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

This is a continuation of the October 27, 2009 meeting.

- I. Minutes: none.
- II. Communications and Announcements: none.
- III. Reports:
 - Regular Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
 - B. President's Office: none.
 - C. Provost: Koob announced that the student orientation group presented a preliminary report considering a Monday-to-Monday orientation with classes starting the following Monday. Koob also mentioned that there are no discussions or support to reduce the number of graduate programs. The current budget indicates that there might be ways to increase the number of graduate programs without inappropriately affecting the ability to accept undergraduate students.
 - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: none.
 - E. Statewide Senate: none.
 - F. CFA Campus President: Saenz announced that the Chancellor's Office has rejected CFA's suggestion to consider golden handshake for this year. A letter from the Chancellor's Office has been delivered to all unions, on all campuses, announcing that layoffs may happen next year. Cal Poly Pomona is considering eliminating programs that have less than 150 majors and graduate programs with less than 70-80 graduate students.
 - G. ASI Representative: Griggs reported that ASI continues to gather information about the main concerns students have. An event to address these issues will take place on November 16-20.
 - H. Committee Chair(s): none.
- IV. Consent Agenda: none.

- V. Business Item(s): M/S/P to reorder resolutions.
- D. Resolution on the Cal Poly Statement on Commitment to Community (Executive Committee): Zweifel presented this resolution, which requests that the Academic Senate accept and endorse the statement on commitment to community. Resolution will return as a second reading item.
 - A. Resolution on Furlough Vote and Implementation Plan (Executive Committee): Fernflores presented this resolution, which states that any vote in response to future financial strife, should occur during the regular academic year and with clear guidelines. Resolution will return as a first reading item.
 - B. Resolution on Furlough Implementation and Faculty Rights: Due to lack of time, this resolution was not addressed.
 - C. Resolution on Addition to Academic Senate Bylaws of the Academic Senate to Include Process for First and Second Readings: Due to lack of time, this resolution was not addressed.

- VI. Discussion Item(s):
- Academic Freedom and Michael Pollan talk: Dean Wehner stated that the current problem is the perception that Michael Pollan was forced to participate in a panel, therefore breaking a previous agreement to do a stand-alone talk. Howard-Greene added that Mr. Pollan chose not to deliver a talk but rather to participate in a panel, no agreement was broken. He also added that Cal Poly tries to promote and foster a wide range of views on the campus. In addition, Howard-Greene said that neither the University nor anyone who organizes an event is obligated to alter the format of the event to accommodate for balance on the part of any member of the public, outsiders, or anyone within the University. Nevertheless, to say that we are under no obligation to respond to pressures to change is not to say that we will not listen to members of the University community.

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

Submitted by

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