Preparatory: The meeting was opened at 3:10 p.m.

Members and Guests present: Bob Brown, Margaret Camuso, Leslie Cooper, Linda Dalton, Phil Fetzer, Laura Freberg, Reg Gooden, Harvey Greenwald, Tom Hale, Dave Hannings, Pat Harris, Dan Howard-Greene, Hal Johnston, Lezlie Labhard, Rob Lang, George Lewis, William Martinez, Anny Morrobel-Sosa, Mike Suess, Terri Swartz, Paul Zingg, Tom Zuur

I. Minutes: MIS/P (Martinez/Johnston) to approve Executive Committee minutes for April 15, April 17, May 6, May 13, and July 6, 1997, and approve Academic Senate minutes for November 12, November 19, November 26, 1996, January 14, February 18, March 4, March 18, April 8, April 22, April 29, May 27, June 3, and June 10, 1997.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
A. All electronic mail is being sent to your OpenMail account. If you do not have an OpenMail account, mail will be directed to your UNIX account. However, if you have a UNIX account and an OpenMail account, Academic Senate communications will automatically be sent to your OpenMail account.
B. The Academic Senate is now on the World Wide Web. Information regarding meetings, agenda, minutes, etc. can be viewed at http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen.
C. DRAFT copy of Office Space Allocation Policies and Priorities was provided.
D. Final Report of the Task Force on Distance Education was provided.
E. SIP (Statewide Internal Partnership) is an internal communication infrastructure between campuses. Johnston explained that a group will be visiting the campus on September 30, and there will be open forums for everyone. Cal Poly is the first campus that this group is going to visit with.
F. Morrobel-Sosa indicated that the Statewide Merit Pay Task Force will visit the campus on Thursday, October 9, from 11:00-1:00. The format of the visit will be similar to the visit from the Cornerstones group last spring. The group is looking for constructive opinions and suggestions, not just negative feedback on the present system.

III. Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair: no report
B. President's Office: no report
C. Provost's Office: Zingg reported that enrollment for fall is strong in quality, and has reduced the gap between actual students enrolled and the supporting funding. This year we have approximately 16,600 enrolled, whereas last year we were right at 17,000. This should translate into more flexible funding in the college budgets.
Proposition 209 is still a challenge. It is the law. Cal Poly will factor out the bonus point approach to recognition of under-represented groups. There will be impact from Proposition 209, and we are not sure exactly how it will affect Cal Poly. It will depend heavily upon the possible ruling by the Supreme Court.
D. Statewide Senators: Gooden discussed the lack of faculty representation on the search committee for the new Chancellor.
E. CFA Campus President: no report
F. Staff Council representative: Cooper reported that the Campus Mixer held during Fall Conference Week was a success. The next meeting of the Staff Council will be held on October 8th.

G. ASI representative: Morrobel-Sosa indicated that Mary Ann Bingham is the 1997/98 ASI representative to the Senate.

H. IACC representative: no report

I. Athletics Governing Board representative

J. Other:

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Item(s):

A. Appointments to the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee: Morrobel-Sosa gave introduction, and indicated that she had received assurances from Juan Gonzalez that the committee would, indeed, continue to function in the coming year. Morrobel-Sosa indicated interest in continuing to serve. Irene Hoffman may be interested in continuing to serve. Martinez volunteered to serve. M/S/P to appoint the three above-mentioned people to the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee.

B. Appointment to the IACC: Johnston volunteered to serve. M/S/P to appoint Johnston to the position.

C. Academic Senate committee vacancies: M/S/P (Hannings/Martinez) to approve Lee Burgunder (CBUS), Ron Mullisen (CENG), and David Keeling (CSM) to the Faculty Awards Committee. M/S/P (Fetzer/Labhard) to approve H. Mallareddy as a replacement for Ali Shaban to the Fairness Board, CAED will seek caucus approval for Paul Wack to replace Brian Kesner on the Library Committee, and Allen Cooper to replace Matt Wall on the Curriculum Committee.

D. University-wide committee vacancies: M/S/P (Hannings/Fetzer) to approve Pat Harris to the ASI Facilities and Operations Committee. M/S/P (Hale/Hannings) to approve Barbara Andre to the Extended University Programs and Services Committee. M/S/P to approve Norm Borin as a replacement for Linda Bomstad on the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

E. Revisions to the Cal Poly Performance Salary Step Increase Policy: Morrobel-Sosa gave introduction and clarified that this will come back to the full senate as a first reading, due to changes in the document. Suess explained that some changes were due to the MOU ratified this summer. The document also had to be modified to deal with units other than academic departments (counselors, librarians, coaches, UCTE). Brown indicated that most of the highlighted sections are to bring the document into compliance with the MOU. Discussion ensued over whether changes are editorial (just bringing into compliance with the MOU) and/or if it should go back to the full senate, M/S/P (6/4) (Gooden/Hannings) to agendize.

F. Resolution on the 1997-98 Budget: Zingg commented that a similar resolution came forth to the Deans and Vice Presidents last year, which helped clarify discussions last year. Zingg spoke in favor of the resolution. Greenwald questioned whether it would be advisable to request the Budget Committee to recommend a more general resolution to address all budget years, not just 1997-98. M/S/P (Gooden/Hannings) to agendize.
G. Resolution on Faculty Governance of Mode of Instruction: Freberg gave introduction and explained that it was developed in tandem with the distance learning resolution. Johnston questioned if this was infringing upon the instructor's right to teach a course as s/he saw fit. M/S/P (Hannings/Martinez) to agendize.

H. Resolution on the Search Process and Qualifications for the new CSU Chancellor: Minimal discussion. M/S/P (Gooden/Lang) to agendize. Greenwald suggested placing this item higher on the agenda for the next full senate meeting, due to the timeliness of this issue.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Adjournment: M/S/P (Martinez/Hannings) to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

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