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San Luis Obispo, California 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the
ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday
April 2, 1991
UU 220, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:10 pm.

I. Minutes: J. Vilkitis asked that the minutes be corrected to show that “he will take information” rather than “he will be taking information”. The minutes of February 19, 1991 were approved as corrected.

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

J. Murphy called attention to a calendar change showing that the May 14 meeting has been changed from an Executive Committee meeting to a Senate meeting for the purpose of reviewing curriculum proposals. He also noted that a list of the nominations received for Academic Senators, Research Committee, University Professional Leave Committee, and Statewide Senator is being distributed to the members of the Academic Senate Executive Committee.

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair

J. Murphy relayed that the budget news is worsening.

B. Vice President for Academic Affairs' Office

R. Koob reported that CSU has accepted a budget cutting proposal which calls for significant cuts in faculty positions throughout the CSU. Under this proposal, sixty faculty positions would be eliminated from Cal Poly's budget. As a result, R. Koob proposed an ad hoc, all faculty task force to provide guidance for the decision-making process in removing positions from academic programs. Up to this time, existing procedures which examine how programs are meeting their goals have been adequate to review programs at Cal Poly. These procedures do not measure programs against outside standards. He wants to make decisions based on as much information as can be gathered, and needs faculty to make judgments. The Senate has its Long Range Planning Committee to provide criteria for making judgments. The proposal is to set up a faculty committee for making judgments based on the criteria set by the Long Range Planning Committee and the Academic Senate. The proposal is that the President nominate seven faculty members, and that the Academic Senate Executive committee nominate seven faculty members (one from each school). President Baker has approved this plan and nominated the seven faculty members (one from each school) that presently serve on the Academic Planning Committee. The Deans will provide assigned time for membership, and the recommendations by this committee will go to the administration for actual budget decisions.

C. Andrews moved to make this a business item. Passed by consensus.
R. Koob said that he did not see the original baseball schedule for approval and had no comment on it at this time. Ken Walker was asked to attend this meeting to discuss the schedule, but he was unable to be here. The MCA program as it was administered last year accounted for 89% of the admissions; 11% were special admissions. The 11% special admissions were from three categories: (1) EOP (2) Athletes and (3) Dean's specials. Deans' specials accounted for only 2% of this 11%. It was also found that the EOP students (economically disadvantaged) were predominately white, and that the athletes we admit are predominately white males. Next year EOP students will be considered under MCA instead of being considered separately. C. Andrews asked if the MCA Committee needed to continue. R. Koob stated that this was under consideration. He further explained that the lack of inclusion of EOP students in the MCA program had caused problems for the schools, but this problem will not reoccur next year.


D. Lloyd Beecher, Academic Senate representative to the Substance Abuse Advisory Committee. Report on the Committee's Recommendations

L. Beecher distributed two documents, and summarized the committee recommendations for the Executive Committee. Succinctly, the committee recommends the hiring of an external employee assistance adviser on a contract basis which would cost the university approximately $30,000 per year. This is an option to providing an in-house service which would cost approximately $60,000 per year. The committee recognizes that the policy and the practice of alcohol and other drugs on campus is different and will be addressing this situation and what it means in its future meetings. C. Andrews commended Beecher for his recognition of his role as an Academic Senate representative and reporting back to the Senate on important matters.

IV. Business Items:

J. Murphy asked that Item D be considered as the first Business Item.

A. Resolution on Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee-DeMers, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. (Gooden/DeMers) (M/S/P).

B. Academic Senate Vacancies Approval

Academic Senate Committees:

SENG Budget Committee (replacement for Horton), '90-91 term - William Forgeng
GE&B Committee (replacement for Forgeng), '90-91 term - Charles Dana

SLA Budget Committee (replacement for Benson), '90-91 term - Allen Settle

Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee
Two vacancies (replacements for Pendse and Ruggles) - Harvey Greenwald, '90-92 term

Selection Committee for the Dean of SAED
One vacancy (replacement for McNeil) - Julia Waller, Financial Aid

C. Ad Hoc Faculty Committee Membership.
The suggestion of taking members from the Long Range Planning Committee and the Budget Committee as a basis for forming the new ad hoc faculty committee was considered. Another committee which could be involved would be the Curriculum Committee. The Curriculum Committee has worked effectively on the evaluation of new programs and additions to ongoing programs. R. Gooden thought the faculty members chosen should be tenured. T. Kersten reminded the group of the important decisions this body would be making and urged careful consideration. R. Koob named the Academic Planning Committee members selected by President Baker as J. Vilkitis, L. Dalton, E. Keller, J. Wilson, B. Zueschner, L. Labhard, and P. Jankay. Another suggestion was to have the caucus chairs select the candidates by vote or concensus of the caucus. W. Reynoso moved that a PCS member be appointed to the committee, seconded by Moustafa. A move to table the motion failed (Russell/Gamble). The original motion was voted on and failed. (Reynoso/Moustafa). Concensus of the body was that the caucus chairs return to the Executive Committee on April 9 at 4:00 pm with one or more names chosen from the committees previously named or from their school. If two names are brought forward from the caucus, the Executive Committee will vote on the candidates, keeping in mind that we would like to have a member representing the Curriculum Committee and the Budget Committee. L. Dalton, previously appointed by the President, can represent the Long Range Planning Committee. The candidates should be tenured faculty.

D. Resolution on Mass Distribution - Terry, Chair of the Instruction Committee.

J. Vilkitis suggested that this resolution be sent to the Resource Use Committee for comment and recommendation. (Vilkitis/Terry) M/S/P.

E. Resolution on Academic Probation and Disqualification - Terry, Chair of the Instruction Committee. By the will of the body, this item is to be agendized with the differences between it and the old policy spelled out and with the relationship to Title 5 explained.

VI. Discussion

R. Koob clarified the summer school policy by saying that Cal Poly will neither short nor subsidize the Summer Quarter. CSU allots "x" number of dollars for Summer Quarter. Each Dean will work within the Summer Quarter budget for his school and set up his own guidelines.

J. Conway, CFA President, announced that the California Faculty Association is filing a grievance against the university for violation of work load policy in regard to having faculty teach a 15 unit load for Summer Quarter. CFA filed a similar grievance in 1987 on Summer Quarter workload and the university backed down from changing workload.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.