

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

**MINUTES OF**  
**THE ACADEMIC SENATE**  
**Tuesday, February 08, 2000**  
**UU 220, 3 – 5pm**

Preparatory: The meeting was opened at 3:14pm.

- I. Minutes: none.
- II. Communications and Announcements:
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair:
  - B. President's Office:
  - C. Provost's Office:
  - D. Statewide Senators:
  - E. CFA Campus President:
  - F. ASI Representatives: none.
  - G. Other:
- IV. Consent Agenda:
- V. Business Items:
- VI. Discussion Items:

**Myron Hood, Chair, introduced Harold Goldwhite and Laurence Gould, members of the CSU Board of Trustees, and invited senators to use the full meeting for questions and answers.**

Trustee Goldwhite is Faculty Trustee to the Board and a Professor of Chemistry at Cal State Los Angeles. Goldwhite expressed his feelings that the CSU Board of Trustees is one of the best in the country with members who contribute a great deal of time and effort with no compensation. Gould is an attorney and has been a trustee for three years. Gould stated that with 23 campuses trustees don't get to meet with faculty often enough which may cause misperceptions of what each other does.

**Graduate requirements:** (Goldwhite) In March 1999, the Board of Trustees implemented Cornerstones. One of its principles was to decrease semester unit minimums from 124 to 120 units. This is something the Governor wants and the UCs/private institutions have. During regular cycles of program review, programs should be ready to justify "exceeding" the minimum. This is where appropriate length of program will be judged. This principle says nothing about maximums. No other provision in Title 5 will be changed by this language.

**Year-round operations and semesters versus quarters:** (Gould) Year-round operations and semesters versus quarters are connected issues. Three-quarter million new students are coming into the CSU system

over this next decade, and how to provide access to these students without building more campuses is what's at issue.

(Goldwhite) The semester/quarter issue is being driven almost entirely by the Chancellor. The Chancellor feels a semester system makes more sense from a budget perspective, it facilitates transfer from junior college and high school, and is administratively more efficient. But there hasn't been enough faculty discussion yet regarding its academic benefits. The Chancellor wants more flexibility in rethinking program design.

**Impaction:** (Hood) Can you assure us that requirements to accommodate impaction won't be imposed on Cal Poly? (Gould) This is a serious matter being looked at. Committees are presently in place to develop guidelines to address access and affordability with impaction. (Goldwhite) Cal Poly is held in special regard with the Board of Trustees; the type of programs taught and the demand for its students. The Board doesn't want to change this, but it wants to make opportunities for its curriculum more widely available possibly by adding site programs.

(Hellenbrand) How can we accommodate Tidal Wave II coming to it so late in the game? We can't address the rapidity of growth with marginal cost increases. (Gould) All three systems are facing the same challenges. (Goldwhite) Your comments echo every commission in this state that has looked at this. There is no overall plan for marshalling the effort needed, no long-term perspective. Even if there was, the legislature doesn't have the wherewithall to do anything about it at this time.

**FMI:** (Gould) Ways to work out a better FMI process will be looked at. At present, there is no Board support for a moratorium.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Submitted by:



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