

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

**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 2010**  
**UU 220, 3:00 to 5:00pm**

- I. Minutes: Minutes of the January 19, 2010 Academic Senate meeting were approved.
- II. Communications and Announcements: none.
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: Fernflores will be attending a Statewide Academic Senate Chairs meeting at which the Senate Chairs hope to ask Chancellor Reed about furloughs, deliverology as a tool to improve graduation rates, and rumors about a CSU GE Task Force exploring the possibility of reducing the number of upper division GE units required for graduation.
  - B. President's Office: none.
  - C. Provost's Office: Koob reported that Cal Poly has received \$4 million as part of a second batch of stimulus funds to cover expenses for the 2009-2010 academic year. One-third of the funds will be set aside for high demand courses, while the remaining two-thirds will be allocated to colleges according to typical proportions. Conn announced the opening of an ombudsman services office for students. This office, which is located in the library, will provide a place where students can voice their concerns in a confidential, neutral, and independent manner. The office is not a decision making body but will occasionally serve as mediator.
  - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: none.
  - E. Statewide Senators: Foroohar reported on the large number of resolutions addressed at the last meeting statewide meeting. In addition to the resolutions, the issue of deliverology was discussed. A resolution was passed, about the need for a faculty trustee representative on the CSU Board of Trustees, which states that the CSU is 100% behind the current nominees, have full confidence in their qualifications, and encourage the Governor to choose one of them. LoCascio talked about the concern with the "troops to college" program and the need for each campus to have a mental health office. In addition, the issue of professional doctorates was discussed.
  - F. CFA Campus President: none.
  - G. ASI: Rugani announced that April 5 is the deadline to submit applications for the CSU student trustee position. Nominations for ASI President and ASI Board of Directors are due March 5.
  - H. Committee Chair(s): Hannings, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, mentioned that work on the next catalog cycle is underway. In order to complete a summer 2011 catalog, the review process must begin immediately and colleges must submit their proposals to the Office of the Registrar no later than July 1, 2010. The GE Task Force is working on a new GE governance structure; therefore, no new GE proposals will be accepted at this time. Full curriculum cycle details are available at (<http://www.academicprograms.calpoly.edu/curric-handbook/Curric-cycle.htm>).

- IV. Consent Agenda: none.
- V. Business Items:
- A. **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. M/S/P to approve the resolution
  - C. **Resolution on Faculty Participation in DigitalCommons@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. M/S/P to approve the resolution.
  - 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 second reading.
  - E. **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 second reading.
  - F. **Resolution on Grade Forgiveness** (Instruction Committee): Lertwachara, Chair of the Instruction Committee, 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. M/S/P to approve the resolution
- VI. Special Report: none.
- VII. Discussion Item:  
Resolution on Campus Wide Change of Major Policy: Hannings, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, discussed the resolution and policy intended to facilitate the change of major process and help students with time to degree. The policy guidelines state that students must complete at least one quarter at Cal Poly before requesting a change of major, must enter into a contract with the target department, feasible to complete in no more than two quarter, and must complete the degree requirements in the new major with a maximum of 24 units above the program requirement. The resolution will be a first reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- VIII. Adjournment: 5:00pm

Submitted by,

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