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MINUTES OF
The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
Tuesday, April 7, 2009
01-409, 3:10 to 5:00 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the February 17, 2009 meeting were approved.
- II. Communications and Announcements: none.
- III. Regular Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
 - B. President's Office: Howard-Greene provided a status update on the college based fee initiative. Chancellor Reed has requested that campus presidents defer action on campus fees until there is a greater clarity about the overall state budget and its implications for the CSU in 2009-10. President Baker has therefore temporarily deferred any decision about when or how to go forward with increases in Cal Poly's college based fees.
 - C. Provost: Koob reported that the failure to resolve the college-based fees issue requires the University to deal with considerable uncertainty. The reported declining revenues to the state and no pre-knowledge of how the CSU Trustees might respond *Vis a Vis* the State University Fee make planning difficult. Administration has prepared estimates of the best and worst case scenarios based on questionable assumptions and will share them if requested. The commitment to make sure students have access to the courses they need for graduation remains a top priority.
 - D. Statewide Senate: LoCascio reported that 15 resolutions were presented at the March 18-20 meeting. In addition, Barry Pasternack and Hank Reichman were recommended to the governor for consideration for the Faculty Board of Trustee member position. Foroohar announced the approval of the following resolutions: Resolution in Support for Campus Process for Votes of No Confidence, Resolution on Opposing Restriction on Academic Exchanges with Cuba, and a Resolution in Opposition of Prop 8.
 - E. CFA Campus President: Saenz reported that the budget situation might, more exactly, be described as being in freefall. Polls show that the propositions are in trouble, and an additional shortfall in revenue is expected with the May Revise. CFA opposes Proposition 1A (while the CSU Board of Trustees has endorsed it) - CFA feels that the spending cap in 1A, locks in the cuts that CSU has suffered in recent years, with no provision for catch up. CFA is supporting the bill in the Legislature to institute an oil severance tax - this money would fund an endowment for higher education in California. California is the only oil producing state without an oil severance tax.
 - F. ASI Representative: Kramer announced that student leaders are researching different ideas and ways to save the CSU. The Pride Center has moved into the University Union. The Green Initiative Fund has put together a proposal for funds, which will be submitted to the Cal Poly Plan Committee for review.
 - G. Caucus Chairs: none.
 - H. Other: none.

- IV. Consent Agenda: none.
- V. Business Item(s):
- A. Approval of caucus-elected academic senators: The following was approved:
College of Business – Mike Geringer, Management, interim senator for spring 2009
College of Engineering – Eric Mehiel, Aerospace Engineering
 - B. Approval of caucus chairs for 2009-2010: The following were approved:
College of Architecture and Environmental Design – Ed Saliklis, Architecture Engineering
College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences – Dave Hannings, Horticulture and Crop Science
College of Engineering – Sam Agbo, Electrical Engineering
 - C. Approval of Academic Senate Calendar of Meetings for 2009-2010: The 2009-2010 Academic Senate Calendar of Meetings was approved as presented.
 - D. Resolution in Recognition and Support of Faculty Service in Governance (Faculty Affairs Committee): Foroohar presented this resolution, which encourages faculty to participate in shared governance, reinstates the value of shared governance in the RTP process, and asks the administration to provide active and material support. M/S/P to agendize resolution.
 - E. Resolution on Campus Administrative Policies Section 523 (Faculty Affairs Committee): Foroohar presented this resolution, which requests the endorsement of Section 523 of the Cal Poly Campus Administrative Policies. This resolution was returned to the Faculty Affairs Committee for further review.
 - F. Resolution on Revision to Fairness Board Description and Procedures: Due to lack of time, this item was not addressed.
 - G. Resolution on Making Excellence Inclusive at Cal Poly: Due to lack of time, this item was not addressed.
 - H. Appointment to Academic Senate committees for 2009-2010: The following were approved: Due to lack of time, this item was not addressed.
 - I. Appointments to University committees for 2009-2010: The following was approved:
Inclusive Excellence Council John Oriji, History
 - J. Nominations for Cal Poly Corporation Board of Directors: The following was nominated:
Bill Kellogg, Agricultural Education and Communication Department
- VI. Discussion Item(s):
- A. Filling vacancies on the Academic Senate and Senate/campus committees: Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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