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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, October 28, 2008
UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the October 7, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.
- II. Communications and Announcements:
- III. Regular Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
 - B. President's Office: Howard-Greene announced that state revenues are falling short of projections making it necessary to cut \$390 million from the current budget. The budget cut translates to \$31.3 million cut for the CSU and \$1.65 million for Cal Poly. This is a one-time reduction, which Cal Poly has already allocated for so it will not affect the colleges or units. The Chancellor has asked campus president to evaluate the impact of further budget reductions on the universities.
 - C. Provost: Dr. Erling Smith reported that the Provost has created a writing team to draft a segment based on existing strategic planning document such as Access to Excellence and WASC studies. The document will be available for comments within a couple of weeks. Conn reported on a letter from the Chancellor in which faculty members are encouraged to consider the cost of textbook when making their selections.
 - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: Morton reported on a Student Affairs Leadership retreat where the issues of inclusive excellence, WASC preparation, strategic planning, and assessment was discussed as well as the relationship between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. Nearly 400 students participated in "Make a Difference Day" and over 1000 were involved with Culture Fest held at Mitchell Park.
 - E. Statewide Senate: none.
 - F. CFA Campus President: Saenz announced that statewide CFA continues to address the budget.
 - G. ASI Representative: Christy, ASI Chair of the Board, reported that during diversity week, 719 students were registered to vote in 5 days.

Special Reports: none.
- IV. Consent Agenda: The following courses were approved by consent: IS 352 – Organizational Leadership, IS 453- Special Topics in Organizational Leadership, and RELS 378 – Religion and Contemporary Values.

V. Business Item(s):

- A. Resolution on Master of Arts in Biological Sciences (Curriculum Committee): Hannings presented the resolution, which proposes a Master of Arts in Biological Sciences degree. M/S/P to adopt the resolution.
- B. Resolution on *Policy Concerning Periodic Review of College Deans* (Faculty Affairs Committee): Foroohar presented the resolution, which proposes new policy for the review of college deans. M/S/F to adopt resolution.

VI. Discussion Item(s): none.

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

Submitted by

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