MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
Tuesday, October 25 2011
UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

I. Minutes: none.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none.

III.A Reports:
   A. Academic Senate Chair: (Fernflores) The Provost search was successful. The new Provost, Kathleen Enz Finken, will start in early February. The Chair turned the floor to Adrienne Miller, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Miller addressed the issue of faculty notes being posted online and sold for profit by students. Student response has been apologetic, and the notes have been pulled by the students when they are told this is a copyright violation.

   B. President’s Office: none.

   C. Provost: (Koob) The Provost reported that Cal Poly has a 76% graduation rate for six-year students. This exceeds the target set by the Chancellor to be achieved by 2015.

   D. Vice President for Student Affairs: none.

   E. Statewide Senate: none.

   F. CFA Campus President: (Thorncroft) Senators were reminded that strike vote commit cards have been sent out. It is important to vote in this action, which might include a strike, so that faculty views can be represented.

   G. ASI Representative: (Tabrizi) ASI is getting ready to launch the new Recreation Center in January 2012. The center will be open to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and spouses. Chase Bank has now opened at the University Union. ASI’s student government has added 40 new members.

III. Special Reports:
Brian Tietje, Dean for Continuing Education, gave a report on Early Start. Executive Order 1048 established a compliance matter for campuses to provide an Early Start experience for students who are in the lower quartile of performance in English and Math during their junior year at high school. Tietje was appointed as the campus point of contact for the Early Start program. Brenda Helmbrecht from English and Sonja Schuster from Math are the instructors of record. Both courses will have a significant online component. Students across the CSU have the choice of which campus they want to enroll at. Fees will be the same across campuses.
IV. Consent Agenda:

Curriculum review—exceptions to the catalog review cycle:

- BS Chemistry: curriculum change—combine Advanced Chemistry electives into a single list
- MATH 474: Advanced Topics in Geometry and Topology (1) 1 sem

M/S/P by consent.

V. Business Item(s):

A. Resolution on Protecting the "American Institutions" Requirements at Cal Poly:
   Lewis Call, senator and assistant professor of History, second reading. Two changes were made to the resolution: On lines 43, 44, and 65, "blanket" waivers was changed to "program-wide" waivers. Brown offered a friendly amendment to add senator Sam Blakeslee to the distribution list (noted in the last resolved clause) to receive a copy of the resolution. Friendly motion was received. M/S/P to adopt the resolution with the noted changes.

B. Resolution on Modification to Bylaws of the Academic Senate, Section III: Election Procedures: Executive Committee, first reading. This resolution adds wording to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate to include procedures for voting on campus and statewide issues as well as ballot elections for individuals. M/S/P to move to second reading. M/S/P to adopt the resolution.

C. Resolution on Consent Agenda Review Duration for Curricular Proposals:
   Schaffner, chair of the Curriculum Committee, first reading: Last year a Kaizen study was done reviewing the curriculum process from start to finish. The Academic Senate Curriculum Committee (ASCC) is trying to move towards a completely paperless process by accepting electronic signatures. A lot of time is wasted by documents sitting on desks waiting for signatures. At the ASCC level, there is not much room to trim the time. This resolution recommends shortening the Consent Agenda notice time provided to senators from three weeks to two weeks. Resolution will return at the next Senate meeting as a second reading item.

VI. Discussion Item(s): none.

VII. Adjournment: 4:35pm

Submitted by,

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