Preparatory: the meeting was opened at 3:16pm.

I. Minutes: Minutes for the Senate meetings of January 18, February 8, February 15, and February 29, 2000 were approved without change.

II. Communications and Announcements:

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hood) Announced that President Baker would be attending the April 25 Senate meeting for a discussion on the "Future of the University."

B. President’s Office: (Baker) The WASC review committee was impressed with Cal Poly’s dedication to teaching and its significant contribution to polytechnic learning reflective of its mission. Funding requirements are more critical for Cal Poly than other institutions because of its polytechnic programs. Four strategies crystallized to address this need: (1) gain greater recognition by the state of the real costs of Cal Poly’s programs, (2) increase private support; i.e., the Centennial Campaign, (3) create beneficial partnerships with business and industry, and (4) raise students fees in the future. There was recognition that only Cal Poly could grow in certain program areas vital to California.

C. Provost’s Office: none.

D. Statewide Senators: (Hood). The statewide Senate is looking at issues of faculty recruitment, retention, and retirement. A systemwide survey has been proposed to gather information from each of the campuses regarding faculty searches. Chancellor Reed is looking at the possibility of subsidized housing as a way of attracting faculty. Another issue before the statewide Senate is campus morale and collegiality.

E. CFA Campus President: CFA presented Myron Hood with the F. Ben Mansell Award for exceptional service in defense of faculty rights. Harvey Greenwald read the nominating letter submitted to the awards committee.

F. ASI Representatives: Andrew Hunt announced this would be his last meeting as ASI representative to the Senate. He is stepping down from his position with ASI to allow more time for his studies. Hood thanked him for his participation and thoughtful input this year.

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Items:

Resolution on Information Technology Resources Responsible Use Policy: first reading. Joe Grimes, chair of the IACC, presented the policy. The policy is content-neutral (material being transferred won’t be monitored unless illegal use is brought to the attention of IT). There was concern regarding the vagueness of the document’s language. Grimes responded the language was kept vague intentionally so the document could address the future. Senators having changes were asked to direct their suggestions directly to Grimes. Significant changes in the document are expected to be made before its second reading.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was recessed at 5:03pm until April 25, 2000 at 3:00.

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