

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

**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate**  
**Tuesday, May 4, 2010**  
**UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00pm**

- I. Minutes: The minutes of April 13, 2010 were approved.
- II. Communications and Announcements: none.
- III. Regular Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
  - B. President's Office: President Baker expressed his appreciation to the Academic Senate for a long and warm relationship over the last 31 years. President Baker reflected on the three things he had on his mind on his first fall conference in 1979; improve general education, develop a process that would allow Cal Poly to rely less on the State of California, and for faculty to get paid more and based on merit. President Baker announced that the wonderful work done this year in preparation for WASC accreditation has been the most gratifying of his career. In addition, President Baker stated that the issue of teacher-scholar is important and well presented. Cal Poly does not aspire to be a research intensive university but has an extraordinary opportunity with students, project based learning, and the natural focus of the campus to solve problems. That fits in a niche in higher education today and allows Cal Poly to carve out a particular focus for itself that contributes a great deal to society and has the potential to contribute in various ways to the economic development of the state and the quality of life for everyone in the state of California. In conclusion, President Baker stated that Cal Poly has managed its resources well, therefore it's not suffering some of the consequences of the downturn and the withdrawal of state support for higher education that exists in many of the other CSU campuses. Cal Poly is different than the other campuses and many of those differences are embedded in the Cal Poly Plan which will be able to produce the partnerships necessary to meet the needs of the complex set of programs that are vital to the state of California and the future of the young people of the state.
  - C. Provost's Office: Koob announced that Fall 2010 projected enrollment for first time freshmen is 3,487, including 380 non-resident freshmen. The projected number for transfer students in Fall 2010 is 543, which includes 38 over target for California students and 10 over target for out of state students. The university initiated a more aggressive out of state recruitment process in order to retain faculty members. This year, Cal Poly added 450 out of state students to last year's 250.
  - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: none.
  - E. Statewide Senators: none.
  - F. CFA Campus President: Saenz reported that Glen Thorncroft from the Mechanical Engineering Department is the newly elected CFA campus president. The opening bargaining positions of CFA and CSU will be discussed at a meeting scheduled for May 27. Governor Schwarzenegger has announced that he will not sign a budget that does not include \$305 million to the CSU.

- G. ASI: none.
- H. Committee Chair(s): none.
- IV. Special Report:  
**President Warren Baker: See President's Office report under Regular Reports.**
- V. Consent Agenda: none.
- VI. Business Items:
  - A. **Resolution on Private Donors** (Executive Committee): Foroohar, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, presented the resolution which asks the Academic Senate to endorse the ASCSU "Resolution on Private Donor's Respect for Academic Freedom" (AS-2936-10) M/S/P to approve the resolution.
  - B. **Resolution on Establishment of an Academic Senate Curriculum Appeals Committee** (Curriculum Committee): Hannings, Chair of the Curriculum Committee presented this resolution, which allows for debate about contentious course proposals on the Academic Senate floor, but leaves the ultimate decisions about contentious course proposals to an appeals committee comprised of three faculty members with curriculum overview experience. M/S/P to approve the resolution.
  - C. **Resolution on Emerging Technologies, Policy & Ethic Center (ETPEC):** Bekey/Hurt/Lin presented the resolution which requests the endorsement of the proposal for the establishment of the Emerging Technologies, Policy and Ethics Center. Resolution will return as a second reading item.
- VII. Discussion Item: none.
- VIII. Adjournment: 5:00pm

Submitted by,

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