Minutes of the ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 8, 1994
UU 220  3:10-5:00 pm

Preparatory: The meeting opened at 3:12 pm.

Members present: Archibeque, Bertozzi, Brown, Buswell, Dana, Dubbink, Hale, Hampsey, Hannings, Greenwald, Irvin, Lutrin, Wilson

I. Minutes:

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s)

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair
B. President’s Office
C. Vice President for Academic Affairs' Office
D. Statewide Senators
E. CFA Campus President
F. ASI representatives
G. Report on Cal Poly's Centennial Campaign and the Intercollegiate Athletic program

Capital Campaign:

Athletic Director, John McCutcheon and Chuck Sleeper, Assistant Director for Development, presented plans for a capital campaign which will address perceived need for intercollegiate athletic facilities. Among the improvements they hope to make are a new football stadium, a baseball field and an improved auditorium (Mott Gym) for various indoor sports. The plan is to use a strategy similar to that used for the new Performing Arts Center i.e. exploring partnerships with the local Parks and Recreation department and the school district. They will be looking for funds from within the existing athletics program donor base only and, therefore, will not be competing with other areas of the university for funds.

William Boldt, Vice President for University Advancement and Development, presented plans for Cal Poly's upcoming "Centennial Campaign." The overall goal is to raise at least $100 million by 2001. 1994-95 will be spent in planning and conducting a feasibility study. The goal for 1995-96 is to build a nucleus fund. The public campaign will run from 1996-2001. Goals include increasing endowment funds to $70 million, increasing annual cash and in-kind gifts to $20 million, and meeting or exceeding sub-goals created by the colleges and units.

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Item(s):

A. Appointments to committee vacancies:
   MSPU to appoint Debra Valencia-Laver to serve as CLA's representative to the Library Committee.

B. Resolution to modify existing grading policy:
   MSPU to agendize the Resolution on Change of Grades (with amendments)
C. Calendar presentation to the Academic Senate:

The following decisions were made by consensus:

The document entitled, "Department Responses to the Request for Calendar Information," was approved for use as the document viewpoints expressed in responses from 26 of 52 departments.

It was agreed that the calendar discussion will be framed around six topics which will be addressed in the following order:

1. Pedagogical, i.e. what happens in the classroom, what is the best way to teach subject matter, etc.)

2. Impact on students: both short term and long term

3. Impact on faculty: both short term and long term

4. Costs:
   - conversion costs
   - savings resulting from the change
   - faculty and staff workload

5. Summer/year-round operation

6. Miscellaneous

The document entitled "Rules for Discussion on Calendar" was approved for use by the Chairman in framing the discussion with the additional rule that a speaker who wishes to talk for longer than three minutes will be allowed to do so only if he so informs the Chair prior to beginning his remarks.

The following resolution will be used to introduce the calendar change issue as a first reading item:
RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate recommends that Cal Poly change from an academic calendar based on the quarter system to a semester system, with each semester including fifteen weeks of instruction and one week of final exams.

The document entitled, "Twenty Questions about Calendars and the Change Thereof" was approved for distribution to the faculty.

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Recorded by:
Sam Lutrin
Academic Senate Secretary