I. Minutes: The minutes of November 18, 2008 and January 20, 2009 meetings were approved as presented.

II. Communications and Announcements: none.

III. Regular Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: none.

B. President’s Office: none.

C. Provost: Koob announced that information on the college-based fee proposal is now available on the Cal Poly Portal.

D. Vice President for Student Affairs: Morton introduced Martin Shibata, Director of Career Services, who reported on preliminary data associated with employer surveys. Shibata stated that data collected from 149 employers as it relates to Cal Poly graduates will be provided on a final report during summer quarter.

E. Statewide Senate: Foroohar reported on a two-day meeting in which Chancellor Reed and other administrators reported on the budget situation. LoCascio reported that the CSU Faculty Affairs Committee is concerned about the quality of technology-mediated courses among other issues.

F. CFA Campus President: Saenz announced that CFA and CSU are entering the arbitrary, fact-finding phase of negotiations.

G. ASI Representative: Kramer announced that the filing period for ASI elections, which will be held on May 7 and 8, has began.

Special Reports:

A. Erling Smith – Vice Provost Smith reported on the importance of the strategic plan and what it means to participate in this project.

IV. Consent Agenda: Course proposals for CAED, CLA, and CSM were approved.
V. Business Item(s):
A. Resolution on U.S. Cultural Pluralism (USCP) Criteria (Curriculum Committee): Hannings presented this resolution, which request that the Academic Senate adopt the “Criteria for United States Cultural Pluralism (USCP) Courses” as a replacement for the current criteria, effective immediately. M/S/P to approve resolution.

B. Resolution on Academic Calendar Religious Holiday Observance (Instruction Committee): Phillips presented this resolution, which repeals resolution AS-511-98/IC and recommends that beginning fall quarter 2010, Cal Poly avoids scheduling the first day of classes in conflict with major religious or cultural holidays as stated in the Academic Calendar Guidelines. M/S/P to approve resolution.

C. Resolution on Modification to Bylaws of the Academic Senate: (Section VII.B: Functions of the Executive Committee): Soares presented this resolution, which adds the allocation of assigned time to officers and committee chairs to the functions of the Executive Committee. M/S/P to approve resolution.

VI. Discussion Item(s): none.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by

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