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

MINUTES OF THE
Academic Senate
Tuesday, May 30, 1995
UU 220, 3:00-5:00pm

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

II. Minutes: none.

III. Communication(s) and Announcements: none.

IV. Reports: none.

V. Consent Agenda: none.

VI. Business Items:
   A. Resolution of Commendation for Jack Wilson: MSPU. A resolution in appreciation of the outstanding efforts and contributions made by Jack Wilson during his three-year term as Chair of the Academic Senate was presented.

   B. Resolution to Approve Indirect Cost Distribution: (second reading). MSP that this resolution be accepted. A friendly amendment was made as follows: In item 3, each percentage is changed to 15%; and in the second line of item 4, 25% is changed to 30%.

   MSF to amend the last sentence of item 5 so that it reads, "Any funds remaining after the justifiable expenses of these two units have been met will be returned to the principal investigator and the administrative unit" (This would also have eliminated item 6).

   A friendly amendment was accepted modifying item 5 to read: "The remaining indirect costs...Any funds remaining after the justifiable expenses of these two units have been met, will be transferred to the Dean for Research and Graduate Programs, to be used in support of the development of research by faculty on the campus."

   An objection was raised stating a preference for keeping it broad so as not to exclude graduate students and staff members.

   The Chair determined that discussion was now back to the original resolution.

   C. Resolution to Renew the Curricular Review Cycle: MSP to move the resolution to second reading. MSPU to approve.

   D. Approval of ES 350 for course inclusion in the U.S. Cultural Pluralism requirement: MSP to move this to second reading. MSPU to approve.

   E. Approval of SPC 316 for course inclusion in the U.S. Cultural Pluralism requirement: MSP to move this to second reading. MSPU to approve.
F. Resolution on Graduate Research and Thesis SP Grade: MSPU to move to second reading. Second Resolved clause eliminated. MSF the previous question.

MS that the use of a letter grade for research courses and thesis courses be used where appropriate and that the alternative which is to assign an SP grade be allowed.

MSP to remove the last Resolved clause. The resolution now has one resolved clause. A friendly amendment to change "from after two years" to "after three years" was accepted. Another friendly amendment to increase the number of years to seven was withdrawn.

MSP to approve the resolution as modified.

G. Resolution on Revisions to Cal Poly's Strategic Plan: There was not sufficient time remaining to address this issue. It will be a first reading item on the first Senate agenda in Fall 1995. The Chair noted that all faculty need to be informed about this issue and urged senators to take responsibility for being sure that they are informed.

H. Resolution support Academic Senate CSU Resolution AS-2274-95/GA: "Principles that Guide Programs to Achieve Educational Equity and Faculty Diversity..." Insufficient time remained to address this issue. It will be a first reading at the next Senate meeting.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.
RESOLUTION TO RENEW CURRICULAR REVIEW CYCLE

Background: The regular process of curricular review leading to publication of a university catalog was suspended during 1994-95 in order for the campus to consider major curricular reform. Pending the conclusion of this process and a decision by the Academic Senate to institute major reforms, the Curriculum Committee believes review should resume in order to accommodate ongoing revisions. The committee believes that programs should not wait an excessive amount of time before instituting reasonable and necessary adjustments to their curricula.

Pending university wide decisions on major curricular reform, the Curriculum Committee proposes the institution of a modified one-year review cycle in 1995-96. During this review process, programs may formalize ongoing curricular changes as well as institute necessary routine changes. Such changes will be published in a supplemental catalog.

Whereas, the curriculum review cycle was suspended AY 1994-95 to facilitate university consideration of major curricular reforms, and

Whereas, such consideration of major reforms is still ongoing and has not reached resolution, and

Whereas, degree programs should not be delayed in making regular and necessary changes to their curricula, therefore be it

Resolved, that a modified one-year curriculum review be undertaken in 1995-96.

Submitted by the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee 30 May 1995.
INDIRECT COST DISTRIBUTION POLICY

Whereas indirect costs recovered on grants and contracts are reimbursements by the sponsor to the University for real costs that the University has incurred;

and whereas the University is committed to furthering the development of faculty and student research, creative activity, and instructional support activities (e.g. fellowships, curriculum development, student services) on the campus;

the following indirect cost distribution policy is proposed:

1. A fixed percentage of the indirect costs (IDC) recovered on all grants and contracts will be returned to the project investigators and their administrative units (academic administrative units or research centers/institutes that have received senate approval). These funds will be restricted in their use as outlined subsequently in the policy.

2. To qualify for a return of IDC to either a project investigator or an administrative unit the grant or contract must have earned full indirect cost income equal to 20% of the total direct costs, or the federally negotiated rate on a federal grant or contract in the event that this is less than 20% of total direct costs.

3. If a grant/contract qualifies for a return of IDC, 12.5% of the recovered indirect costs will be returned to the project investigator(s) and 12.5% to the administrative unit.

4. Distribution of the indirect cost returns computed as above will be made on a quarterly basis. Eighty percent of the 25% to be returned will be distributed at that time. The remainder will be held in reserve until the end of the fiscal year. Direct cost overruns on a project will be covered from the portion of indirect cost income remaining for distribution to that project. Should the overruns exceed the funds available, they will be covered from the indirect cost allocation due to the project in the next fiscal year, before any subsequent distributions are made. Amounts less than $100 for a fiscal year will not be distributed.

5. The remaining indirect costs will be pooled with those recovered on sponsored projects that did not qualify for a return of IDC, and used to support the Department of Sponsored Programs in the Foundation and the University Grants Development Office. Any funds remaining after the justifiable expenses of these two units have been met, will be transferred to the Dean for Research and Graduate Programs, to be used in support
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