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MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 14, 2006
UU220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes: Approval of the January 3, 2006 Executive Committee meeting minutes (pp. 2-3).
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
- 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/Academic Senate committee chair appointments for 2005-2006:** (pp. 4-5).
 - B. **Resolution on Textbook Pricing:** Foroohar, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee (pp. 6-7).
- VI. Discussion Item(s):

[TIME CERTAIN 3:40PM: EACH ITEM 20 MINUTES EACH]

 - A. **Presentation to Senate of Greek community assessment results.**
 - B. **College of Education representation on the Academic Senate Executive Committee.**
 - C. **Faculty representation on Senate and universitywide committees.**
 - D. **New scheduling time patterns for fall 2006.**
- VII. Adjournment:

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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, January 3, 2006
UU220, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

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

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting of November 1, 2005 were approved.
- 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: None.
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) the Governor's budget is due to come out within the next couple of weeks and will include a report on the Governor's buy-out of student fees.
 - C. Provost Office: (Detweiler) The topic of the Academic Bill of Rights is being discussed among certain faculty members, specifically regarding academic freedom and responsibilities. It was urged that the University Council on Citizenship discuss this issue. The Administration is aware of the issue and encourages healthy discussions without promoting a particular policy.
 - D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) The Governor's buy-out of student fees is a permanent adjustment to the CSU base budget. The Administration will augment the CSU budget by approximately \$54.4 million in lieu of a student fee increase. There is currently discussion in the CSU to adopt the same position as the UC in regards to their policy of not accepting articulation of courses with intelligent design and creationism discussions as part of the course.
 - E. CFA Campus President: None.
 - 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 EDUCATION
Distinguished Scholarship Award Committee George Petersen
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
Curriculum Committee James Mueller
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATIVE SERVICES
Fairness Board Chris Parker-Kennedy

UNIVERSITYWIDE COMMITTEES
ASI Board of Directors Manzar Foroohar

Honors Council

Tom DiSanto
Barry Floyd
Kevin Kingsbury
Ulric Lund

CHAIR OF THE STUDENT GRIEVANCE BOARD Alan Weatherford

- B. **Resolution on Academic Senate Curriculum Committee PCS Membership:** Hannings, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee. This resolution modifies the Academic Senate bylaws section 1.2.a (Academic Senate Curriculum Committee Membership) to require that the PCS member of the committee be a college advisor. M/S/P to agendize.
- C. **Resolution on Academic Senate Description of the Sustainability Committee:** Greenwald, Chair of the Sustainability Committee. This resolution amends the Bylaws of the Academic Senate to add the membership and responsibilities of the Sustainability Committee. M/S/P to agendize.
- D. **Resolution on Student Academic Employees:** Foroohar, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee. This resolution recommends the formation of a committee composed of Unit 11 representatives and administrators to develop a policy that reflects the current University practice for classification and qualification for hiring graduate students with teaching responsibilities. M/S/F to agendize.
- E. **Resolution on Composition of Administrative Search Committees:** Foroohar, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee. M/S/P to refer the resolution to the Faculty Affairs Committee with a request to consult with the Provost and report back to the Academic Senate.
- F. **Resolution on Course Syllabi:** Schaffner, Chair of the Instruction Committee. This resolution requests that the revised Guidelines for a Course Syllabus replace the current guidelines in the catalog and that department heads/chairs verify, on a regular basis, that course syllabi are consistent with Senate approved course proposals. M/S/P to agendize.

VI. Discussion Item (s):

- A. **Presentation to Senate of Greek community assessment results.** Due to lack of time, this item will be addressed at the next Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting.
- B. **Adding a lecturer to the CLA dean search committee.** Due to lack of time, this item will be addressed at the next Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting.
- C. **College of Education representation on the Academic Senate Executive Committee.** Due to lack of time, this item will be addressed at the next Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting.
- D. **Time between classes.** Chair Hannings brought up the idea of discussing the adequacy of the current 10-minute time period between classes. Since there was interest in this topic it will be added to the agenda for the next 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

Department

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee

Curriculum Committee

(Must be Chair or a current member of their college curriculum committee)

Dan Villegas

Economics

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

Distinguished Scholarship Award Committee

Fairness Board

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATIVE SERVICES

Faculty Affairs Committee

Student Grievance Board

**UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEES
Vacancies for 2005-2006/07**

Department

ASI Board of Directors

(1 Representative/1 Vacancy) Required Wednesday night attendance.

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)

Intellectual Property Review Committee

(9 Representatives/2 Vacancies)

* Initial term; subsequent terms will be three years

COE, 2005-2007*

Roberta Herter

Student with Disabilities Advisory Committee

(4 Representatives/1 Vacancy)

University Diversity Enhancement Council

(Replacement for Johanna Rubba term 2005-2006)

Adopted:

**ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
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AS-__-06

**RESOLUTION ON
TEXTBOOK PRICING**

- 1 WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Inc of Cal Poly (ASI) has expressed its concern
2 regarding the rapid rise in textbook pricing by recently approving a resolution
3 addressing this matter; and
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- 5 WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Cal Poly has supported the principles set forth in the ASI
6 resolution; and
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- 8 WHEREAS, The complexity of textbook pricing necessitates a comprehensive study of the
9 issues and a search for solutions; and
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- 11 WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Cal Poly recognizes that the high cost of certain
12 textbooks and coursepacks can adversely affect the affordability of higher
13 education for its students; and
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- 15 WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Cal Poly and the University must protect the academic
16 freedom of faculty in assigning textbooks and other course materials while
17 recognizing the negative impact high textbook prices has on its students; therefore
18 be it
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- 20 RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly encourage its faculty to consider the
21 following steps in managing textbook costs to students:
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- 23 1. Review prices for different textbooks and textbook packages before
24 ordering;
 - 25 2. Require new editions of continuing titles only when important changes
26 have occurred in content;
 - 27 3. Submit textbook requests as soon as possible to ensure the availability of
28 textbooks through campus and local bookstores;
 - 29 4. Use coursepacks, e-reserves, and other cost mitigating formats whenever
30 pedagogically sound and feasible;

31 5. Communicate clearly with publisher representatives regarding textbook
32 pricing and options available;

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34 and be it further

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36 RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly reaffirm the fundamental right and
37 responsibility of faculty to maintain intellectual content and teaching effectiveness
38 as prime considerations when selecting traditional textbooks, alternative formats,
39 and ancillary items of instruction; and be it further

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41 RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly send this resolution to all Cal Poly faculty.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Faculty Affairs Committee
Date: January 31, 2006