

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, February 28, 2012
UU220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

- I. Special Reports: Ruth Black, CSU Online Director – reported that the program has been renamed Cal State Online in order to avoid confusion with other programs such as Colorado State University and Cleveland South University. Black began her report by stating that the Katz report focused on over 50 ideas that could have been incorporated into Cal State Online, including the contentious idea of the 24th campus. The initial work of Cal State Online is to focus on the 60 or so self-supported programs already offered online. Those programs have been invited to consider participating in Cal State Online. A goal for Cal State Online at this time is to centralize some key functions to support online programs, such as compliance with state regulations in order to minimize the regulatory concern of individual campuses. Another area of focus is the creation of a few programs at the undergraduate level for degree completion opportunity for students. CSU Reconnect, as this program is being called, is being proposed by Northridge Liberal Studies faculty, and is for students who have been separated from their studies for at least 15 months but less than 6 years and have at least 80 transferable units. The goal of CSU Reconnect is to provide an accelerated path to graduation. Another item from the Katz report that is being considered is the idea of a CSU online early start program for students who need early start work in order to be ready for either entry as a freshman or a transfer student. All these areas of work, ideas, and goals can take many years. Cal State Online does not nor will it ever receive state funds. The startup funding came from \$50,000 given by each campus as seed money. Cal State Online does not have a proposal to offer full 120 unit undergraduate degrees or comprehensive general education classes. At this time, much of the work and discussions are about the options for securing funding.
- II. Minutes: The minutes of February 7, 2012 were approved as presented.
- III. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none.
- IV. Consent Agenda: BUS 301 – Global Financial Institutions and Markets was approved.
- V. Business Item(s):
 - A. **Resolution on General Education C5 Elective (GE Governance Board):** Machamer presented this resolution, which requests that the Academic Senate approve the proposal for a defined C5 Elective Area for majors within CAFES, CAED, CSM, and OCOB, which would allow students to receive GE credit for intermediate courses in language other than English that have a substantial cultural component beginning with the 2013-2015 catalog. M/S/P to approve the resolution.
 - B. **Resolution on Academic Senate Executive Committee Attendance and Voting Provision (Executive Committee):** Fernflores presented this resolution, which allows the college caucus to designate a substitute to serve on the Executive Committee. M/S/P to approve the resolution.

- C. **Resolution on Support and Commendation for President Armstrong's Defense of Academic Freedom (Executive Committee):** Foroohar presented this resolution requesting the commendation of President Armstrong for his strong leadership in protecting the core principles of academic freedom. Resolution will return as a second reading item.
- D. **Resolution on Concentration Definition (Curriculum Committee):** Schaffner presented this resolution, which revises the definition of concentrations on CAM beginning with the 2013-2015 catalog. Resolution will return as a second reading item.

VI. Regular Reports:

- A. Academic Senate Chair: Fernflores reported that Lieutenant Governor Newsom met a small group of students and toured Cal Poly last Friday. Trustee Margaret Fortune is scheduled to visit Cal Poly on April 11, followed by Faculty Trustee Bernadette Cheyne, and student trustee in May. In addition, the WASC visiting team will be on campus April 3-5 and will meet with the Executive Committee.
- B. President's Office: Kinsley reported that the Student Success Fee Referendum vote will take place on Wednesday, February 29 and the results will be available Thursday, May 1, 2012.
- C. Provost: Enz Finken reported that admission notices started to go out last week. Enrollment for 2012-2013 will remain at 16,000 FTEs. Currently the number of students admitted is about 2% below target. Jim Maraviglia, Assoc Vice Prov Marketing & Enrollment Development has noted that as Cal Poly becomes more competitive, the percentage of students who actually accept has gone down. This is due to the students having options from other institutions. There is a lot of discussion going on at all levels about the budget, strategic planning both campus wide and academic affairs, continuing education, IT and IT security, fall conference, international issues, and much more.
- D. Vice Provost for Student Affairs: Allen reported that this past weekend student government brought together 75 years of past student leaders. The Rec Center is seeing about 4,500 students a day. Career Services collaborated with the Economic Vitality Committee to host a local job fair, which was very well received.
- E. Statewide Senate: LoCascio reported that trustee chair Herbert Carter was not renewed as trustee. Robert Linscheid from Chico will serve as chair.
- F. CFA Campus President: none.
- G. ASI Representative: Titus reported about the networking opportunity provided by having student leaders from the last 75 years on campus.

VII. Adjournment: 5:00 pm

Submitted by,



Gladys Gregory
Academic Senate