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

- I. Minutes: None.
- II. Communications and Announcements:
- A. Nominations for Faculty Trustee being sought by the Academic Senate CSU: Nominations are being received by the Academic Senate Office until December 18, 2006.
 - B. Beyond *Cornerstones*: new strategic planning committee to look at the existing *Cornerstones* Implementation Plan: A statewide steering committee has been formed to revise the current *Cornerstones* Implementation Plan. *Cornerstones* is a strategic planning initiative that was adopted by the CSU Board of Trustees in 1998. Bruno Giberti, Chair of the Academic Senate, will be representing Cal Poly on this committee.
- III. Reports:
- Regular reports:
- A. Academic Senate Chair: (Giberti) Steve Rein has been appointed to serve as parliamentarian for this academic year. A reminder was given that meetings of the Academic Senate are conducted in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order." The format for responding to reports is as follows: those giving reports are sharing information; therefore, the proper response to a report is a question not a debate. General meeting rules: raise your nameplate when you would like to speak; according to Robert's Rules, senators may speak twice on any issue and not again until everyone has also had the opportunity to speak twice; always address the Chair when speaking; don't speak until recognized by the Chair; refrain from unnecessary conversation; consider standing when given the floor to speak.
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) this year the Fall Conference General Session got off to a running start with Roberta Achtenburg Chair of the CSU Board of Trustees, giving the keynote speech. She emphasized the importance of student success and the role of adequate resources in maintaining the personnel and programs necessary to ensure academic success for our students. Proposition 1D, capital facilities bond for education, will provide \$690 million for the CSU over a two-year period. As Cal Poly prepares for its next WASC accreditation visit, various groups will be looking at outcomes and assessments and their applications. We are making significant progress on the implementation of our Master Plan. There are several capital projects underway including the faculty housing project, new academic structures, and additional campus facilities.
 - C. Provost Office: (Durgin) Cal Poly is embarking on a budget cycle. Under the compact with the Governor, we can expect a 4% increase in budget during the next cycle and we will be expected to increase enrollment by at least 2.5%. Accessibility issues will be a big concern this year. In particular will be University compliance with federal and state laws requiring web enabled services and web context accessibility. This year will be primarily a planning year to identify accessibility issues, the second year will be the development of a plan and its implementation, and the third year will be an assessment of that plan. Retention and graduation rates are a high priority and one way we will be addressing this issue is with an outcome assessments plan for continuous improvement of our curriculum and teaching. Nearly all the money needed for the Center for Science and Mathematics is now in hand.

- D. Statewide Senate: (Hood) A CSU conference on student academic success will take place at LAX on October 19 and 20, 2006. A replacement for the position of statewide senator will be needed next year. If interested contact Myron Hood or Manzar Foroohar.
- E. CFA Campus President: (Saenz) CFA had endorsed George Diehr for re-election to the PERS Board and he was re-elected. The initiative for equity pay raises continues this year. CFA encouraged faculty to apply for these raises and over 80 equity raises have been awarded. John Travis, statewide President of CFA, will be on campus Thursday, October 19, 2006 to provide an update on contract negotiations. A group visit to the CSU Board of Trustees meeting has been scheduled for November 15, 2006. Everyone is encouraged to participate.
- F. ASI Representatives: (Samarin) ASI is still looking for a faculty representative to serve on the ASI Board of Directors.
- G. Other: None.

Special reports:

- A. Ikeda: progress of fall registration using PeopleSoft: fall registration opened August 4 with over 18,600 students registering for courses. Performance issues were remedied quickly but several students needed instruction on how to remove popup blockers. Students also had difficulties registering for class-related components such as labs. Registration for winter quarter 2007 opens October 25, 2006 and should go smoother. Training material for faculty is posted on the web and there will be open labs which will provide one-on-one assistance. PeopleSoft did not go down the first day of classes; it was an overload issue with the Cal Poly Portal that caused problems for those trying to use PeopleSoft. The area that caused the most problems was the area of e-permits. Unfortunately, there is a multitude of problems with this issue so it can't be resolved easily. Work still in progress includes official transcripts and online grading.
- B. Foroohar/Suess: update on contract negotiations: Foroohar – PowerPoint presentation is available at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/Documents/Bargaining-Senate.ppt>. Suess – The CSU compact with the Governor's Office provides a 3% compensation pool for 2006-07. The following three years starting with 2007-08, the compensation pool will be increased 1% above the compact amount. The CSU and CFA have discussed a program that would set aside approximately \$5 million to provide equity increases for junior faculty and \$5 million for salary increases for full professors. Cal Poly has taken the lead among other institutions within the CSU, by granting a large number of equity pay increases. More information is available at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/reports/AcademicSenateReports/CSUProposal.pdf> and <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/reports/AcademicSenateReports/BargainingCSU1.pdf>
- C. Detweiler: Institutional Priorities for 2005-2006: Institutional priorities for 2005-2006 were developed in response to a request from President Baker. Please refer to pages 14 – 24 of the October 10, 2006 agenda for priorities and updates.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Item(s): None.

VI. Discussion Item(s): None.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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