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

I. Minutes: The minutes from the January 22, 1991 Academic Senate meeting were approved as amended. “Ethics and Society course” on page 4 should read “Ethics and Society concentration.” Add “J. Vilkitis noted that the Senate would be approving eight new courses with this major without going through the usual approval procedures” on p. 5. Remove repeated sentence on page 4 about $3.77 million cut. We don’t need to repeat bad news.

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

III. Reports:
   A. President/Vice President for Academic Affairs’ Office. No Report.
   B. State Senators. No Report.
   C. CFA Campus President.

   J. Conway reported that we should know in seven to ten days whether or not we have a bargaining agreement based on a short list of issues. Two particular items have been troublesome in the bargaining talks: CFA wants an affirmative action/non-discrimination clause in the contract and seeks some form of lecturer security by introducing three year contracts for lecturers. These items are currently being negotiated and hopefully can be jointly accepted in some form by both CFA and the administration.

   J. Conway reminded the Senate that any changes in working conditions for the Cal Poly Summer Quarter must be negotiated with CFA. Apparently, some suggestions by the administration have been put forward, but no consultation has taken place with CFA at this point.

   D. ASI Representative. No Report.

IV. Business Items.
   A. GE&B Proposal for ENGL 310-Burgunder, Chair of the GE&B Committee, second reading. Passed.

   J. Ahern and H. Mallareddy opposed the change, citing the benefits and appropriateness of ENGL 310 to students in technical areas and the lack of courses offered in GE Area A. L. Torres related that the English Department is opposed to the inclusion of a specialized writing class in the
GE Area A, and W. Reynoso stated that business writing is specifically excluded in instructions from the CSU for what is to be included or excluded from Area A. T. Bailey urged that the proposal be passed, but because there is a need from the technical areas that is not being addressed, that the areas involved should attempt some resolution.

B. Resolution on Academic Senate Election Dates-DeMers, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, second reading. Passed.

C. Resolution on Academic Senate Caucus Committee Nominations-DeMers, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, second reading. Passed.


T. Bailey stated that unless otherwise stated, votes from the Curriculum Committee are unanimous.

J. Murphy said that the School of Liberal Arts has endorsed the major in philosophy and that a memo from L. Houlgate sent to all the Senate members answers many of the questions that Senators were concerned about. L. Torres asked L. Houlgate if the Philosophy Department had plans for attracting minority students and what kind of timeline was envisioned for bringing minorities into the program. W. Horton and J. Ahern questioned past Senate and University action on this major. R. Brumley asked T. Bailey if library resources were considered by the Curriculum Committee in their deliberations. T. Bailey replied that the library representatives on the Committee had indicated that there would be no problem with library resources. S. Ribeau related the following: (1) Additional slots for majors will come from the School of Liberal Arts. (2) This is a cost effective program. (3) One new faculty member is already being hired. Other faculty can make adjustments in their workload to support the proposed major. C. Andrews cautioned that a review of the contract should be done prior to any adjustments in workload. J. Harris felt that the electives should be required courses and was concerned about the number of majors required for a viable program. J. Ahern asked how many majors would be involved and L. Houlgate stated that there are currently 83 minors in philosophy. Presumably, many of these students would be interested in a major if it were offered. S. Ribeau said that some of the departments in the School of Liberal Arts were overloaded and that majors (in terms of numbers) would come from these areas.


The proposal will be in the Senate office for people to review; there are no particular standards or guidelines from CSU to judge the validity of certificate programs, so each one is considered separately. This certificate will be for matriculating students, and is in a highly needed field. R. Gooden was concerned that there is no requirement for a foreign language. W. Reynoso proposed the inclusion of "dialect" in the certificate name.

F. Curriculum Proposal for M.S. Mechanical Engineering-Bailey, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, first reading. Passed. T. Bailey noted a change in procedure begun with this curriculum proposal which consists of a review of a graduate program (success rate).
G. Curriculum Proposal for Dairy Products Technology Specialization, M.S. Agriculture-Bailey, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, first reading. Passed. L. Dalton questioned the number of 500 level courses contained in the program. L. Ferreira said that 500 level courses will be generated as faculty time is released.


V. Discussion Item. CSU Policy on Non-discrimination and ROTC programs. Motion to agendize to support the CSU Statewide Senate resolution (Torres/Reynoso). R. Gooden moved a friendly amendment to change motion to a straw vote on the opinion of the Senate. Amendment failed. L. Dalton moved to amend the motion to read as “to agendize for action for the next Senate meeting and to conduct a straw vote on the advice of the Senate today.” Passed to agendize. The straw vote indicated strong support for the Statewide Senate resolution.

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