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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, November 15, 2005
UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate meetings of October 25, 2005 were approved.
- II. Communications and Announcements: A list of faculty members and librarians elected to search committees for Dean of Library Services, Vice President for Advancement, and Dean for the College of Liberal Arts is included for your review.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) Social Hour – hosted by the President’s Office, will be held Thursday, November 17, 2005 from 4-6 pm at the University House Patio. In addition, there will be a display of student projects from Nick Watry and Chris Yip’s recent architecture classes that explore the development of a conference center at Cal Poly.
 - B. President’s Office: (Howard-Greene) President Baker is in Washington at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges where he also convenes the commission on information technology for that group. While in Washington, President Baker also participated in meetings regarding the Business-Higher Education Forum’s (BHEF) February 2005 report on Mathematics and Science Education, a report that he co-chaired. Together with Cal Poly alumnus and Raytheon CEO, Bill Swanson, President Baker is co-chairing a follow-up BHEF initiative to encourage education, business and government to work together to strengthen science, technology, engineering and mathematics in the U.S.
 - C. Provost’s Office: (Detweiler) On Monday, November 14 Cal Poly dedicated the Grant M. Brown Engineering Building in honor of a distinguished alumnus and in gratitude to his generous family. The campus has a formal process for approval of new college signs and all colleges are encourage to add identification signs but to keep in mind the required process. Tim Kearns is taking the lead at the Provost request and with one-time money, to convert five classrooms into smart rooms and will commit to make another five smart room conversions next year. An ambitious goal, of \$40 million in donations, has been set for advancement. This goal will concentrate efforts in securing support for the new science building, construction management building, the Mustang Stadium, Engineering Plaza, and the Agricultural Technology Research Center. President Baker has signed off an advisory to have a student referendum on instructionally related activity fee for non-athletics activates. The referendum will increase this fee, which has not increased since it was implemented in 1970s, by \$10.00 per student per quarter and will be distributed at the college level. A commitment has also been made to renovate the campus radio station with identified one-time money. The formation of the Philanthropic Foundation continues to move forward.
 - D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) A summary of the November 3 and 4 Statewide Senate meeting has available for review. Chancellor Reed announced that the Early Assessment Program (EAP) which is administered thru the CSU and assessment the college readiness of 11th grade students in the areas of Math and English, has been declared one of the best by the Governor’s Conference. Other issues discussed by Chancellor Reed included the review of

General Education, systemwide target enrollment, the significant drop of teacher education drop throughout the system, the increase in the rate of high school drop outs, and the enrollment drop of about 100,000 students in community colleges.

- E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) Now that the special election is over, and all propositions went down, CFA is focusing on bargaining. Bargaining will continued to address some of the main unresolved issues such as salary structure, FERP, workload issues, and grievance clauses.
- F. ASI Representatives: (Vaccaro)
- G. Other: None.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

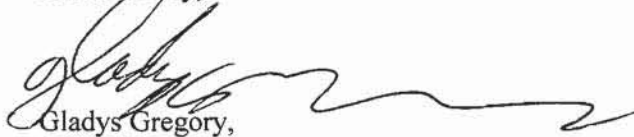
V. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on Establishment of the California Center for Construction Education:** Allan Hauck, Department Head for Construction Management. First reading. This resolution requests that the Academic Senate endorse the proposal to establish the 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 move resolution to a second reading. M/S/P to approve resolution.
- B. **Sense of the Senate: Recommendation Regarding Academic Calendar:** Hannings, Academic Senate Chair. 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. We must choose either choice 1: Move what has normally been a Monday holiday to the previous Friday or choice 2: Take two Monday holidays but teach a Monday schedule on another day that week, to become the criteria for future calendar decisions. Final vote: Choice 1=18, Choice 2=17, Abstentions=6. No sense of the Senate.

VI. Discussion Item(s): None.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Submitted by,


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