CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF
the Academic Senate
Tuesday, June 9, 1998
UU220, 3:00-5:00pm

[This is a continuation meeting from the May 19/May 26/June 2, 1998 agenda.]

Preparatory: the meeting was opened at 3:11pm.

I. Minutes: none.

II. Communications and Announcements:

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

IV. Consent Agenda:

   Resolution on Commendation for Anny Morrobel-Sosa. Martinez read the resolution aloud and a round of applause was given to Anny Morrobel-Sosa for her leadership this past year as Academic Senate Chair.

V. Business Items:

   The following change was accepted as a friendly amendment: “That the Academic Senate recommend receive the attached General Education 2000 as the guiding instrument for review of new general education course proposals.”

   The following motion was M/S/P (32-5-3): Added to second Resolved clause: “That Amendments #1 and #2 be sent to Provost/Vice President Zingg to be considered as amendments to the General Education 2000 document.”

   The following amendment was M/S/P (24-17-0): Add: “or Society-and-the-Individual” to page 2 of General Education 2000.

   The following amendment was M/S/P: The following changes were made to the section entitled Cal Poly’s Commitment to Gender and Diversity: “... All GE courses are expected to address issues of gender, ethnicity, and diversity where relevant to the material within the context of the material presented in the course... Students completing Cal Poly’s GE Program should have a clear sense of the intellectual roots creating and contributing to American society and of the ways that various cultures, particularly western culture, and both women and men have contributed to knowledge and civilization and to transforming American society over time.”

   The following Clarification of GE Elective (dated June 9, 1998) was accepted as a friendly amendment: “The approved template calls for four units of GE Elective as follows: (1) for science-based curricula, one additional course in Arts-and-Humanities, (2) for non-science-based...”
curricula, one additional course in Science-and-Mathematics. The Science/Math Area Committee proposed (and the GE Committee accepted) defining “non-science-based curricula” as the curricula for majors from the College of Liberal Arts.

The main resolution as modified by the above motions was M/S/P (38-2-0).

I. Resolution on the Academic Value of Diversity: second reading. The June 8, 1998 draft of this resolution was M/S/P (unanimously).

J. Resolution on Cal Poly Diversity Statement: second reading. The following change was accepted as a friendly amendment: To first bullet of the document, change “As a university whose motto is ‘to learn by doing,’ Cal Poly explicitly understands the important of experience that experience brings to education.”

The following change was accepted as a friendly amendment: To the last paragraph of the document, make the following changes: “Indeed, majority students may have the most to gain from a diverse education. Most importantly, though, a commitment by Cal Poly’s commitment to diversity signals an affirmation of the highest educational goals of this University, including mutual respect, civility, and engaged learning.

The following change was accepted as a friendly amendment: In the last sentence of the document, change as follows: “*The definition of diversity is specifically inclusive of, but not limited to, an individual’s race/ethnicity, sex/gender, socioeconomic status, cultural heritage, disability and sexual preference orientation.”

The main motion as modified above was M/S/P (43-1-0).

Added item:
Pat Harris was elected Vice Chair of the Academic Senate for the 1998-1999 term.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Submitted by:
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