Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at 3:12 pm.

I. Minutes: The minutes from the November 13, 1990 Academic Senate meeting were approved as presented.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
Resolution on Guidelines for Student Evaluation of Faculty, AS-345-90/PPC, is included on p. 4.

III. Reports:
A. Vice President for Academic Affairs’ Office
R. Koob announced the resignation of Day Ding as Dean of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design as of August 30 '91. He also noted that the Oversight Planning Committee has completed its next phase and goals have been set as the result of input from the several planning committees. A draft of the goals is available for perusal in the Reserve Room in the Library.

D. State Senators
R. Gooden related that the search for the next CSU Chancellor was proceeding. An executive search firm has been selected and it has been determined that CSU will look for a person who is an academic first and an administrator second. J. Vilkitis explained two Statewide Senate first reading items, one is a modification of general education certification policy (full/subject areas) and the CSU policy on non-discrimination and ROTC programs.

E. CSEA President
B. Glinski gave the following report: Fourteen part-time employees are applying for permanency under the provisions of the contract. These provisions state that staff who have worked on campus for four or more years, at 50% or more time, may apply for permanency. It is, however, left to the sole discretion of the President to grant or not to grant, such permanency.
"We believe that all these people have proven their abilities and value to the university, and that the President should afford permanency to all eligible employees, and not just to those who have filed formal requests.” A request has also been made to the Personnel Office asking that all employees be sent notice of their Seniority Point status, and that the union be provided with a listing of all staff and their seniority status. Part-time employees should be given prorated Seniority Points.

F. CFA President
J. Conway announced that the Cal Poly Labor Council had its first meeting on January 11 and will be meeting monthly for the remainder of the year. The Cal Poly Labor Council is composed of representatives of all the unions on campus.

G. President's Office. Governor's 1991/92 Support Budget Proposals for the CSU and Cal Poly
President Warren Baker presented the latest information on California's budget crisis as it affects Cal Poly. He stated that Lottery revenues are less than anticipated; the details on lottery revenues and Cal Poly will be given by Frank Lebens. He talked about the Capital Outlay Budget which is still intact and noted the progress of particular buildings in the bid process. The possibility exists that a bond issue in the general election, if passed, could allow the continued progress on the Performing Arts Building.
The proposed budget includes only a 1% increase over current year funding and this 1% includes the proposed 20% increase in student fees. Nevertheless, Cal Poly has some costs which will increase no matter what the budget provides.
Some specific areas which were not funded but for which we have obligations are Merit Salary increases, increased bond payments, additional enrollments or inflation. Faculty promotions. The University of California and the CSU systems will not reduce enrollments this year as the school year is already half past, but may consider reductions for the next year.

At the CSU system level, there is discussion about changing the budget process. Cal Poly should be cognisant of the fact that although there has been a 8.8% decline in funding per student system wide, that Cal Poly has been able to increase its funding per student in recent years. We presently rank 9th in enrollment and 5th in funding in the CSU system.

Frank Lebens, Associate Vice-President for Academic Resources, reported that the campus Lottery pro-rated reduction for 1990/91 totals $591,450. This will be offset in part by $115,566 in unexpended lottery balances from the 1988/89 Budget and Lottery Endowment interest earnings totalling $180,844. The balance of the reduction ($295,040) will be met from a combination of campus reserve balances in Instruction and reductions in the allocations to Instructional units. The plan is currently under development in consultation with the school deans.

Rick Ramirez, University Budget Officer, followed F. Lebens' report on the 1990/91 reductions to the CSU and Cal Poly Lottery Fund budgets. Ramirez explained the purpose of the report was to state the budget problem for 1991/92. Ramirez used eleven transparencies (attachments showing the statistical data are available in the Academic Senate Office) to describe the Governor's 1991/92 Budget proposals ranging from the state level, to the CSU, and rough estimates for Cal Poly. These materials demonstrate the austerity of the State's fiscal condition as reflected in the Governor's budget plan to deal with a $7 billion budget gap. Ramirez reported that the Governor's plan did not allow for the economic consequences of war in the Persian Gulf and he highlighted some of the major assumptions underlying the Governor's budget plan including the assumption that the State's economy would improve during 1991/92. It is possible that the Governor's estimated budget gap is significantly understated. During May 1991 the State Department of finance will finalize the revenue estimates for the
1991/92 budget and State budgets may be adjusted accordingly. The Governor's current budget proposals for the CSU would require expenditure reductions of $163.1 million and 20% increases in the State University Fee and the Non-Resident Fee. When combined with the $57.8 million in permanent budget cuts carried forward from 1990/91, the CSU would be required to reduce spending by over $220.9 million. Cal Poly's portion of the permanent 1990/91 cuts is $3.77 million. It is not known what Cal Poly's portion of the permanent 1990/91 cuts is $3.77 million. It is not known what Cal Poly's portion of the $163.1 million would be, but a simple proration would result in a cut of $10.6 million. On the basis of the Governor's Budget, Cal Poly's 1991/92 budget could be subject to as much as $14 million in spending reductions (exclusive of Salary Savings). We will watch developments in the legislative budget process and economic forecasts with interest.

IV. Business Item(s):
A. Resolution on Academic Senate Membership Terms-DeMers, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, second reading. M/S/P.

B. Curriculum proposal for Applied Social Psychology Concentration-T. Bailey, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, second reading. M/S/P. The departments affected by courses required by the new concentration all gave their approval.

C. GE&B Proposal for ENGL 310-Burgunder, Chair of the GE&B Committee, first reading. L. Torres who is from the English Department said that the English Department recommends agreement with the proposal to not include ENGL 310 in GE&B. Moved to a second reading.

D. Resolution on Academic Senate Election Dates-DeMers, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, first reading. Moved to a second reading.

E. Resolution on Academic Senate Caucus Committee Nominations-DeMers, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, first reading. Moved to a second reading.

F. Curriculum Proposal for B.A. Philosophy-Bailey, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, first reading. T. Bailey said that the philosophy program is of merit to the university as a whole. M. Botwin said that resources are also important. L. Houlgate, Philosophy Department Chair described the philosophy department faculty and resources and told why there should be a philosophy major at Cal Poly. There are presently 15 faculty members and Cal Poly and the new San Marcos are the only universities out of the twenty campuses that do not offer a B.A. in Philosophy. S. Ribau said that the Philosophy Department can meet the same GE&B demand. B. Horton asked where the new majors will come from. R. Koob said that the majors would come from the School of Liberal Arts. M. Botwin asked that the figures be put in writing for the Senate at the second reading. S. Ribau stated that the resources are in existence; they will make adjustments. A question was asked about the lack of non-Western philosophy in the program. L. Houlgate said that they did not have the faculty to teach non-Western philosophy. W. Reynoso commented that the Ethics and Society course is what makes this program important. S. Moustafa confirmed that the courses will be offered once every two years. W. Amspacher asked if
we would be approving the starred courses and J. Ahern wanted to know if non-majors would be able to take the new courses.

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