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

MINUTES OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, March 4, 2014
UU220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

I. Minutes: Minutes for the Academic Senate meeting of February 11, 2014 were approved as presented.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): The Academic Senate election results for 2014-2015 was distributed. Rein discussed the eligibility for officers.

III. Reports:
   A. Academic Senate Chair: (Rein) None.
   B. President’s Office: (Kinsley) The Campus Climate Survey has gone out. Please contact Rachel Femflores, Philosophy Department, or Annie Holmes, Director of Diversity and Inclusivity, with any questions.
   C. Provost’s Office: (Enz Finken) Provost’s Office is working on enrollment management to have a response to the Master Plan in May. Cal Poly is in the process of searching for a Vice President of Research and Economic Development, Dean of Business, and the Dean of CAFES.
   D. Vice President for Student Affairs: (Humphrey) Full report submitted by Keith Humphrey:
      • The consultative committee for the Sr. Vice President for Administration and Finance has recommended to the President that we pause our search and engage a search firm to help build the best possible candidate pool. President Armstrong has accepted that recommendation.
      • Student Affairs will be bringing forward an “explanation of absence” policy for the senate to consider next quarter. This policy would not supersede any other policies or faculty discretion, but would provide an avenue for students to legitimize an absence from class for official university business only.
      • Student Affairs is excited about its new role with campus dining and in addition to seeking student feedback, faculty feedback about dining options is welcome.
      • I encourage everyone to take the Campus Climate Survey and encourage their students to do so as well.
   E. Statewide Senate: (LoCascio) The Statewide Academic Senate will meet in two weeks from now. The Academic Affairs Committee is discussing the issue about junior colleges offering bachelor’s degrees. There is a concern of faculty flight because junior colleges often pay more.
   F. CFA Campus President: None.
   G. ASI: (Colombini) ASI elections for ASI president will be on April 23 and 24. CSSA resolution on semester conversion had a second and third reading, and was passed unanimously.

IV. Business Items:
   A. Resolution on Proposal to Establish the Center for Solutions Through Research in Diet and Exercise (STRIDE): Rachel Femflores, Philosophy Department, Aydin Nazmi, Food Science & Nutrition, and Kevin Taylor, Department Chair of Kinesiology, presented the resolution which asks the Academic Senate to endorse the proposal for STRIDE. STRIDE has served as a hub for new research partnerships as well as community, state, and national collaborations for faculty and students at Cal Poly to participate in discovering solutions to obesity. M/S/P to approve resolution.
   B. Resolution on Revisions to Policies Related to Centers and Institutes: Bradford Anderson, Interim Vice President of Research, presented the resolution on Revisions to Policies Related to Centers and Institutes proposing that the Academic Senate approve the formal adoption of (A) the Policy for Establishment, Evaluation, and Discontinuation of Campus Centers and Institutes, as attached to this resolution; and (B) the Program Review Policy for Campus Centers and Institutes. This resolution will return as a second reading.
C. Resolution on Conflict of Interest in the Assignment of Course Material: Dustin Stegner, English Department, presented a resolution requesting for CAP to address conflicts of interest in the assignment of self-authored course materials. This resolution will return as a second reading.

D. Resolution on Supporting Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) Resolution AS-3158-13/AA Recommendation to Amend Title 5 to Re-Establish Appropriate Unit Limits for Engineering Degrees: Jim LoCascio, Statewide Senator, and Manzar Foroohar, Statewide Senator, presented this resolution requesting that the Academic Senate communicate to the ASCSU its support of Resolution AS-3158-13/AA to recommend to amend Title 5 and re-establish appropriate unit limits for engineering degrees up to 132/198 units. This resolution will continue as a first reading.

V. Discussion Item(s): None.

VI. Adjournment: 5:00 pm

Submitted by,

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