CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California
ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES
Tuesday, February 7, 1989
UU 220  3:00 p.m.

I. Preparatory:
   A. The meeting was called to order at 3:15.
   B. Two corrections to the minutes were noted. Under Communications (A) the word member should be inserted between the words faculty and for, and in Communications (B) Lezlie was erroneously noted as a misspelling. Lezlie is the proper spelling. The minutes were then approved with these corrections.

II. Communications: none.

III. Reports:
   A. President: none.
   B. Academic Affairs Office: none.
   C. Statewide Senators: none.
   D. George Stanton reported that the SNAPS (Student Needs and Priority Survey) is to be repeated this year. A stratified random sample will be taken from students on campus. Most questions are used system-wide, but each campus can add up to ten questions at the end. Questions were solicited from various segments of the campus community, and the questions proposed for inclusion were distributed to Executive Committee members. Executive Committee members expressed concern over the wording of several of the questions. Suggestions were made regarding the rewording of the question having to do with the effectiveness of student evaluations and the question on Cal Poly’s “hands on” approach to learning.

   M/S/P (Gooden, Murphy) to restructure questions 51, 53, and 57 on the distributed list as they do not appear able to produce informed, unbiased responses that will provide useful information.

   E. Tom Lebens reported that the ASI and the University Union have been looking at the possibility of having a credit union move into the UU. They have talked to SESLOC, who initially expressed an interest but then decided not to come onto campus. There are several other possibilities, including the Vandenberg Federal Credit Union, the Pomona Faculty and Staff Credit Union, and the Golden One Credit Union. The students would like a Senate resolution in support of having a credit union on campus. They feel that such a resolution would show faculty support and would be useful in enticing a credit union onto campus.

IV. Consent Agenda: none.
V. Business Items:

A. ASI Graduation Pledge Resolution
   This item was withdrawn from the agenda when Tom Lebens reported that it had not come to the Senate from the ASI. This resolution was passed by the ASI and has been approved by President Baker.

B. Priority Registration for Staff and Faculty
   The Registration Committee has proposed that permanent staff and non-faculty employees be allowed to register with the graduating seniors. Faculty would not receive priority registration. The committee’s reasoning in exempting faculty was that faculty generally already have advanced degrees, and shouldn’t be competing with students for class spaces. The Executive Committee did not voice any opposition to this policy. The chair indicated that the Committee recommendations would be circulated to the Executive Committee.

C. Resolution on Academic Minors (distributed at the meeting)
   This resolution places a temporary moratorium on the approval of new minors until criteria for evaluating and assessing the impact of such proposals are in place. There are currently 19 minors on campus and there are 10-15 new proposals anticipated in the current curriculum cycle. Tina Bailey noted that the exemption in the second resolved would apply only to the one proposal that is under consideration from last year (Women’s Studies). It was suggested that this be clarified, so that there was no confusion regarding the proposals from the current cycle.

   M/S/P (Burgunder, Murphy) to place this item on the agenda of the next Senate meeting as a first reading item.

D. Resolution on Graduate Programs (distributed at the meeting)
   This resolution is based on input from the Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee.

   M/S/P (Zeuschner, Murphy) to place this item on the agenda of the next Senate meeting as a first reading item.

E. Academic Senate and Committee Vacancies:
   M/S/P (Zeuschner, Moustafa) to approve the following appointments:

   SAED Curriculum Committee  David Lord
   SENG Curriculum Committee  Ramesh Shah
VI. Discussion Items:

A. English as a Second Language Report
   Ray Terry introduced the Instruction Committee's response on the English as a 2nd Language Workshop Report. The report makes 12 recommendations, and the Instruction Committee was in agreement with all of them. Their only reservation is that the money to support the program must come from the general fund, and it is not clear whether the program will be adequately funded. The Executive Committee accepted the report of the Instruction Committee.

B. The Recruitment and Retention of a High Quality Faculty
   The chair reviewed the recommendations found in this report. He suggested that the report be discussed at the school level.

C. Enrollment allocations, transferability, and curriculum.
   The chair indicated that there has been some concern expressed over the difficulty experienced by students trying to transfer from one program to another.

D. Special Committees
   The chair indicated that he intends to have committees investigate the following questions:

1. Should people on academic disqualification be allowed to take courses through concurrent enrollment? Can matriculated students use concurrent enrollment?

2. Who should be eligible to participate in commencement?

3. Should there be prerequisites for all 300 and 400 level courses?

4. What types of grades should be given for internships and senior projects (credit/no credit, letter grade)?

VII. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.