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**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2009**  
**UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 p.m.**

- I. Minutes: none.
- II. Communications and Announcements: none.
- III. Regular Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: Soares reported on the unusually high number of Academic Senate and University Committee vacancies for 2009-2010, which will affect the ability to address areas such as curriculum and instruction properly.
  - B. President's Office: none.
  - C. Provost: none.
  - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: none.
  - E. Statewide Senate: LoCascio announced that there is a lot of discontent concerning the College Learning Assessment. In addition, the possibility of producing a white paper on the meaning of a no confidence vote for administrators was discussed at a statewide meeting.
  - F. CFA Campus President: Saenz reported on a bill introduced to the California Assembly to generate funding for all three segments of public education in California by enacting a tax on oil and natural gas.
  - G. ASI Representative: Kramer announced that a resolution was passed outlining options for faculty to make textbooks more affordable for students. In addition, lobbying in Sacramento on behalf of Cal Poly on the importance of supporting higher education and the struggles of an average student, will take place this week.
- IV. Consent Agenda: Course proposals for College of Education and UNIV courses were approved.
- V. Business Item(s):
  - A. Resolution on Proposal for the Establishment of the Global Waste Research Institute (Hanson/Yesiller): Hanson presented this resolution, which asks the Academic Senate to endorse the establishment of the institute. M/S/P to move the resolution to a second reading. M/S/P to approve the resolution.

- B. Resolution to Change Administrative Status for Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration Program (Hendricks, RPTA Program): Hendricks presented this resolution, which asks the Academic Senate to endorse the change from a program to a department. M/S/P to move the resolution to a second reading. M/S/P to approve the resolution.
- C. Resolution on Modification to the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate*: Revision to Make the Position of Academic Senate Chair an At-Large Position (Executive Committee): Soares presented this resolution, which changes the Academic Senate Chair position from a college caucus position, to an at-large position. Resolution will return as a second reading item on March 10, 2009.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

The issues of moving resolutions to a second reading and the level of collaboration the Academic Senate has in making decisions was discussed.

Giberti stated that the Academic Senate has certain legislative powers that stand unless the president decides to veto while with other issues the power is only advisory.

Soares mentioned his support for college autonomy but recognizes the Academic Senate as the appropriate place for discussing departmental issues.

Menon emphasized the appropriateness of the senate floor for debate on issues of academic import and illustrate his point by recounting the protracted debate on the placement of a comma in the proposed College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences name change.

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

Submitted by

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