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

Members and Guests present: Samuel Aborne, Margaret Camuso, Marlene Cartter, Leslie Cooper, Linda Dalton, Phil Fetzer, Juan Gonzalez, Harvey Greenwald, Dave Hannings, Pat Harris, Hal Johnston, Doug Keesey, Euel Kennedy, Tim Kersten, Lezlie Labhard, Rob Lang, George Lewis, Jim Maraviglia, William Martinez, AnnA McDonald, Anny Morrobel-Sosa, Roxy Peck, Kathy Peterson, Terri Swartz, Mary Whiteford, Jim Zetzsche, Paul Zingg

I. Minutes: M/S/P (Kersten/Hannings) to approve the Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting minutes of October 14, 1997 and November 4, 1997.

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

III. Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair: A special meeting of the legislature is being held today to discuss CETI. Highsmith will communicate results to Morrobel-Sosa, who will then forward them to the Cal Poly Academic Senate.
B. President’s Office: no report
C. Provost’s Office: Zingg reported that we now know the Governor’s budget for next year. There will be full funding for all enrollment growth, up to next year's targets. Two backfill targets will include the 5% reduction in student fees and the unasked 10% increase in student fees. Next year's target represents a 2% growth over this year's target. Administration anticipates bringing the actual student FTE in line with full-time funding within two years.
D. Statewide Senators: Kersten brought attention to the New York Times article on the CETI issue.
E. CFA Campus President: Zetzsche shared several emails he had received, and indicated that contract negotiations will begin shortly. Zetzsche foresees a hard year of bargaining.
F. Staff Council representative: Cooper reported on the successful December 1 Blooddrive and Adopt-a-family programs.
G. ASI representative: Aborne reported that ASI has not met yet this quarter, but will be discussing the finals schedule issue.
H. Other:

IV. Consent Agenda:

Kersten made parliamentary inquiry, stating opposition to placement of curricular items on the consent agenda. Kersten felt that curriculum is the core of the Senate's responsibilities. Discussion ensued over how to handle problem areas. M/S/P (Johnston/Martinez) to pull items A, B, and C from consent agenda, and place as regular business items.
A. Curriculum Proposals:
B. Courses Proposed for U.S. Cultural Pluralism Requirement:
C. Courses proposed for General Education and Breadth:

V. Business Item(s):

A(1). Curriculum Proposals:
B(1). Courses Proposed for U.S. Cultural Pluralism Requirement:
C(1). Courses proposed for General Education and Breadth:
   A. Academic Senate/University-wide Committee Vacancies: no names brought forward
   B. Committee Selection Procedures for the Position of Vice Provost for Academic Programs: Zingg and Greenwald gave an introduction, and explained the current status of the search. The prepared memo to faculty will be sent electronically.
   C. 1998 Catalog Proposals Approved/Pending/Disapproved:
   D. Summary of Program Proposals 1998 Catalog:

Items A1, B1, C1, C and D were discussed simultaneously. Discussion focused on how information is presented in the tables. Lewis requested that prerequisites for upper division courses be listed. A request was made to include the type of change listed in the table as well. Item D will remain as a separate business item. M/S/P (Martinez/Kersten) to agendize to first reading.

Discussion ensued over whether to deal with Curriculum or other second reading items first at the next Academic Senate meeting. M/S/P (Kersten/Fetzer) moved that the three second reading business items be given no more than 15 minutes each, and placing curricular issues as a time certain item.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

A. Catalog Rights: Cartter gave introduction, indicating that the Curriculum Committee has recommended that Cal Poly return to the old system under which students could choose any interim catalog, not just the matriculation or graduation catalogs. After much discussion, M/S/P (Martinez/Fetzer) (6-2-1) that the Executive Committee endorse the recommendations of the Curriculum Committee.

B. MCA Plan for Fall 1998: Zingg gave introduction and brief background. Peck explained how evaluation of the various models was done. Zingg indicated that changes to the MCA must be programmed into the computer within the next three weeks for Fall 1998. Kersten recommended that a longer-term study be pursued, indicating his desire for Cal Poly to remain as a leader in keeping its faculty informed of changes in the MCA. Kersten and Lewis did not favor "endorsement" of the report, but would rather just "accept" the report. M/S/P (Martinez/Labhard) to call the question. M/S/P (Fetzer/Swartz) (5-2-2) that the Executive Committee endorse the criteria presented in the DCAA's recommendations of 12/22/97.

VII. Adjournment: M/S/P (Martinez/Johnston) to adjourn at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

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