, research, policy formation, and information exchange on population, environment, and development to move toward global sustainability.

3) **Educate for Environmentally Responsible Citizenship**
   Establish programs to produce expertise in environmental management, sustainable economic development, population, and related fields to ensure that all university graduates are environmentally literate and have the awareness and understanding to be ecologically responsible citizens.

4) **Foster Environmental Literacy For All**
   Create programs to develop the capability of university faculty to teach environmental literacy to all undergraduate, graduate, and professional students.

5) **Practice Institutional Ecology**
   Set an example of environmental responsibility by establishing institutional ecology policies and practices of resource conservation, recycling, waste reduction, and environmentally sound operations.

6) **Involve All Stakeholders**
   Encourage involvement of government, foundations, and industry in supporting interdisciplinary research, education, policy formation and information exchange in environmentally sustainable development. Expand work with community and nongovernmental organizations to assist in finding solutions to environmental problems.

7) **Collaborate for Interdisciplinary Approaches**
   Convene university faculty and administrators with environmental practitioners to develop interdisciplinary approaches to curricula, research initiatives, operations, and outreach activities that support an environmentally sustainable future.

8) **Enhance Capacity of Primary and Secondary Schools**
   Establish partnerships with primary and secondary schools to help develop the capacity for interdisciplinary teaching about population, environment, and sustainable development.

9) **Broaden Service and Outreach Nationally and Internationally**
   Work with national and international organizations to promote a worldwide university effort toward a sustainable future.

10) **Maintain the Movement**
    Establish a Secretariat and a steering committee to continue this momentum, and to inform and support each other's efforts in carrying out this declaration.
WHEREAS, The Academic Senate adopted the Resolution in Support of Signing the Talloires Declaration on May 27, 2003; and

WHEREAS, On August 21, 2003, the President accepted the Senate recommendation of signing the Talloires Declaration, and on April 23, 2004 the University signed the Talloires Declaration; and

WHEREAS, The tenth provision of the Talloires Declaration states the following: "Maintain the Movement... Establish a Secretariat and a steering committee to continue this momentum, and to inform and support each other's efforts in carrying out this declaration";

and

WHEREAS, The second clause of the Resolution in Support of Signing the Talloires Declaration urged the President to create a universitywide steering committee to be charged with implementing the provisions of the Talloires Declaration; and

WHEREAS, The President rejected this request for a universitywide steering committee in stating: "Cal Poly already has a number of committees whose scope encompasses environmental responsibility"; and

WHEREAS, Effective communication and coordination among the various committees whose scope encompasses environmental responsibility has been a problem not only for Cal Poly but for many universities across the country; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Cal Poly Academic Senate create a standing sustainability committee; and, be it further
RESOLVED: That this standing committee be charged with informing and supporting the activities of other committees whose scope encompasses environmental responsibility; and be it further.

RESOLVED: That this standing committee be further charged with making recommendations to the Academic Senate, as appropriate, regarding the provisions of the Talloires Declaration; and be it further.

RESOLVED: That this standing committee shall initially have the following ex officio members: the Executive Vice Provost for Institutional Planning, the Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Undergraduate Education, the Director of Facilities Planning, the Energy and Utilities Manager, one academic dean, two ASI representatives, as well as the voting members as called for in the Bylaws of the Academic Senate.

Proposed by: Harvey Greenwald, CSM Senator
Date: September 2, 2004
Revised: September 21, 2004
Revised: September 27, 2004
WHEREAS, Gaining teaching experience is an important part of many graduate programs; and

WHEREAS, Teaching practices of student employees have a direct impact on quality of teaching and learning on our campus; and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly has not developed a policy regarding training, supervision and evaluation of students who teach Cal Poly students; and

WHEREAS, Most academic departments have not developed policies and criteria for employment and evaluation of their students who teach Cal Poly students; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly recommend the formation of a committee of Unit 11 representatives and appropriate administrators to develop a comprehensive campus policy regarding employment and evaluation of students who teach Cal Poly students; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate urge that these policies reflect the current University practice of having departmental standards for appointment, evaluation and retention of academic instructors; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate urge that these policies reflect both the CSU classification and qualification standards for hiring students and appropriate collective bargaining agreements covering use of student employees with teaching responsibilities.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Faculty Affairs Committee
Date: December 4, 2005
WHEREAS, "Shared governance" is necessary for the assurance of educational quality and the proper functioning of an institution of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Procedures governing the creation of new, permanent or reassigned administrative positions, public announcements about the existence of and/or formation of search committees for such positions, and final hiring decisions are not clearly established and publicized on our campus; and

WHEREAS, Vigorous participation of faculty from different disciplines and ranks in searches for academic administrators—with recognition that the extent of that participation will vary according to the role of the administrator—is one way to promote productive relationships between faculty and campus administrators at Cal Poly; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly reaffirm its commitment to the principle of shared governance, in particular, the obligation to provide full and meaningful consultation in the creation of management personnel positions (MPPs) and the selection and appointment of management personnel; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate affirm that shared governance requires (a) extensive faulty involvement in MPP selection criteria and decisions at all levels, (b) timely interaction with faculty representatives as management personnel positions are created, reassigned, retitled, or reclassified, (c) candid and effective communication during MPP hiring decisions, including explanations when decisions are contrary to faculty recommendations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate urge that where the MPP has significant involvement with curriculum, faculty affairs, and/or instructionally related matters, faculty elected from tenured, tenure-track and lecturer faculty comprise the majority of the selection committee; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate urge Cal Poly administration, in partnership with faculty governance, to review, revise, and publish policies and procedures for the creation of new administrative positions and for searches to hire personnel for existing positions.

Proposed by: Manzar Foroohar, Statewide Academic Senator
Date: December 5, 2005
Adopted:

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA
AS-06

RESOLUTION ON COURSE SYLLABI

WHEREAS, a course syllabus allows students to understand course content, assessment procedures, and general course requirements; and

WHEREAS, a course syllabus is of considerable help in aiding the decision-making process of students concerning their course loads for the quarter; and

WHEREAS, a course syllabus is a compass and an agreement between the instructor and students of a course; and

WHEREAS, a course syllabus allows the university assurance and information about course content which follows the expanded course content contained in the course proposal; and

WHEREAS, student success depends upon courses which consistently build upon one another, a syllabus ensures adherence to course outlines, and it prepares students for the following course in a sequence; and

WHEREAS, conflicts mediated by the Fairness Board have arisen between students and instructors due to insufficient explication of grading criteria in the syllabus; and

WHEREAS, administrative access to syllabi is necessary for various purposes (e.g., program review, accreditation, articulation, etc.); therefore be it

RESOLVED: that future catalogs use the attached Guidelines for a Course Syllabus replacing the guidelines appearing on page 20 of the 2005-2007 catalog (Policies on the Rights of Individuals, Statement on Student Academic Rights and Responsibilities); and be it further

RESOLVED: that faculty shall follow the aforementioned Guidelines for a Course Syllabus; and be it further

RESOLVED: that departments shall archive all syllabi in paper or paperless format, accessible to Cal Poly faculty, staff, administrators, or students; and be it further

RESOLVED: that department heads/chairs shall regularly verify that course syllabi are consistent with Senate approved course proposals.

 Proposed by: Academic Senate Instruction Committee
 Date: December 15, 2005
Guidelines for a Course Syllabus

New Guidelines
The student has the right to a course syllabus, a written statement provided by the instructor during the first course meeting. The course syllabus will minimally include the following information:

- Instructor Information
  - Name
  - Office Location
  - Office Phone Number
  - Email Address
  - Office Hours
- Texts and required supplementary materials
- A list of course prerequisites (matching the list in the current catalog)
- Learning Outcomes
  - Statements describing what students should know or be able to do after taking the course
- Expanded Course Content
  - A detailed listing of topics covered in the course
- Field Trip Requirements (if applicable)
- Grading Policy
  - Frequency and types of exams, projects, homeworks and quizzes as appropriate to the course
  - Attendance policies
  - Description of the method used to determine final course grades
  - Cheating and plagiarism policies
- Other information to assure students' understanding of the nature and requirements of the course
- Disability Notice
  - "Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the instructor during office hours to discuss their disability related needs. Use of Disability Resource Center services, including testing accommodations, requires prior authorization by the DRC and compliance with approved procedures."
  - An optional disclaimer statement allowing the instructor to make minor syllabus adjustments during the course with adequate notice given to the students

NOTE: In addition to the guidelines above, GE courses must adhere to the syllabus guidelines outlined at http://ge.calpoly.edu/GECourses/GE syllabus.htm.

Old Guidelines (2005-07 Catalog, p. 20):
The student has the right to a statement at the beginning of each quarter providing: instructor's name, office location, office telephone number, and office hours; texts and supplementary materials required for the course; purpose of the course; prerequisites; requirements for grading; frequency and types of tests; and other information to assure student's understanding of the nature and requirements of the course.