I. Minutes: The minutes from the May 7 and May 14 Academic Senate meetings were approved as presented with one addition: the minutes of May 14 will show that the vote to pass the Resolution on Ethnic Plurality (as amended) was unanimous.

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

   The Chair welcomed the newly elected senators for the year 1991-92 to the Senate meeting. The following senators were introduced from the floor by senators and caucus chairs from their respective areas: Wes Mueller (Agriculture), Richard Young (Architecture), Lee Burgunder and James Buxbaum (Business), Daniel Biezad, Chien-Kuo Lo and, Jack Wilson (Engineering), Alexis Olds and Patricia Troxel (Liberal Arts), Gerald Cunico and Nancy Morris (Professional Studies), John Marlier and T. Bailey (Science and Math), and Carolyn Procter (Professional Consultative Services).

III. Reports:

   A. Academic Senate Chair

      The Chair introduced Franco Consolacion, Chair of the Ethnic Diversity Coalition, who spoke to the Senate on the lack of diversity on campus. F. Consolacion stated that "There is a problem that exists on this campus. And that problem originates from the faculty. We are here because we believe that the solution also rests with the faculty.

      The Academic Senate is the principle policy maker for the university. We have deduced that we cannot move forward in addressing needs and concerns without endorsement from the Academic Senate. That is why we are here, to request the passing of a resolution addressing the following seven points:

      (1) The low graduation rate of ethnic minority students such as Chicanos, African Americans, American Indians, Asian-Americans, and Pacific Islanders;

      (2) The need to continue to incorporate the numbers of ethnic minority students and, more so, to create innovative ways to retain them;

      (3) The exceedingly low number of minority faculty;

      (4) The fear of what the impending budget crises might do to attempts at improving the situation for ethnic minorities;

      (5) The need for curricular change, including but not limited to such advances as Ethnic Studies;

      (6) Cultural sensitivity training for all administrators, faculty, and staff;

      (7) Recognize, give credit and support for community service, outreach, and cultural projects done by minority students;

      Passing a resolution is an opportunity that the Academic Senate ought to grasp in order to demonstrate to the university community that in fact you have a vested interest of the students in mind and are prepared to lead the university toward a meaningful and progressive program of cultural plurality.
Keep in mind, ladies and gentlemen, that we will accept nothing less than what is contained in our demand. Anything less will be interpreted as one more indication of the apathy this group has had. This indifference has been reflected in the last twenty years of numerous studies. The result of these investigations along with the recent accreditation report point to the obvious conclusion: not only is there reluctance to make any meaningful commitment by the faculty to diversity but there exists like a malignant cancer actual opposition by faculty members. This is the same conclusion that these studies share. Insofar, Poly has not engaged (in) any meaningful improvement in the environment.

In view (of) these facts, we the neglected will accept nothing less than a resolution which incorporates the concerns outlined and due to the urgency of these matters we expect the aforementioned resolution by the next meeting of the Academic Senate.

If not, we are prepared to take more drastic measures to obtain what we believe to be not only ours by right of virtue but by the right of it being long overdue. Poly has neglected its obligation to service the entire demographic population of the state. The choice is now yours. Choose wisely, choose well.”

B. Vice President for Academic Affairs' Office. No report.

C. Statewide Senators. T. Kersten reported that the Executive Committee of the Statewide Academic Senate (of which he is a member) met with the new Chancellor, Barry Munitz and that they are hopeful of working cooperatively with him. This is the first time a Chancellor has met with this body.

D. CFA Campus President
J. Conway noted that the recommendations from the Program Review Task Force were supposed to come back to the Academic Senate Executive Committee and apparently this was not done.

This observation sparked other comments concerning the lack of a report from the Task Force back to the Academic Senate Executive Committee. J. Murphy announced that he had invited Vice President Koob to talk to the Executive Committee at 4:30pm. S. Lutrin asked that Koob talk to the full Senate; and J. Coleman opposed a closed meeting. C. Andrews noted that the Executive Committee meetings are open meetings.

J. Conway said that it seemed strange that the Chair of the Academic Senate did not have a copy of the report.

He also announced that an unemployment Seminar will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on May 30, 1991, which will be sponsored by CFA.

J. Murphy moved the agenda.

IV. Business Item(s):

A. General Education and Breadth Proposals--Burgunder, Chair of the GE&B Committee, second reading.
C. Andrews moved the approval of GE&B proposals excepting pp. 12, 16, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 53, 56, 57. Seconded by T. Smith. L. Dalton proposed a friendly amendment to include p. 50 in the exceptions. Motion passed. Items were considered separately:

Physics 315 (p. 12.) Approved for GE&B.
Chem 477 (p 16) T. Bailey moved to support the GE&B Committee recommendation that the course be withdrawn from consideration for GE&B. Passed.

Phil 327 (p. 44) Rejected for GE&B.
Phil 332 (p.45) Approved for GE&B.
Phil 411 Metaphysics (p.47) Approved for GE&B.
Phil 412 Epistemology (p 48) Approved for GE&B.
Aero 102 General Aviation (p 49) Rejected for GE&B.
CSC 113 Computers and computer Application: Macintosh. (p.50) Approved for GE&B.
Con 120/For 120 Fisheries and Wildlife Management (p 53) Rejected for GE&B.
RGC 307 Color: Theories and Applications (p 56) Rejected for GE&B.
RGC 427 Desktop Publishing (p.57) Rejected for GE&B.

T. Bailey moved that Business Items F and H be brought to the top of the agenda. It was M/S/P that Items F and H will be agendized as second reading items at the May 30 meeting.

B. Resolution on Proposal to Establish the Coastal Resources Institute at Cal Poly-Vilkitis, Coordinator for CRI, second reading. M/S/P. Hanson/Harris.

C. Resolution on Academic Senate Representation for the University Center for Teacher Education-DeMers, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, first reading. C. Andrews moved the resolution to a second reading. Passed. Motion carried to accept.

D. Resolution on Statement on Racism and Discrimination-Berrio, Chair of the Personnel Policies Committee, first reading. T. Bailey moved the resolution to a second reading. Passed. Discussion about the wording of the resolution proceeded. Motion for adoption of resolution passed.

C. Andrews moved to recess until Thursday at 3:00 pm. J. Murphy noted that Business Items E and G are still pending. Motion passed.

V. Recess: The meeting was recessed at 4:45pm.