I. Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at 3:10pm.

II. Minutes: The minutes of the February 14, 1995 meeting of the Academic Senate were approved as written.

III. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): None

IV. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: None

B. President's Office: None

C. Vice President for Academic Affairs Office: President Baker and his staff will be going to Long Beach to work out a plan for fully-funded growth of Cal Poly.

D. Statewide Senators: Kersten--The Governmental Affairs Committee is seeking input on policies that faculty want to go forward during the upcoming lobby days. Important issues include funding, both for salaries for faculty and for implementation of higher education outcome measures. Additional pieces of legislation include affirmative action for both faculty and for students. It is possible that if some of these bills are passed, Cal Poly's current Multicriteria Admissions program could become illegal. One-third of a proposed $900 million general revenue bond issue is to go for buildings/facilities for the CSU.

E. CFA Campus President: Collective bargaining will resume next week. The issue holding up bargaining is compensation.

F. Staff Council Representative: Staff Council is sponsoring a workshop on making the campus more sensitive to the needs and interests of underrepresented students and invites faculty to participate.

G. ASI Representatives: No report

H. John McCutcheon (with Chuck Sleeper, Bob Kitamura and Bill Boldt): McCutcheon stated that when he arrived at Cal Poly, President Baker asked him to look at needs for updating facilities for Cal Poly's Intercollegiate Athletic program. After speaking with interested and important community members, the vision was expanded to include six to eight open field spaces.

   Last spring $100,000 was donated by Richard O'Neill to serve as seed money to launch planning. A fundraising steering committee includes representatives from the school district, the city, the county and Cal Poly. Ozzie Smith has agreed to be honorary chair of the committee. As of March 7 a total of $300,000 has been raised. Additionally, now that the basic concept has been identified, an architectural firm will be selected to develop specifics and costs. This should occur within the next month or so.

   For the next six months the focus will be on soliciting large donors before going public with the campaign. It was noted that ASI may be asked to participate in funding these facilities. Bill Boldt again stated that he sees the Athletic campaign as complementary to fundraising for other Cal Poly departments. The contacts made for athletic funding are not the people who would be supporting the academic program.

   Dave Hannings noted that the faculty and the Dean of the College of Agriculture are opposed to some of the locations chosen for building new facilities. Two of the sites represent one-half of the prime agriculture land used for teaching. Therefore, the loss of this land is seen as a curricular issue.

V. Consent Agenda: None
VI. Business Items:

A. **MSP approval of the Resolution on Proposal for a University Honors Program.** Glenn Irvin explained how this program will be financed. There are over 1,100 sections of General Education courses taught each year. Funding for the Honors Program (which will focus on General Education & Breadth) will be generated by adding .49 of an additional student to all GE courses other than those designated for the Honors Program. In other words, those faculty teaching General Education and Breadth courses will be taking on a slightly larger teaching load to make the Honors Program possible.

B. Resolution to Expand Form 109 (first reading): It was noted that confusion arises because the resolution and the proposed form which accompanies it seem to be in conflict with each other. Questions raised included: Is the resolution necessary because it is already accomplished through Cal Poly's Strategic Plan? What are diversity-related activities as opposed to co-curricular activities in Section III of the form? Why is the word “students” added? Are they not part of the university?

C. **MSP approval of the Resolution on Promoting Curricular Review as amended.** A friendly amendment was accepted by the Executive Committee which sponsored this resolution. Revisions included: (1) changing the first resolved clause to read as follows: RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate support the policy that the State resources received by a department or college not be reduced as a result of a general curricular change for a minimum period of four years, and (2) deleting entirely the second Resolved clause.

VII. **MSP to adjourn.** Due to lack of time, the remaining agenda items will be taken up at the next Senate meeting.

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