Preparatory: The meeting opened at 3:19pm.

I. Minutes: The minutes of the November 23, 1993 Executive Committee meeting was approved without change.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):

III. Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair: The Chair spoke to President Baker, Vice President Koob, and the Charter Oversight Committee regarding the Executive Committee request to have more faculty members on the charter governance subcommittee. Brown felt a statement from the President would be appropriate if he’s in agreement. Dubbink felt the Academic Senate (through its established process) should also be looking at governance at the same time.
B. President’s Office:
C. Vice President for Academic Affairs:
D. Statewide Senators:
E. CFA Campus President:
F. ASI representatives:

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Items:
A. Campus policy on repatriation of Native American objects: The following motion was M/S/P: "That the Academic Senate Executive Committee recommend approval of the draft campus policy on repatriation of Native American objects." A resolution approving the draft policy will be written. This item was approved as a Consent Agenda item for the next Senate meeting.
B. Academic Senate/university-wide committee assignments:
Academic Senate PCS - Sam Lutrin, PCS representative and caucus chair replacement for Julia Waller
CAED Library Committee Larry Loh
C. Resolution Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee on Governance: The following motion was M/S/P: "That the content of this resolution be used to guide the faculty ad hoc committee (for charter evaluation) in its deliberations."
D. Resolution on Department Name Change for Ornamental Horticulture: Suggestions were made to add a background statement and Whereas clauses to this resolution which would explain how the name change suggestion more accurately reflects what the department does. The item will be agendized with the additions suggested above for the next Academic Senate meeting.
E. Formation of a Faculty Committee for Charter Evaluation and Rejection or Implementation (AS-410-93/EX): Each caucus chair is to bring the names of two nominees from each college/UCTE to the next Executive Committee.
F. Calendar Resolution: This resolution was drafted and distributed by R Brown. The resolution will be agendized for the next Academic Senate meeting.
VI. Discussion:
A. Request for Clarifying and Amending Program Review Procedures: It was determined that in accordance with the faculty governance process of the campus, the Executive Committee is the review body for academic matters under dispute. The Academic Senate Executive Committee will be the body to review claims of prejudice or bias which might be brought against the Program Review and Improvement Committee in its evaluation of programs.

B. Formation of a committee to "develop a comprehensive plan to accommodate nontraditional approaches to instruction before they become traditional": Vilkitis asked to see the costs associated with instructional computing/telecommunications at Cal Poly. Gooden reported the concern of the statewide Academic Senate as to the impact telecommunications will have on faculty. Faculty have had very little input into this. Nulman stated that the instructional computing provided by Cal Poly is the pride of the system. However, much course-specific information is not being looked at: What courses are best suited to this type of teaching? How does this alter the WTU formula? Courses being offered through multimedia do not go through the Curriculum Committee review process. This is a curriculum issue and relates to how resources are generated by factors such as number of students, courses offered, and WTU's. How are these classes evaluated and how do we measure the level of learning that's occurring? These are quality issues. The following motion was M/S/P: "That a resolution be prepared that any course offered through telecommunications be submitted through the regular curriculum review process as an "X" course." This allows faculty to maintain control of curriculum offerings.

   Dana, Nulman, and Vilkitis will meet together to draft this resolution.

C. Consideration of nominees for honorary degrees: The Executive Committee agreed that the Chancellor's policy on selection of nominees for awarding honorary degrees be followed. The Chair will consult with President Baker to establish a committee which will review the recent submission received by the Academic Senate office.

An additional Academic Senate meeting will be scheduled for January 18, 1993.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

Recorded by: Margaret Camuso
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