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**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate**  
**Tuesday, November 28, 2006**  
**UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 p.m.**

- I. Minutes: Minutes for the October 31 and November 28 Academic Senate meetings will be distributed at the December 5 meeting.
  
- II. Communications and Announcements: The next Social Hour—co-hosted by the President’s Office and the Orfalea College of Business—will be on Thursday, December 7, from 4-6 p.m. in the Veranda Café Conference Room. Two free beverage tickets will be given to attendees who bring a new toy for the Toys-for-Tots campaign.
  
- III. Regular Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair (Giberti):

Last year the Academic Senate approved Resolution on Textbook Pricing (AS-646-06). The Resolution established a task force to look at the feasibility of creating a central, publicly accessible website that would provide information about textbook requirements, alternative e-formats, and textbook prices for Cal Poly courses. The task force will consist of Frank Vuotto, Academic Senate Vice Chair, Tim Kearns, CIO for Information Technology, Manzar Foroohar, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, Kimi Ikeda, Assistant Vice Provost for System Research Management, Frank Cawley, Director for El Corral Bookstore, Frank Mumford, Executive Director for Cal Poly Corporation, and Todd Maki, ASI President. The task force will report its findings to the Senate during winter quarter.

The statewide Academic Senate is looking for faculty members who are interested in participating in a CSU consultation group to review proposals for new EdD programs in the CSU. If interested, please contact Margaret Camuso at the Academic Senate Office, extension 61258.
  
  - B. President’s Office: see special reports.
  
  - C. Provost Office (Durgin):

A faculty forum is planned for the last week of February 2007 to discuss the Access to Excellence strategic planning initiative.

A report from the Admissions Office indicates the number of applications received for early admissions is up substantially, particularly in Engineering and Agriculture.
  
  - D. Statewide Senate (Hood):

The Senate passed a resolution that aligns the UC and CSU science requirement for incoming freshmen. The proposal drops the life science requirement making every UC-eligible student a CSU-eligible student.

Statewide senators asked the Access to Excellence steering committee to consider areas of the original *Cornerstones* initiative that have not yet been fulfilled.

E. CFA Campus President (Saenz):

Mediation continues with fact-finding being the next probable step if no agreement is reached.

There was good turnout at the November 15 rally in Long Beach.

F. ASI Representatives: none.

IV. Special reports (President Baker):

Bill Durgin, Provost/VP for Academic Affairs, and Larry Kelley, VP for Administration and Finance, have compiled a summary report on the budget and other issues important to the campus.

The problem of healthcare continues to be a concern with a \$28 million increase in health care premiums for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Going beyond a 2% increase in enrollment growth this coming year is not advisable since we are close to physical capacity. There has been an enrollment increase of about 5% during summer quarter, but we need to determine maximum growth during summer quarter before increasing fall enrollment. Having a summer quarter is important because it helps students graduate sooner. The target enrollment for summer is 25% of our calendar year FTE.

This is an opportune time for Cal Poly to review its strategic planning. We will begin by having campus discussions revising the former *Cornerstones* initiative. Some of the revisions can be issues from *Cornerstones* that were not implemented because of cost. The hope is that Access to Excellence will recognize that there are costs associated with providing access to an excellent education. The first round of discussions will occur at the college level. The issue of excellence needs to be defined during these conversations, using the proposed Mission Statement and Learning Objectives as benchmarks.

Recommendations will be received from the colleges after their discussions. As we go forward, we need to think of what resources will be needed to aid students in the learning process. The hope is to identify priorities and to set a path for acquiring the resources needed to put them in place. Embedding something of substance from the review of our Master Plan into a larger system-wide initiative has the advantage of obtaining resources more effectively. We need to approach Access to Excellence in a different way than *Cornerstones* and with the intention of obtaining resources to do those things left undone in the earlier initiative.

V. Consent Agenda:

**Curriculum Proposals: there being no objection,** all items on the Consent Agenda were approved.

VI. Business Item(s):

A. **Resolution on Revision of Cal Poly Mission Statement:** Academic Senate Executive Committee, first reading. The process of developing a new Mission Statement started almost two years ago. Extensive consultation has occurred in drafting this document.

M/S/P to move the resolution to a second reading.

M/S/P to delete the third WHEREAS clause.

M/S/F to postpone discussion until the next Academic Senate meeting.

M/S/F to approve the following amendment as the first Resolved clause:

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate recommend for approval the attached Cal Poly Mission Statement with the suggestion to the authoring committee that “students and faculty” be replaced with “students, faculty and staff.”

M/S/P to approve the resolution.

- B. **Resolution on Cal Poly Learning Objectives:** Academic Senate Executive Committee, first reading. The following suggestions were made: make the third learning objective the first and reword the sixth learning objective. This resolution will return as a first reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting. Any other comments or suggestions should be sent to the Academic Senate Office.
- C. **Master of Science in Economics** (Hannings, chair of Curriculum Committee): due to lack of time, this resolution was not discussed. It will return as a Business Item at the continuation meeting of December 5, 2006.
- D. **Recommendation of Academic Senate Curriculum Committee to approve Physics 141** (Hannings, chair of Curriculum Committee): due to lack of time, this resolution was not discussed. It will return as a Business Item at the continuation meeting of December 5, 2006.

VII. Discussion Item(s): none.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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