

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

**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate Executive Committee**  
**Tuesday, February 23, 2010**  
**01-409, 3:10–5:00 p.m.**

- I. Minutes: The minutes of January 26, 2010 were approved.
- II. Communications and Announcements: none.
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: Fernflores reported that at the last statewide meeting, Chancellor Reed announced that it is difficult to schedule a faculty vote on furloughs until a budget is available, which could be during summer. The rumor that the CSU has a central office reviewing GE is not accurate. There is a group of campus presidents and provosts working to get support for a GE initiative to eliminate upper GE courses. In addition, Fernflores reported that Chancellor Reed would like to see more faculty involved with shared governance and with the maintenance of high quality instruction. The GE Task Force is considering a governance proposal that would make the GE Committee an Academic Senate Committee with an independent director in charge but has yet to achieve consensus from all members. Discussions continue.
  - B. President's Office: Howard-Greene announced that a public meeting on February 9 officially launched the presidential search at Cal Poly with resumes scheduled for review in April and campus visits in May. The 2010-2011 budget, at this time, for higher education appears fairly hopeful. President Baker continues to work on improving stem education in K-12 with the hopes to bring some people together and in agreement on what might be done in California to make stem disciplines more attractive for California students. The issue of educational outcomes needs to be addressed since it is predicted that by the year 2025, California will have a shortfall of 1 million degree workers.
  - C. Provost: Koob announced that WASC accreditation visits went well and conversations are beginning about what the next phase of WASC should look like. The Deans' Council has been discussing the elimination of remedial courses but no final decision has taken place.
  - D. Statewide Senate: Foroohar attended a meeting in Long Beach where several resolutions were discussed. In addition, summer session was discussed with the chief negotiator for the CSU, but no questions were answered. LoCascio reported that the issues of concern for statewide committee include troops to campus, remediation, and whether GE delays graduation. Also, it was announced that the Governor has formally rejected the Faculty Trustee nominees.
  - E. CFA Campus President: Saenz reported that CFA has called for unity furlough day to take place on March 2 while considering March 4 a day of action for public education.
  - F. ASI Representative: Griggs reported that a resolution on March 4 – day of action, was passed with much debate. ASI is looking at sustainability initiatives and tackling issues of diversity.
  - G. Caucus Chairs: none.
  - H. Other: none.

IV. Consent Agenda: none.

V. Business Items:

- A. Filling of vacancies to the Academic Senate for 2010-2012: The following were approved:
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| College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science | Jim Ahern                   |
| College of Architecture and Environmental Design       | Ed Siliklis                 |
| College of Liberal Arts                                | Xiaoying Rong and Ken Brown |
- B. Academic Senate committee vacancy for 2009-2010: The following was approved
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| Faculty Affairs Committee | Eric Olsen |
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- C. Approval of nominees to the Consultative Committee for the Selection of AVP for Academic Personnel: The following were approved:  
Doris Derelian, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science and Rich Saenz, College of Science and Math.
- D. Approval of committee procedures for Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee: Geringer, Chair of the Distinguished Teaching Award Committee, presented the proposed committee procedures. Dan Howard-Greene requested that additional, detailed information on the selected recipients, be submitted to the President's Office. M/S/P to approve the procedures.
- E. Approval of committee procedures for Research & Professional Development Committee: Stankus, member of the Research & Professional Development Committee, presented the proposed committee procedures. The following sentence was added to the procedures under "Initiatives in Conflict with Cal Poly's Mission Statement": *When a different process for dealing with initiatives in conflict with Cal Poly's Mission Statement is adopted by the Senate, this paragraph will be removed from these procedures.*  
M/S/P to approve the procedures as amended.
- F. Resolution on Revision of Cal Poly Mission Statement to Include Staff (Executive Committee): Fernflores, Academic Senate Chair, presented this resolution which recommends for approval a revision to the Cal Poly Mission Statement in which the contributions of staff are recognized.  
M/S/P to amend the resolution.
- G. Approval of Internal Reviewers for CAED, CAFES, and CSM: The following were approved:  
For College of Architecture and Environmental Design – David Gillette, English  
For College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science – Brian Tietje, Marketing  
For College of Science and Math – David Braun, Electrical Engineering

VI. Discussion Items:

- A. Senate elections: Paper vote or electronic vote – due to lack of time, this issue was not discussed.
- B. Senate committee websites– due to lack of time, this issue was not discussed.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

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