I. Minutes: The minutes of January 5, 2010 were approved.

II. Communications and Announcements: Fernflores announced the call for faculty to serve on Academic Senate and University Committees. Information is available at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/CommitteeNominations/CommNomDocs.htm>

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: Fernflores reported that the GE Task Force will be recommending a new governance model that more closely ties GE and the course proposal process to the Academic Senate. The model will include a new appeal process and should be presented to the Academic Senate for approval during spring quarter.

B. President’s Office: Howard-Greene announced that President Baker submitted a letter to the op-ed section of the San Luis Obispo Tribune to comment on the nature of Cal Poly’s relationships with members of industry. In the letter, Baker stated: “We (Cal Poly) do not permit strings to be attached to gifts that would in any way encroach on the faculty’s authority over the curriculum or otherwise impinge on their academic freedom.”

C. Provost: Koob announced that the enrollment model for next year is complete and includes a target of 3,100 in-state freshmen. Plans for summer session are moving forward with 5 and 8-week courses.

D. Statewide Senate: LoCascio reported that 23 resolutions were presented at the statewide academic senate meeting where all were approved with the exception of a resolution on the addition of a second faculty trustee to the CSU Board of Trustee which was tabled until May 6, 2010.

E. CFA Campus President: Saenz reported that the CFA continues to negotiate faculty raises for last year.

F. ASI Representative: Griggs announced that San Luis Obispo City Council held its first meeting relating to the new ordinance proposal on the 19th of January. While the end result and comments that were made during the meeting were not favorable in the eyes of students, the focus group was able to get a lot of our input and suggestions included into the new ordinance. A resolution passed on the Governor's budget proposal stating that while CSSA is appreciative of the Governor's notion to reinvest the State's priority in higher education, it cannot be supportive of a budget that under funds the CSU, proposes to cut Cal Grants, and raises student Fees. In addition, Assemblyman Paul Fong will be sponsoring CSSA’s bill that will help Cal Grant B recipients receive both access and tuition awards in their first year of college as opposed to only access awards during their first year as it currently states. ASI will also be
working with David Conn and his team to help reach out to students regarding the WASC visit coming up in the beginning of February.

G. Caucus Chairs: none.

H. Other: none.

IV. Consent Agenda: none.

V. Business Items:

A. Academic Calendar for Summer Quarter 2011 to Spring Quarter 2012 (Instruction Committee): Lertwachara, Chair of the Instruction Committee, recommended that Winter 1 and Spring 1 be adopted as part of the proposed 2011-2012 academic calendar. Conn added that an additional proposal, requiring classes to start on other than a Monday, is being reviewed. It was decided to approve the Instruction Committee’s recommendation with the additional proposal as a contingency until feasibility of implementation is reviewed.

B. Resolution on Campus Wide Change of Major Policy (Curriculum Committee): Hannings, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, presented the resolution which requests that the Academic Senate approve and recommend to President Baker the campus wide adoption of the Change of Major Policy. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

C. Resolution on Revision of Cal Poly Mission Statement to Include Staff (Executive Committee): Due to lack of time this item was not discussed.

VI. Discussion Items:

A. Senate elections: Due to lack of time this item was not discussed.

B. Harris Ranch controversy: Due to lack of time this item was not discussed.

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

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