

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

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, March 2, 2010
UU 220, 3:00 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes: Minutes of the February 9, 2010 Academic Senate meeting were approved.
- II. Communications and Announcements: none.
- III. Regular Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: Fernflores will make available to all Senators a letter drafted by Shawn Whalen, Academic Senate Chair for San Francisco State, imploring legislators to support the Governor in restoring funding to higher education. Senators are encouraged to distribute the letter to others in their college as well as staff and students. The Academic Senate Instruction Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee will be reviewing the issues associated with a class taught in the OCOB during fall of 2009 as well as the Michael Pollan/Harris Ranch issue. In discussing these issues, a clearer view of the relations between academic freedom, donors, and curriculum needs to be addressed.
 - B. President's Office: none.
 - C. Provost's Office: none.
 - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: Morton reported that the Interfraternity Council (IFC) has decided to defer rush by barring new students from joining fraternities during their first quarter of enrollment. Student Affairs applauds the decision made by an overwhelming majority of the IFC leadership.
 - E. Statewide Senators: LoCascio reported the retirement of system wide Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Jeri Echevarria. Foroohar announced that the statewide Faculty Affairs Committee is working on a resolution that asks the Chancellor's Office and local administrators working with advancement staff to communicate to possible donors the principles of academic freedom.
 - F. CFA Campus President: none.
 - G. ASI: Rugani announced that San Diego State has created a survey to see how furloughs are affecting students. ASI will compile the result of this system wide survey and present their findings at a later date. At its next board meeting, ASI will be discussing college council spending procedures in order to make all councils aware of available funds.
 - H. Committee Chair(s): Rinzler, Member of the Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee, reported on additional stimulus funds received by Cal Poly to increase access to critical courses in fall 2010. The Chancellor's Office calculated the cost per course in every campus to be \$6,250 while the Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee calculated that it costs Cal Poly \$11,000 per course. Fisher, Chair of the Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee, added that the goal of the committee is to raise the expertise of the faculty on budgetary issues by having the committee members serve as experts for their college.

- IV. Business Items:
- A. **Resolution on Proposal for the Establishment of the University Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship:** (Orfalea College of Business): Tornatzky, OCOB Faculty, presented the resolution which requests that the Academic Senate endorse the establishment of the center. M/S/P to approve the resolution.
 - B. **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. M/S/P to approve the resolution.
 - C. **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. Resolution will return as a second reading item at the next meeting.
 - D. **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 move the resolution to a second reading. M/S/P to approve the resolution.
- V. Consent Agenda: The curriculum proposals for AERO, CSC/CPE, and FPE were approved.
- VI. Special Report: none.
- VII. Discussion Item: none.
- VIII. Adjournment: 5:00pm

Submitted by,

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