CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California
ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES
Tuesday, May 2, 1989
UU 220  3:00 p.m.

I. Preparatory
A. The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.
B. M/S/P (Burgunder/Kersten) to amend agenda so that Business Item F will become Business Item C.
   The chair pulled Item A from the Consent Agenda; Burgunder pulled Item C from the Consent Agenda and placed it as Item F under Business Items.
M/S/P (Stead/Murphy) to accept agenda as amended.
C. The chair announced a brief Executive Committee meeting following Senate adjournment.

II. Communications
A. The chair noted the list of materials available for reading in the Senate Office.
B. The chair noted that President Baker has approved the two resolutions listed in the agenda.
C. The chair directed Senators’ attention to a memo from Ray Geigle re Summer 1989 Great Teachers Seminar.
D. The chair announced a May 9 deadline for filing nominations for Academic Senate offices (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary) for 1989-1990 term.

III. Reports
A. President: none
B. Academic Affairs Office: none
C. Statewide Senators: none
D. Elections Committee: A report was distributed showing School election results/vacancies.

IV. Consent Agenda
A. Resolution on Policy for the Provision of Services for Students with Disabilities
   The Resolution was approved by the Senate.

V. Business Items
A. Resolution on Condom Availability Proposal, second reading
   M/S (Burgunder/Bailey) to adopt the resolution
   M/S (McGarry/Borland) to propose a substitute resolution

   Steve McGarry summarized proposal: The original resolution assumes that installing condom machines will take care of problem of casual sex; however, there is lack of data available. More research needs to be done and Cal Poly needs to evaluate if responsibility to educate has been met. The Campus Store currently sells condoms and stays open as late or later than other high-use locations recommended for condom machine installation; where is education component? Since sales in already established locations are relatively low, he suggested placing ad in Daily announcing condom availability in the Health Center and the Campus Store; he further suggested the Senate study economic feasibility of installing additional machines while current vending locations are not being supported. Additionally, educational efforts must be intensified.

   Jim Borland suggested that Cal Poly is indirectly encouraging casual sex by making machines publicly available on campus; the vending machine becomes the voice of Cal Poly saying “it’s OK.” Since condoms are currently available on campus, students should be encouraged to support existing locations before installing more machines.

   Bob Heidersbach reminded Senators of the social embarrassment a student might experience when purchasing a condom from a cashier who was a fellow student or of the same age—a situation that exists in the Campus Store. A machine might be less personal and thus more apt to be used.

   The chair called for a vote on the substitute Resolution. 9-37-1 The Resolution was defeated.

   The chair then called for a vote on the main motion. 36-10-1 The Resolution was approved.
B. Resolution on Foreign Language Exit Requirement, first reading

Ray Terry introduced the Resolution on behalf of the Instruction Committee. Joe Weatherby discussed the difficulties this Resolution will encounter since the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, many of the CSU Trustees, and the Foreign Language personnel are very much in favor of a foreign language exit requirement. He further mentioned that non-English speaking students will be exempt from this requirement; however, it will severely impact Whites and Blacks. Ray Zeuschner suggested that students already arrive with some foreign language proficiency as evidenced by Entrance requirements; how much more ability is necessary. George Lewis mentioned that curriculum heretofore has been a responsibility of the teaching faculty and he viewed the imposing of this exit requirement as an intrusion. Budgetary concerns were also expressed by the Body.

Joe Weatherby indicated that if there were no objections from the Floor, he would move this item to a second reading. Ahmad Seifoddi objected. The Resolution will proceed to the second reading at the May 23 meeting.

C. Proposal for Joint MBA/MS Engr Degree, first reading

Tim Kersten introduced this Degree program as providing education for those who will be involved in management in high growth emerging technology industries. It represents the first joint degree program in the CSU System. The program has strong support at the statewide level as well as from senior Administration at Cal Poly. It has been thoroughly reviewed and approved by the School of Business and the School of Engineering as well as the '87-'88 Academic Senate Curriculum Committee. The proposed start date is 1993 with 50 students phased in from the planned growth for the campus, not taken from other programs on campus; there will be no reduction in resources or student allotment from any undergraduate program.

Joe Weatherby indicated concern on the student resource issue and wanted “official” acknowledgement from the Administration at Cal Poly as to where 50 starting students would come from. Malcolm Wilson stated the first increase in students would be between now and 1991 with about 500; he also expressed that there were serious concerns on the part of the community for even that amount of increase. He also suggested that the Senate shouldn’t abdicate the responsibility of where the students will come from to the Administration.

Further discussion revealed that the program will pull the strengths from both the School of Business and the School of Engineering with the student getting 2 degrees; it will take two calendar years and a summer internship to complete the program. The target audience will have undergraduate background in engineering, computer science, or another technical area. The chair clarified that the program does not change the existing MBA Degree.

Linda Dalton raised a question on final requirements for completion of the Degrees. Tim Kersten mentioned that the thesis requirement under Title V for the MBA program is covered by GSB 562; Kent Butler identified ENGR 559 as the capstone course for the MS ENGR. The chair requested that additional questions concerning final requirements be clarified at the second reading.

Ray Zeuschner suggested that the proposal include a 5-year review procedure.

The chair closed discussion and moved the proposal to a second reading at the May 23 meeting.

D. Resolution on the Academic Calendar, first reading

Ray Terry introduced this Resolution on behalf of the Instruction Committee, explaining that because of an emergency deadline, the Committee only dealt with the 1990-1991 and 1991-1992 calendar years. Discussion centered around the concern that finals for Summer Quarter would carry over into Saturday of Labor Day Weekend to accommodate the time frame; this would be the case for Summer 1989, 1990, and 1991. An option might be to hold a Saturday class earlier in the Summer Quarter thus relieving the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend. Malcolm Wilson verified that the 5-day period that exists between quarters was only a campus policy. Thus it was suggested that another option might be to reduce that period by one day. The chair encouraged Senators to communicate their concerns to Ray Terry.

The chair moved the Resolution to a second reading at the May 23 meeting.

E. Resolution on Bicycle and Skateboard Use, first reading

After considerable discussion, the chair suggested that the preference of the body was to split the Resolution for the second reading. The Director of Public Safety as well as Vice President Jim Landreth will be invited to the next meeting to address the issues of expanded parking for bicycles and liability concerns.

The chair moved the Resolution to a second reading at the May 23 meeting. It will return at that time as two
Resolutions—-one for bicycles and one for skateboards.

F. Resolution on Accreditation Guidelines, first reading
Lee Burgunder stated that he pulled this item from the Consent Agenda because he felt it was not an appropriate topic; it is a policy statement concerning accreditation that could have far-reaching impact. He also felt that the language used in the statements was somewhat vague and open to numerous kinds of interpretation. He indicated additional documentation concerning the principles would be helpful.

The chair moved the Resolution to a second reading at the May 23 meeting requesting that additional documentation concerning the CIC principles be included with the packet.

G. Other Items
Joe Weatherby raised a question on the status of the report on plaques, suggesting that the chair follow-up on this item.

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.