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


I. Minutes: none

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 (6.19.97) of Office Space Allocation Policies and Priorities was provided.

D. Final Report of the Task Force on Distance Education was provided.

E. Merit Pay Task Force to Visit Cal Poly on October 9.

III. Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair: no report

B. President's Office: no report

C. Provost's Office: Zingg reported that the Supreme Court will be taking on Proposition 209. Admissions for Cal Poly has been as expected - both on growth and reduction in some areas. Discussion of MCA - Kersten questioned who was on the MCA revision committee. Discussion ensued on basis for rulings. Question was asked regarding when the Senate would have input on the proposed formula. Zingg indicated that they are trying to establish criteria to be used for Fall 1998 admissions. Federal fellowships and scholarships will follow federal guidelines - Proposition 209 does not change them.

D. Statewide Senators: Gooden reported on the CETI initiative. Hale and Gooden will review and report on it next meeting. The new Chancellor has been named. Hale reported change in entry requirements - increasing laboratory science requirement to 2 years and making social science requirement changes. This will bring entry requirements close to the UC system with the exception of visual and performing arts. Kersten gave a list of which committees he will be serving on, which includes one committee that will be looking at entrance requirements.

E. CFA Campus President: Zetzsche reported on good news/bad news issue of new chancellor. The union will not bargain this year after May 1, 1998.
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: Bingham indicated that interviewing for ASI representatives on the Academic Senate committees will take place by Friday.

H. IACC representative: Johnston reported on CIP status.

I. Athletics Governing Board representative: no report.

J. Other:

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Item(s):

A. Resolution on Cal Poly Performance Salary Step Increase Policy: Morrobel-Sosa explained some of the reasons for the changes. Suess elaborated that some of the changes were a direct result of the Collective Bargaining agreement. Discussion ensued on changes between previously approved document and revised version. M/S/F (Jacobson/Martinez) to suspend the rules and move to second reading. Discussion continued on clarifications, suggestions, etc. Bingham voiced concern that students have no input into PSSI. Suess explained that the Collective Bargaining agreement precludes direct dialogue and input from students. However, student evaluations are in the faculty personnel files, which are accessible to the PSSI committee. M/withdrawn (Hood/XXX) for the chair of the Academic Senate to communicate with the department heads/chairs immediately. Suess informed the group that the document has already been provided to department heads/chairs.

B. Resolution on the Search Process and Qualifications for the New CSU Chancellor: Issue is now over. Discussion not necessary.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

A. Hanley presented information on the status of the CETI/CTI (Technology Infrastructure Initiative. For approximately $25 million, the program would increase the speed and connectivity of all faculty, staff and students. There will be a chatroom on Thursday, October 9, from 4:00-6:00. Hanley indicated that the Chancellor has requested that Cal Poly name a person to be the interface between the Chancellor's office and the campus. Gooden questioned if the document can be put on the web. Hanley indicated that it would not be done this way because of competitors.

VII. Adjournment: M/S/P (Lewis/Martinez) to adjourn at 5:03 p.m.

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