Minutes of the ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 9, 1996
UU 220  3:10-5:00 pm


I. Minutes: The minutes of the October 17, October 31, and November 7, 1995 meetings were approved as submitted.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: no report

B. President's Office: no report

C. Vice President for Academic Affairs: Zingg noted that David Hafemeister recently received an award and also congratulated three departments which have won reaccreditation; namely, City and Regional Planning, Art and Design, and Journalism. For 1996-97, he foresees an increase of 275 FTEs.

D. Statewide Senators: Gooden announced that the Statewide Senators will be going to Long Beach for a meeting next week. He noted that there is a $3 billion bond issue for the March election which includes approximately $900 million for higher education.

E. CFA Campus President: no report

G. Staff Council: no report

H. ASI representative: no report

I. Other: Chuck Dana reported on the IACC. He noted that (1) there are a set of choices related to the organization of ITS and the Library which are going forward to Baker, (2) there has been discussion about charging students for modem access. (The rise in late afternoon and evening usage is overwhelming the system. Also there is continuing discussion about charging a broader technology fee.), and (3) in regard to AIX and central UNIX, RFPs for updated system have gone out. Bids may be completed by the end of April. WEB page accesses have gone up from 6,000 per month in fall 1995 to a million.

Increased use of technology (and related funding) when evaluative measures don't appear to be delineated was questioned (i.e., How do we know that technologies used for teaching are as good as, or superior to, faculty in the more traditional classroom setting?)

The Chair asked Dana to plan on making a report at every Senate meeting.

IV. Consent Agenda: no items

V. Business Item(s):

A. Committee vacancies. MSPU the following committee appointments: CAED--Budget-T. Fowler, PPC-S. Rihal: Status of Women-K. Lange; Student Affairs-B. Flores.
B. Academic Senate representative to Global Affairs Council. MSPU that John Smetzinger serve as Academic Senate representative to the Global Affairs Council.

C. UCTE representation on special university committees. Currently UCTE members are represented by the College of Science and Math and must compete with its faculty when vying for representation on university committees. MSP that the issue of UCTE representation on committees be sent to the Academic Senate Committee deemed appropriate by the Senate Chair.

A straw vote revealed no support for sending the name of a UCTE member to President Baker for inclusion on the Provost screening committee, in large part because no UCTE members had made an effort to be included through the College of Science and Math.

D. PSSI: Establishing a committee to draft permanent procedures. MSP to empower the existing Personnel Policies Committee with the charge of developing a permanent policy and procedure governing the PSSI.

VI. The Cal Poly Plan: Linda Dalton gave an update on progress made during fall and information about activities which will occur during winter quarter 1996. During winter the university must become more precise about what the investment areas are. The Steering Committee will develop its input on areas and priorities at a retreat scheduled for January 27 and the Deans will be asked to do the same.

After these priorities are identified, a Request for Proposals process will be implemented calling on all interested departments to submit proposals about how they either independently or in collaboration with others can address one or more of the priority areas.

Dalton noted that at the end of January, President Baker needs to take general information about the the investment areas and the priorities to a meeting with the Chancellor's staff. He also will be seeking certain agreements from the Chancellor's office if the Poly plan is to be implemented, one of which addresses the Academic Senate's concern that Cal Poly's share of CSU funds will not be diverted to other campuses.

Dalton emphasized that the document the President takes with him will not be the Cal Poly Plan but a summary of discussion regarding goals and priorities together with the agreements that must be reached if Cal Poly is to go forward.

In light of the timeframe for decision-making outlined above, a meeting of the Senate Executive Committee is tentatively scheduled for January 25. The purpose is to provide Senate representatives on the Poly Plan steering committee with input prior to the steering committee's retreat. The three representatives will provide Executive Committee members with as much written materials, email, etc. as possible to help bring the members up to speed.

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