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

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
UU 220, 3:00 to 5:00pm

I. Minutes: Minutes of the November 17 and December 1, 2009 Academic Senate meeting were approved without change.

II. Communications and Announcements: none.

III. Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair: Fernflores reported that a change of major review meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 21. After this meeting, the policy will go to the Executive Committee for consideration and then to the full Senate for first and second readings. The majority of Senators indicated their desire to pursue tactics to persuade the Governor to appoint one of the two current faculty nominees to CSU Board of Trustees as a response to a request by the statewide Academic Senate chair in regards to the lack of faculty representation.

B. President’s Office: Howard-Greene announced that Cal Poly has formally launched its presidential search. An open meeting with the advisory search committee will take place on February 9 from 9:30-11am in UU220.

C. Provost’s Office: Koob reported that Cal Poly is still pursuing a self-supported summer session as opposed to a state-supported summer term. The rules governing the session are still not clear so conversations with the Chancellor’s Office continue.

D. Vice President for Student Affairs: Morton reminded the body to visit the Academic Skills Center located on the first floor of the Library. The Cal Poly Rose Float Committee, along with Cal Poly Pomona, brought home two awards this year for their entry in the Rose Parade (The Bob Hope Award and the People’s Award).

E. Statewide Senators: none.

F. CFA Campus President: Saenz announced that bargaining is coming to Cal Poly and CFA will be polling the faculty to see what issues are important. At this time, there is no definite answer on the possibility of furloughs for next year.

G. ASI: Rugani reported on an upcoming “cookie campaign” to collect comments from students on issues such as furloughs and budget. The Executive Cabinet is working on sustainability, student-community relations, and diversity issues. Elections for student government are coming up.

H. Committee Chair(s): none.

IV. Consent Agenda: none.
V. Business Items:
A. **Resolution on Grade Forgiveness** (Instruction Committee): Registrar Cem Sunata presented this resolution which requests the repeal of AS-645-06 and allows undergraduate students to repeat up to 16 units of grade forgiveness in courses with a grade lower than a C. **Resolution will return as a second reading.**

B. **Resolution on Program Suspension** (Faculty Affairs Committee/Research & Professional Development Committee): Foroohar, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, presented this resolution which requests that a task force be formed to draft a policy and that no program be suspended without consultation with the affected faculty. **Resolution will return as a second reading.**

C. **Resolution on Faculty Participation in DigiCommons@calPoly** (Research & Professional Development Committee): Stankus and Ramirez, members of the Research and Professional Development Committee, presented the resolution which requests that the Academic Senate recommend that faculty (campus-wide) participate in order to enhance global access and availability of research, scholarship and creative activities. **Resolution will return as a second reading.**

D. **Resolution on Proposal for the Establishment of the University Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship** (Orfalea College of Business): Tornatzky and York, CBUS Faculty, presented the resolution which requests that the Academic Senate endorse the establishment of the center. **Resolution will return as a first reading.**

E. **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 issue will be discussed at the next Academic Senate meeting.

F. **Resolution on MS Fire Protection Engineering Program**: (College of Engineering): Hannings, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, presented the resolution which requests that the Academic Senate endorse the implementation of the program. **Resolution will return as a first reading.**

VI. Special Report:
A. **Update on WASC site visit** – Giberti reported that the first of two WASC visits will take place February 10-12. An open forum with faculty will take place on Wednesday, February 10, 2pm, in UU220. During the visit, WASC will evaluate our institutional capacity according to the four WASC standards and report on each of the following: the four themes of our self study, student success and the impact of the economy, and our preparations for the Educational Effectiveness Review which focuses on student learning.

B. **Demonstration using financial dashboard**: Presentation is available at: [http:// www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/minutes/09-10_minutes/budget_comm_presentation_jan_2010.ppt](http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/minutes/09-10_minutes/budget_comm_presentation_jan_2010.ppt)

VII. Discussion Item: none.

VIII. Adjournment: 5:00pm

Submitted by,

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