

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, December 1 2009
UU 220, 3:00 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes:
Minutes of the November 3 2009 Academic Senate meeting were approved without change.
- II. Communications and Announcements: none.
- III. Reports:
- A. Academic Senate Chair: (Fernflores) Members of the Academic Senate Executive Committee have suggested that the Senate Chair and Provost periodically send to faculty a “talking points” memo reporting on issues relevant to faculty.
 - B. President’s Office: none.
 - C. Provost’s Office: Provost Koob participated in a teleconference with other CSU Provosts and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs to develop plans for improving graduation rates at each campus. The report will be circulated to senators. Comments need to be received by the Provost by December 14.
 - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: (Morton) Students having difficulty with their academic achievement are encouraged to visit the Academic Skills Center located on the first floor of the Library. At the beginning of each quarter, study skills seminars are offered on a wide array of topics such as learning styles, time management, stress management, memory skills, etc. Additional information is available at the Student Academic Success website.
 - E. Statewide Senators: none.
 - F. CFA Campus President: none.
 - G. ASI: (Rugani) The ASI Executive Cabinet will be following up on the questions and comments received from its Dollars Dilemma event recently held.
 - H. Committee Chair(s): (Hannings) The Curriculum Committee along with several other groups/individuals have been working on streamlining the change-of-major process at Cal Poly. A written proposal from the task force headed by Kimi Ikeda will be sent to the Curriculum Committee, college deans, and the Senate in early January. On January 21 an open meeting for faculty will be held to receive input on the proposal.
- IV. Consent Agenda:
TH 295, Foundations in Theater Design, was approved by consent.

V. Business Items:

- A. **Resolution on Furlough Vote and Implementation Plan** (Executive Committee), second reading: this resolution recommends that clear guidelines be provided before furloughs can be voted upon or implemented. It also sets forth that the most equitable furlough implementation would consist of a reduction in instructional WTUs commensurate with the furlough required workload reduction amount. M/S/P (unanimous) to adopt the resolution.
- B. **Resolution on Furlough Implementation and Faculty Rights** (Executive Committee), second reading: this resolution recommends that furlough implementation at Cal Poly adhere to the guidelines presented in the CFA-CSU side letter. M/S/P to adopt the resolution.
- C. **Resolution on AB 656** (Academic Senate College of Engineering Caucus), first reading: M/S/P to move the resolution to second reading. this resolution supports Assembly Bill 656 and recommends distribution of the resolution to the CSU as well as all members of the California State Assembly and Senate. M/S/P to adopt the resolution.
- D. **Resolution on Incomplete “P” Agreements** (Academic Senate Instruction Committee), second reading: this resolution repeals AS-569-01 and requires faculty to use the online grade or class roster to enter conditions needed for removing an Incomplete grade. M/S/P to adopt the resolution.
- E. **Resolution on Grade Forgiveness** (Academic Senate Instruction Committee), first reading: this resolution repeals AS-645-06 and permits students to repeat up to 16 units for grade forgiveness. This resolution will be returned as a first reading item at the January 19 2010 Senate meeting.
- F. **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 heard and will be returned as a first reading item at the January 19 2010 Senate meeting.

VI. Special Report:

[4:30 time certain] **Jim Maraviglia gave a report on the new MCA criteria.** Cal Poly MCA criteria combines academic factors with other objective values to comprehensively review all applications for selection. The current MCA criteria uses five different models. The new criteria will use one University model. If the student is educated out of country, a separate review is made. The full presentation can be viewed at:
http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/minutes/09-10_minutes/mca_presentation.doc.ppt

VII. Discussion Item:

March 2/March 4 statewide furlough day(s): The CSU Academic Senate passed a resolution in November encouraging all faculty to choose Tuesday, March 2 2010, as a systemwide furlough day to “demonstration of the impact of state budget cuts on the CSU.” The CSU faculty has also been asked to show its solidarity with K-12 schools and the UC system by taking some type of action on March 4 2010. The 23 CSU campuses have been asked to raise this issue with their Senates. After discussion, it was decided that Academic Senate Chair, Rachel Fernflores, would send a letter to Cal Poly faculty providing the above information, but no recommendation regarding furlough or action would be made.

VIII. Adjournment: 5:00pm

Submitted by,

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