Meeting of the
ACADEMIC SENATE
Tuesday, February 29, 2000
UU220, 3:00-5:00pm

I. Minutes: none.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):

III. Reports:
   A. Academic Senate Chair:
   B. President’s Office:
   C. Provost’s Office
   D. Statewide Senators:
   E. CFA Campus President:
   F. ASI Representative:
   G. Other:

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Item(s):
   A. Resolution in Support of a Sustainable Materials Budget for the Kennedy Library to Reverse Long-term Erosion of College Collections: Wack, chair of the Library Committee, second reading (pp. 2-7).

   B. Resolution on Fire Safety in the Cal Poly Residence Halls: Greenwald, academic senator, first reading (pp. 8-9).

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Adjournment:
WHEREAS, The Kennedy Library collections (both print and electronic) represent one of the key elements of Cal Poly’s mission, yet these resources are currently only an implicit component of Cal Poly’s strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly prides itself on a vibrant curriculum, reflecting advances in academic disciplines and the scholarship of teaching and learning, but these high-quality programs require rapid access to a core collection of scholarly resources, whether it be print or electronic; and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly’s Strategic Plan for support of faculty and staff explicitly states, “Consistent with its expectations, Cal Poly shall continue to improve classroom space, classroom equipment, supplies, study space, communication and information technologies, books, periodicals and other resources”; and

WHEREAS, The absence of a fiscal plan providing sustainable funding for library materials has resulted in deterioration of these collections (see Charts 1-3); and

WHEREAS, Current funding projections, if continued without modification, are such that all colleges will soon be seriously impacted to the detriment of their teaching and scholarly activities, and in some cases, jeopardizing departmental accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Continued levels and trends in funding support for library materials will threaten Cal Poly’s ability to achieve its stated goals of ensuring the highest quality education to its students, and support for the professional development of its faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, The Kennedy Library’s funding for library materials is substantially
RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate urge the administration to recognize Cal Poly's Kennedy Library explicitly and consistently as one of the critical educational resources and units which contributes substantially to the fulfillment of the Cal Poly mission as well as that of the colleges; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Statewide Academic Senators representing Cal Poly draft a resolution in the Statewide Academic Senate urging the Chancellor to seek an augmentation in the CSU Library Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the University place a high priority on increasing the budget for Library Materials to the CSU average (currently at $120 per student); and be it further

RESOLVED: That in future years the University place a high priority on maintaining the Library Materials budget at at least the CSU average.

Proposed by: Senate Library Committee
February 16, 2000
Chart 1. Increasing Cost and Declining Number of Books Purchased at Cal Poly

- **1988/89**
  - Budget: $424,590
  - Books Purchased: 10,988
  - UNMET: $58,430

- **1994/95**
  - Books Purchased: 8,335
  - UNMET: $96,033

- **1998/99**
  - Books Purchased: 6,613
  - UNMET: $65,046

- **Projected 2003/04**
  - UNMET Needs: $500,000
  - One-Time Funds: $65,046

Legend:
- □ UNMET NEEDS
- ■ ONE-TIME FUNDS
- □ BOOKS
Chart 2. Increasing Cost and Declining Subscriptions for Academic Journals at Cal Poly

- 1988/89: 5,662 Journals (UNMET: $246,629)
- Projected 2003/04: 1,820 Journals (UNMET NEEDS/CANCELLED: $1,155,910)
Chart 3. Increasing Unfunded Cost of Electronic Resources

- **1988/89:** $0
- **1994/95:** $100,000
- **1998/99:** $200,000
- **Projected 2003/04:** $500,000

**Dollars Spent For Licenses**

Fiscal Years

- San Francisco: $151
- Sonoma: $146
- Bakersfield: $127
- Fresno: $115
- Hayward: $109
- Pomona: $103
- Sacramento: $96
- San Luis Obispo: $96
- San Jose: $89
- Los Angeles: $86

The dotted line represents average total resource expenditure per student, systemwide: $120.
Background: On January 19, 2000, a residence hall fire at Seton Hall University killed three students and injured 58 others. The residence hall lacked a sprinkler system and had experienced frequent false fire alarms. There had been 18 false alarms since September but University officials do not believe the delayed responses of the students contributed to the deaths.

A survey of other campuses conducted by Seton Hall subsequent to the fire revealed that 67 percent of those polled said their campuses had at least one residence hall without a sprinkler system. 37 percent of the respondents reported that false alarms were a problem on their campuses.

The situation at Cal Poly is very similar. The majority of the residence halls have no sprinkler systems while the two newer residence halls (Yosemite and Sierra Madre) have sprinkler systems only in public spaces.

As a result of the fire, New Jersey is considering legislation to require the retrofitting of sprinklers in all residence halls. After a fire at Texas Tech in 1997, the Texas Fire Marshall issued a ruling requiring the installation of sprinklers in all residence halls.

After the MGM Grand Hotel fire in Las Vegas, California passed a law requiring hotels and motels higher than 75 feet to have sprinklers installed. This required retrofitting existing structures as well as requiring all such new structures to include sprinkler systems.

WHEREAS, There have been a number of fires at residence halls without sprinkler systems, including the recent fatal fire at Seton Hall University; and

WHEREAS, The residence halls at Cal Poly with the exception of Yosemite and Sierra Madre lack sprinkler systems; and

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey has considered introducing legislation to require the retrofitting of sprinklers in all residence halls; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Fire Marshall has issued a ruling requiring the installation of sprinklers in all residence halls in the State of Texas; and
WHEREAS, California passed a law requiring hotels and motels higher than 75 feet to be retrofitted with sprinkler systems; and

WHEREAS, The CSU has a fund specifically to address issues of safety; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That Cal Poly statewide academic senators urge the CSU to use its funds designated for safety to help fund the retrofitting of all CSU residence halls with sprinkler systems; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Cal Poly statewide academic senators urge the statewide Academic Senate to endorse the retrofitting of all CSU residence halls with sprinkler systems; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cal Poly Academic Senate urge both the CSU and our local legislators to seek one-time funding from the State for the retrofitting of all CSU residence halls with sprinkler systems; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to Senator Jack O'Connell, Abel Maldonado, and other legislators urging the State of California to require and fund the retrofitting of all college residence halls in the CSU and UC systems with sprinkler systems; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Cal Poly place a high priority on the retrofitting of all residence halls with sprinkler systems; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a plan for the installation of sprinklers in the Cal Poly residence halls be presented to the campus by administration as soon as possible.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: February 22, 2000