

### CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY San Luis Obispo, California 93407 ACADEMIC SENATE 805.756.1258

### MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE Tuesday, February 28 and March 7, 2006 uu220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes: Approval of minutes for the February 7, 2006 Academic Senate meeting (pp. 2-3).
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
  - A. Election results for 2006-07 (pp. 4-5).
  - B. Nominations are now being received for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the Academic Senate for 2006-07. **If** you are interested, please call the Academic Senate office for a nomination form.
- 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):

Resolution on Textbook Pricing: Forobhar, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, first reading (pp. 6-10).

- VI. Discussion Item(s):
- VII. Adjournment:

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### MINUTES OF The Academic Senate Tuesday, February 7,2006 UU 220,3:10 to 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate meetings of January 17,2005 were approved.
- II. Communications and Announcements: None.

#### III. Reports:

- A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) Due to some issues with the way attendance is recorded, a new process will be tried today and ifthis process doesn't work, we will resort to a sign-in sheet. The Provost Search Committee is moving along with its process and has already received 5 applications. Terri Schwartz from Marketing will be the OCOB representative to the Provost Search Committee along with Pat Davidman from COE and Margarita Hill from CAED. Ballots are in the mail for the election of Academic Senate Senators but here are still several vacancies including one for the Statewide Senator. The vacancy problem is also apparent with Academic Senate Committees. Congratulations to Tylor Middlestadt as he was selected a finalist to the Student Trustee Position.
- B. President's Office: (Howard-Grene) President Baker participated over the summer in the National Academy of Sciences which issued a draft report titled "Rising Against the Gathering Storm" This report makes several key points, specially in regards to investing more in science and technology education in order to remain our competitiveness as a nation and also to address critical challenges in the century including the development of sustainable energy resources. President Baker is also involved with a group called Business-Higher Education Forum at the national level. Baker along with Bill Swanson co-chaired a math and science initiative to encourage the federal government to provide additional support for science technology, education, and research. In addition, Baker is working in the Sate of California to promote follow-up to the "Rising Against the Gathering Storm" report by the Governor and other as well as the CSU.
- C. Provost's Office: (Detweiler) President Baker has approved the recommendation made by the Academic Senate and the Provost in regards to the establishing the Research Scholars and Residents Programs. At this time we have 3 visitors who are primarily retired scholars who have volunteered to help our faculty. Planning allocation to all colleges and all units across campus by mid-March. Budget is very secure and should not change much except for the monies to cover the additional enrollment of approximately 2.5%. Unfortunately there are no restoration monies. The application pool is strong and total applications are up by 12% over previous years and much of the enrollment growth will be accommodated by expanding the summer quarter. We are two weeks away from the student referendum which will be up for a vote on February 22 and 23, 2006. The referendum calls for an increase in the Instructional Related Activities fees for non-athletics programs. This proposal would increase the fee by \$10.00 per student per quarter. These fees go to programs which are related to academic programs but are beyond the classroom such as symphonies, band, academic teams, Mustang Daily, Rodeo program, etc. There are four Executive searches underway. The search committee for the Vice-President for Advancement is conducting video interviews. The search committee for the Dean of College of Liberal Arts has identified 4 finalists and interviews begin in early March. The search committee for the Dean of Library Services has identified 3 finalists

- and expects them to be on campus by mid-March. All committees are expected to give their recommendation to President Baker by April. The search for the Provost is currently searching for a recruitment firm and should be completed within the next 10 days.
- D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) Passed a resolution reaffirming our support for the AAUP Academic Freedom and Tenure Statement and expressing our concerns of attempts by citizens and legislative groups to try to change or insert ideas into our curriculum. Another resolution passed asks the Chancellor Office to provide adequate and necessary support for new recruited faculty and also reconsider when new faculty received their first paycheck and health insurance coverage. GE is under review and several campus leaders have been asked to fill out an online review. A CSU RPT will be held on February 24 and each campus has been asked to send five people to attend. A lot of work is being done on lower division transfer in order to meet the state legislator mandated deadline. Gary Reichard, previous Provost for Long Beach State, has been assigned Chief Academic Officer for CSU. The Statewide Academic Senate budget is again over budget primarily due to transportation costs; therefore a proposal has been made to cut back on the number of senators per campus. (Foroohar) The Statewide Faculty Affairs Committee, after addressing the issue of low faculty retention, is working on two resolutions. One resolution addresses the issue of salary compression and inversion and asks CSU and CFA to find a solution. The second resolution addresses the problems that junior faculty deal with.
- E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) Bargaining negotiations are going on full force but are getting nowhere. The CFA Executive Board is sponsoring George Diehr, CFA Bargaining Team and PERS Board Member who will be on campus on Thursday, February 23 from 6: 15-7:30 pm in Phillips Hall to discuss the future of salary and pension. Please RSVP at CFA 756.2717 or email <a href="mailto:cfa@calpoly.edu">cfa@calpoly.edu</a> in order to plan refreshments accordingly.
- F. ASI Representatives: (Vaccaro) ASI passed two resolution at its last meeting. The first resolution title "Reinvest in California State Universities." The second resolution urges the Academic Senate to appoint a faculty representative to the ASI Board of directors. UUAB is traveling to other universities this weekend to gain knowledge of how to improve the use of the UU Plaza. ASI is soliciting candidates for its upcoming elections. The closing period for nominations is March 1, 2006. ASI has set a goal of 25% voter turn out where the CSU average is about 8%. Tylor Middlestadt and members of the Executive Staffare investigating and surveying students regarding transit issues.
- G. Other: None.
- IV. Consent Agenda: None.
- V. Business Item(s):
  - □. **Resolution on Course Syllabi:** Schaffner, Chair of the Instruction Committee, first reading. 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 table indefinitely.
- VI. Discussion Item(s): None.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Submitted by

Gladys Gregory, Academic Senate

### CALIFORNIA POL□TECHNIC STATE UNIVERSIT□ San Luis Obispo, California

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# ACADEMIC SENATE of CALIFORNIA POL TECHNIC STATE UNIVERSIT San Luis Obispo, CA

AS- -06

# RESOLUTION ON TE $\Box$ TBOO $\Box$ PRICING

1 2 3 4	<sup>·</sup> □ HEREAS,	The Associated Students, Inc of Cal Poly (ASI) has expressed its concern regarding the rapid rise in textbook pricing by recently approving a resolution addressing this matter; and
5 6 7	□ HEREAS,	The Academic Senate of Cal Poly has supported the principles set forth in the AS resolution; and
8	□ HEREAS,	The complexity of textbook pricing necessitates a comprehensive study of the issues and a search for solutions; and
13	□ HEREAS,	The Academic Senate of Cal Poly recognizes that the high cost of certain textbooks and coursepacks can adversely affect the affordability of higher education for its students; and
15 16 17 18	□ HEREAS,	The Academic Senate of Cal Poly and the University must protect the academic freedom of faculty in assigning textbooks and other course materials while recognizing the negative impact high textbook prices has on its students; therefore be it
20 	RESOLVED:	That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly encourage its faculty to consider the following steps in managing textbook costs to students:
22 23 24 25 26 27		<ol> <li>Review prices for different textbooks and textbook packages before ordering;</li> </ol>
25 26		2. Require new editions of continuing titles only when important changes have occurred in content;
27 28		3. Submit textbook requests as early as possible to ensure the availability of textbooks through campus and local bookstores;
2 <sub>□</sub>		<ol> <li>Use coursepacks, e-reserves, and other cost mitigating formats whenever pedagogically sound and feasible;</li> </ol>
31 32		<ul><li>5. Communicate clearly with publisher representatives regarding textbook pricing and options available;</li></ul>

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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
38		effectiveness as prime considerations when selecting traditional textbooks,
3□		alternative formats, 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: \[ \text{Tanuary 31, 2006} \]

Adopted: March 8, 2005

# ACADEMIC SENATE of CALIFORNIA POL□TECHNIC,STATE UNIVERSIT□ San Luis Obispo, CA

### AS-630-05

# RESOLUTION ON TE $\Box$ TBOO $\Box$ PRICING

1 2	$\Box$ HEREAS,	Current textbook prices are of concern to faculty and students; and
3 4 5	☐ HEREAS,	The Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of Cal Poly has passed a resolution on textbook pricing; therefore be it
6 7 8	RESOLVED:	That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly recognize the students Concerns contained in ASI Resolution C05-06 entitled <i>Supportfor Campus Leadership in Textbook Price Reduction</i> " (attached); and be it further
10 11 12	RESOLVED:	That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly endorse the principles contained in ASI Resolution 05-06; and be it further
14 15	RESOLVED:	That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly urge department chairs and heads to promote timely submission of textbook orders by their faculty; and be it further
16 17 18	RESOLVED:	That department chairs heads and deans be encouraged to make teaching assignments as early as possible so faculty can order textbooks in a timely manner; and be it further
10 20 21 22 23 24	RESOLVED:	That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly follow up on other aspects of textbook, and other textbook materials, pricing by holding meetings of the Faculty Affairs Committee with representatives of EI Corral Bookstore, campus textbook authors, students, representatives of publishing companies, and other knowledgeable parties, with the intent of writing a further resolution on this issue; and be it further
25 	RESOLVED:	That copies of this resolution be sent to academic department chairs, department heads, and deans.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee

Date: February 15,2005 Revised: March 7, 2005 Revised: March 8, 2005

### Associated Students, Inc. California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo

### Resolution □05-06□

## **Support for Campus Leadership in Textbook Price Reduction**

□ hereas:	ASI is the official voice of the Cal Poly student body, and
□ hereas:	According to a survey by the California Student Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG) students spent an average of $\square 8 \square 8$ per year on textbooks in the 2003-04 school year, or almost 20% of the cost of in-state fees; and
□ hereas:	According to the same survey a new textbook costs \$\square\$102.44 on average, 58% more expensive than the price of an average used textbook, \$\square\$64.80; and
□ hereas:	Notices are issued to every faculty member requesting which textbooks will be required the following quarter; and
□ hereas:	According to EI Corral Bookstore only 15-20% of faculty respond back to these notices before the deadline causing buyback prices to be severely reduced, and
□ hereas:	Textbooks often come with bundled supplemental course materials that significantly increase the overall cost of textbooks to students, and
□ hereas:	CALPIRG reported that 65% of faculty "rarely" or "never" use the bundled materials III their courses; and
□ hereas:	Faculty and EI Corral Bookstore have power to reduce the costoftextbooks to students at Cal Poly.
Therefore Be it resolved:	Faculty are encouraged to respond to textbook requisitions in a timely manner so the bookstore can buyback used books at a higher price and make the used editions available for purchase, and
Furthermore Be it resolved:	ASI encourages EI Corral Bookstore to use all means possible to educate students about available discounts options for purchasing textbooks, and
Furthermore Be it resolved:	ASI encourages El Corral Bookstore to use all means possible to ensure that all students receive the fairest prices on new and used textbooks, and

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Be Tresolved: Faculty are encouraged to reuse textbooks while current editions are readily available and as long as they uphold current academic merit, and

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Be it resolved: Faculty are encouraged to choose textbooks with the widest possible availability to ensure the lowest price to the students, and

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Be Tesolved: Faculty are encouraged to not choose bundled textbooks unless they fully intend to use the **supplemental** materials and should be aware of bundled vs. non-bundled options.

For the purpose of this resolution the tenn faculty shall include professors, lecturers, teaching aids, graduate students, or anyone else involved in the textbook selection process.

CERTIFIED as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the Associated Students, Inc. this 26th day of Tanuary, 2005.	ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by unanimous vote on anuary 26, 2005.
ASI Secretary	ASI Chair of the Board
	ASI President

Sponsored by: Joe Vaccaro, Vice Chair ASI Board of Directors, College of Engineering Blake Bolton, ASI President

Adam Mednick, ASI representative to the Academic Senate

Sarah Cowan, ASI representative to the Academic Senate