Minutes of the Executive Committee of THE ACADEMIC SENATE
Tuesday, April 16, 1996
UU 220  3:10-5:00 pm


I. Minutes: MSP To approve the minutes of March 26 as submitted.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): Karen Lange will represent Architecture this quarter as Linda Day has a conflict. Next Tuesday a meeting will be devoted to discussion of the Cal Poly Plan. Also, a commendation for Steven Marx concerning his efforts to save the ancient oak trees threatened by the California state water pipeline is in the works.

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: The chair will request a breakdown by college of PSSI distribution at Cal Poly campus.

B. President's Office: no report

C. Vice President for Academic Affairs: no report

D. Statewide Senators: (Gooden) Discussion of the proposed agenda item on fee continues. (Kersten) The Fiscal Affairs Committee has been discussing the advisability of keeping the fees separate. Gooden will get the draft to Greenwald.

E. CFA: No report

F. Staff Council: Staff Council favors a university-wide library committee and has endorsed the Cal Poly Plan.

G. ASI: no report

h. IACC: Dana will check with the IACC chair regarding the possible implementation of a modem fee for faculty.

I. George Stanton: The issue of quality student advising has come up again. There already is multi-year data available on student dissatisfaction with the campus advising program. But they haven't been asked what they would like. The Instruction Committee has developed a survey for students to get a sense of what they would like to see. They also are planning a survey of faculty regarding their views and interests. A pilot faculty survey was distributed. Senators are asked to contact George regarding any problems they see in the survey by the end of this week. It is planned to send the final survey next week to all faculty who the committee believes have a role in advising.

V. Business Item(s):

A. Ad Hoc Library Committee. Greenwald presented the slate of potential task force members to be appointed by the Academic Senate.

MSP to approve the list of candidates presented by Greenwald.
B. Resolution on External Review: There are two related resolutions, the first having to do with the question of whether or not departments should do a review. The second addresses the procedures to be followed.

MSP to agendize the Resolution to Approve Procedures for External Program Review.

C. Institute for Environmental Restoration and Microbial Diversity
MSP to agendize the implicit resolution to approve formation of this institute. (There was no formal resolution submitted. Cano was asked to prepare a resolution which will be a first reading item at the next Senate meeting.

D. Cal Poly Plan concept papers are available in the Senate office.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Vice Provost for Information Systems: A major concern is that the committee makeup does not demonstrate the importance of academic computing. A second issue is committee input into the creation of the position description.

MSP to recommend strongly that the development of the job description be delegated to the search committee.

MSP that the Academic Senate strongly recommend to President Baker that two additional faculty members be added to the search committee and that those members be appointed by the Academic Senate Executive Committee.

V. Adjournment MSP to adjourn the meeting. A special meeting of the Executive Committee to address the General Education and Breadth plan is scheduled for next Tuesday at 4:00 pm.

Submitted by

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