I. Minutes: the minutes of April 17 were approved as presented.

II. Communications and Announcements: Giberti announced President Baker’s attendance at today’s meeting.

III. Regular Reports:

   A. Academic Senate Chair: Giberti reported on his presentation at the Access to Excellence Summit on excellence in student learning.

   B. President’s Office: President Baker announced that he would attend the May 29 meeting to report on the May budget revise and its implications to Cal Poly.

   C. Provost’s Office: Durgin reported that Cal Poly has met its enrollment target for next year. The 2007-2008 pool includes a record number of National Merit and Hispanic Scholar applicants.

   D. Statewide Senate: Foroohar reported that an organizational meeting with next year’s officers is scheduled for Friday, May 11, in Long Beach.

   E. CFA Campus President: Foroohar reported on behalf of Saenz that, of those voting on the contract, 97% voted to approve it. The next step is for the Trustees to meet on May 15 and approve the contract.

   F. ASI Representative: none.

IV. Special Reports:

   Bill Plummer, chair of the Research & Professional Development Committee, reported that the committee was charged with conducting a best practices study of the campus. The committee’s recommendations are available at:

V. Consent Agenda: nothing.
VI. Business Item(s):
A. Resolution on Consolidation of Academic Senate Fairness and Student Grievance Boards (Executive Committee, second reading): This resolution abolishes the Student Grievance Board and transfers its responsibilities to the Fairness Board. The following friendly amendment was approved:
   RESOLVED: That these new procedures should permit a student to bring to the hearing a supportive advocate but not an attorney or legal advisor; and be it further M/S/P to approve the resolution as amended.

B. Resolution on Elimination of Academic Senate Faculty Dispute Review Committee (Executive Committee, second reading): This resolution abolishes the Faculty Dispute review Committee. M/S/P to approve the resolution.

C. Curriculum Proposal: New Degree Program for BA, Liberal Arts and Engineering Studies (Curriculum Committee, first reading): Hannings reported that this interdisciplinary program is well supported by the colleges involved. Due to the lengthy discussion, this resolution will return as a first reading item at the May 29 Senate meeting.

D. Resolution on Proposal for Establishment of the Cal Poly Center for Global Automated Identification Technologies (Poly GAIT) (first reading): Due to the lack of time, this resolution will return as a first reading item at the May 29 Senate meeting.

E. Resolution on Consolidation of Academic Senate United States Cultural Pluralism Subcommittee and Curriculum Committee (Executive Committee, first reading): Due to the lack of time, this resolution will return as a first reading item at the May 29 Senate meeting.

VII. Discussion Item(s): none.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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