MINUTES OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, May 22 2012
UU220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

I. Minutes: The Minutes of April 10 and May 1 were approved as presented.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): Fernflores requested that short reports be submitted in writing this week in order to allow sufficient time for business and discussion items.
   A. Statewide Academic Senate – please see attached report.

III. Consent Agenda: The following courses were approved: AGB 311 – Intermediate Agribusiness Finance, AGB 426 – Advanced Rural Appraisal, and CHEM 219 – Organic Chemistry III for Life Sciences.

IV. Business Item(s):
   A. Resolution on eLearning Policy (Online Education Task Force): Schaffner presented this resolution, which requests that the Academic Senate adopt the attached policy on eLearning. Resolution will return as a second reading item.
   B. Resolution on Retention, Promotion, and Tenure (RPT Task Force): Fernflores presented this resolution, which requests that the Provost charge all departments and colleges to review and approve RPT guidelines in a discipline-specific manner including the Teacher-Scholar Model. Resolution will return as a second reading item.
   C. Resolution on Proposed New Degree Program: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Engineering Studies (Curriculum Committee): Gillette presented this resolution, which requests that the Academic Senate approve the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Engineering Studies degree program. Resolution will return as a second reading item.
   D. Resolution on The Mustang Way (ASI): Tabrizi presented this resolution which requests that the Academic Senate accept and endorse the proposed “The Mustang Way” in an effort to infuse a sense of pride and emphasize the privilege of being a Cal Poly Mustang. M/S/P to move resolution to a second reading. M/S/P to approve the resolution.
V. Discussion Item(s): PHYS 121 – College Physics 1
Nilgun Sungar, Chair of the Physics Department, discussed the course modification proposal not to offer Physics 131 and to eliminate the lab portion of Physics 121 next year in order to offset budget cuts. PowerPoint presentation is available at:
http://academicsenate.wcms.calpoly.edu/sites/academicsenate.wcms.calpoly.edu/files/minutes/11-12_minutes/phys121.pdf

VI. Adjournment: 5:15 pm

Submitted by,

Gladys Gregory
Academic Senate
The state-wide senate passed a large number of resolutions at its plenary, May 3-4, 2012. The following resolutions are of special importance to shared governance and academic freedom:

Resolutions on Shared Governance:

a. Internal ASCSU Actions Following the Disposition of Resolutions would assign responsibility to a standing committee to follow up and report on the distribution of our resolutions requiring actions/response.
b. Procedures for CSU Administration and Board of Trustees Responses to ASCSU Resolutions requests a formal response and a detailed explanation when our recommendations are not followed.
c. Procedures for Dealing With a Vote of No Confidence calls for the establishment of an investigative committee when there is a vote of no confidence in a campus president or the Chancellor. When the recommendations of the committee do not result in the resolution of the situation, it calls for a formal Board review.

Resolutions on Academic Freedom:

d. Amending the Constitution of the Academic Senate of the California State University to Include a Statement Advancing Academic Freedom is self-explanatory.
e. Endorsing the Joint Statement on Academic Freedom by CSU Presidents Armstrong, Hellenbrand and Welty reaffirms our commitment to academic freedom, endorses the joint statement and urges the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees to also do so.

The senate met for an organizational meeting on May 4th and the following leaders were elected for the 2012-13 ASCSU.

Chair—Diana Guerin, Fullerton
Vice Chair—Steven Filling, Stanislaus
Secretary—Glen Brodowsky, San Marcos
Member-at-Large—Chris Miller, Sacramento
Member-at-Large—Catherine Nelson, Sonoma
Physics 121 Course Modification Proposal

Summer 2011: Colleges are asked to come up with curricular changes to offset budget cuts

Fall 2011: CSM dean asked departments to propose curricular changes that will save money and allow CSM to meet demand
Physics department proposal

- Do not offer PHYS 131 next year (only taken by ME and AERO) have them take PHYS 141
- Offer PHYS 121 without the lab next year

Rationale:

1- No damage to student learning (articles in physics education research, our data comparing 131 vs 141 over last 5 years)

2- Two out of three intro physics courses still have lab

3- ME and AERO already take 141 in spring and Summer and 40-50% of 121 students from CSM
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Approval Process

- Course modification form prepared and consultation memos sent to 12 departments
- Some concerns from CAFES departments (special arrangement made for pre-veterinary students)
- Approved by department curriculum committee
- Approved by college curriculum committee
- Voted down (only 4 colleges present) at ASCC