ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - AGENDA
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Chair, Lezlie Labhard
Vice Chair, David Saveker
Secretary, Charles Jennings

I. Minutes - Executive Committee Meeting, October 28, November 4.

II. Business Items

A. Committee Membership (Labhard)

III. Discussion Items

A. Guidelines for Faculty Sponsorship of Events (Jones) (Attach. III-A)

B. Campus Security Advisory Boards (Olsen, Wenzl, Murphy) (Attach. III-B)

C. Resolution in Support of Collegial Governance (Moore) (Attach. III-C)

D. (Military) Time Olsen

IV. Announcements (Labhard unless noted otherwise)

A. Membership on the Consultative Committee for Selection of Dean of Science and Math (Buffa) - At the minutes show names

B. President Kennedy presentation, questions and answers, December 9.
Memorandum

From: Tony Buffa, Physics Department
Norm Eatough, Chemistry Department

Subject: Sponsorship of Events by On-campus Groups in Conjunction with Off-campus Groups

Date: 10/24/75

In view of the fact that co-sponsorship of the recent Nuclear Forum was denied by the Cal Poly Administration to five academic departments, we consider it urgent that the Academic Senate Executive Committee charge an appropriate senate committee with the following tasks:

1. Review of CAM for any existing guidelines and/or procedures relating to on-campus group sponsorship of events in conjunction with off-campus groups.

2. Investigate in detail, and report on:
   a) the denial of co-sponsorship of the Nuclear Forum, and how this action compared to other similar faculty co-sponsored events in the past.
   b) the possible misuse of editing and censorship authority by the Cal Poly Offices of Special Programs and Public Information.
   c) any other events or organizations it deems important relative to this problem.

3. Finally, to propose guidelines and/or procedures relating to this co-sponsoring problem that are consistent with academic freedom and Cal Poly's intellectual and academic leadership in the community.

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November 7, 1975

Mr. Larry Moore, President
United Professors of California, SLO Chapter
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your memorandum of October 27, 1975, in which you brought to my attention some concerns that have been expressed to you relative to co-sponsorship of the Nuclear Energy Forum held at Cal Poly on October 17-18, 1975. I appreciate your calling my attention to this matter because, frankly, until I received your memorandum I was unaware that there was any concern over the issue of co-sponsorship of this event.

Since receiving your October 27 memorandum, I have met with a number of staff people who worked with the local physicians in setting up the Nuclear Energy Forum and with the heads of those departments which I understand had expressed interest in co-sponsoring this event. As a result of my inquiries, I have been able to reconstruct the following circumstances leading up to the Nuclear Energy Forum:

1. It is my understanding that in the middle of August Cal Poly was contacted by a representative of the San Luis Obispo County doctors, who asked how the doctors could obtain the use of Cal Poly facilities for a Nuclear Energy Forum. The alternatives were described to them as follows:

   a. An organization could enter into a legitimate co-sponsorship with a recognized student organization. The booking would then be processed using the Activities Planning Center Form 81.

   b. An organization could enter into a co-sponsorship arrangement with a university group or entity (such as an academic department).

   c. An outright lease agreement could be signed with the university.

   The advantages of a. and b. would be little or no cost, since the university would provide the facilities to one of its own programs. The cost of c. would be approximately $450.

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2. Later, it became apparent that members of several departments on campus had expressed an interest in co-sponsoring the Forum. The heads of these departments felt that it was inappropriate to make such a move before the faculty of each department could be polled as to their feelings. This could not be done before September 22, the beginning of the academic year. It was determined that the Forum, per se, was an appropriate activity to take place on university property and the doctors were notified. What remained was a decision as to which status the program would enjoy.

3. Memoranda were received by the Coordinator of Special Programs, Fred Wolf, on September 24 from the heads of the Chemistry and Physics Departments, and a telephone call from the head of the Biological Sciences Department, all reporting that their departments had unanimously voted to co-sponsor the Nuclear Energy Forum. Mr. Wolf consulted by telephone with Dean Clyde P. Fisher (the departments being in his school) and Dr. Fisher stated that he felt co-sponsorship was inappropriate as there had been no department participation in the planning and organizing stages. The matter was then referred to Vice President Hazel Jones.

4. On September 30 Dr. Jones related the history of the question up to that point to me and subsequently she informed Fred Wolf that I had approved the use of university facilities on a lease basis for the Forum, but that I took essentially the same viewpoint as Dean Fisher (stated above) on co-sponsorship. Mr. Wolf so informed the departments concerned (with the addition of the Political Science Department, which had also indicated some interest) and the doctors.

As indicated above, my personal involvement was limited to approving the lease arrangements for the Forum, and to advising Dr. Jones on September 30 that it seemed inappropriate for the university, or departments within the university, to co-sponsor this event at a time when the planning and organizing had been completed. This was in no way meant to de-emphasize or discourage attendance at the event based on the substance of the Forum. In fact, I urged that departments be encouraged to conduct follow-up meetings or workshops of the Nuclear Energy Forum as appropriate. Neither was it my intent to, in any way, discourage university participation in or departmental endorsement of the program. But I did and still believe that on September 30 it was too late for university departments (as co-sponsors) to have meaningful impact on the many aspects of program development, speaker selection, and other matters vital to a forum attracting nationwide attention and scheduled to be held in less than three weeks. I fully approved of the way the Academic Senate went on record as endorsing the Forum.

You may rest assured that co-sponsorship of future events by academic departments and/or schools will continue to be encouraged for programs which are consistent with the objectives of the university and are held in accordance with university policy as stated in the Campus Administrative Manual concerning use of university facilities.

I am convinced now after meeting and discussing this with the department heads, the two school deans whose departments expressed an interest in co-sponsorship, and others who were involved in this matter that misunderstanding arose concerning the concepts of 'sponsorship' and 'endorsement' of the Nuclear Energy Forum. I trust that this review of the circumstances will serve to clarify any misunderstandings that may still exist among your membership, as expressed in your memo of October 27.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert E. Kennedy
President

cc: Chair, Academic Senate
President: AAUP, ACSUP, CCUFA, CSEA
Drs. Jones, Andrews, Chandler
School Deans: Cummins, Ericson, Gibson, Hanks, Hasslein, McKibbin, Valpey
Department Heads: Chemistry, Physics, Biological Sciences, History, Political Science

Mr. Fred Wolf
TO: Senate/Council Chairs  
FROM: Gerald C. Marley, Chairman  
SUBJ: Academic Senate Actions  

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At its September meeting, the Academic Senate approved the attached resolution AS-768-75/SA dealing with campus security advisory boards. You will already received a copy of this resolution as part of the packet of documents sent to you after the meeting.

However, in keeping with a recent Executive Committee decision to distribute copies of individual Senate actions to those persons they most closely concern, the resolution is being transmitted to you for appropriate action.

If we may be of service to you in this regard, please let us know.

GCM:cdc

Attachment: AS-768-75/SA

cc: CSUC Presidents  
D. Kagan  
D. Newman
WHEREAS, It is important for the members of the campus police and others concerned with campus security to have an understanding of the community surrounding the campus; and

WHEREAS, It is also important that the community understand and appreciate the needs and concerns of campus security; and

WHEREAS, There should be increased cooperation between those responsible for the maintenance and development of campus security and the campus community; and

WHEREAS, Several campuses have boards which advise the administration on issues dealing with public safety on the campus; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of The California State University and Colleges urge the local senates/councils to explore the possibility of forming a campus security board, made up of representatives of all segments of the campus as well as representatives from the local community, which will review security needs of the campus; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this board periodically communicate its findings and recommendations regarding public safety, crime prevention and educational needs to the administration.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

SEPTEMBER 11, 1975
Memorandum

To: Ms. Lezlie Labhard, Chairperson
   Academic Senate

From: Larry Moore, Senator
   School of Engr. & Technology

Subject: Resolution concerning the election of Departmental Chairpersons

It is requested that the attached resolution be presented to the Executive Committee as a matter to be placed before the entire senate.
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COLLEGIAL GOVERNANCE

Whereas,

This Academic Senate has observed that Collegial Governance is a requirement for the advancement of University service and reputation,

and

Whereas,

Collegial Governance consists of more than mere consultation with this body, particularly in those areas in which the constituents of the membership have particular expertise,

and

Whereas,

This body has determined that the first step toward true Collegial Governance on this campus is the election of Departmental Chairpersons to fixed terms by the members of the department faculty,

now therefore be it

Resolved;

that the academic Senate forward its views to President Kennedy together with a request for a statement of his intentions in the matter of the election of Departmental Chairs,

and be it further

Resolved;

that this Senate refrain from using the term "Collegial Governance" in reference to the administration of this campus until the election of Department Chairs by the faculty is provided for.

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