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*Minutes of the
Academic Senate meeting of
Tuesday, March 6, 2001
UU220, 3:00 to 5:00pm*

Preparatory: The meeting was opened at 3:17pm.

- I. Minutes: The minutes for Academic Senate meetings January 23, February 13, and February 20, 2001 were approved without change.
- II. Communications and Announcements:
If needed, an additional Senate meeting will be scheduled for next Tuesday, March 13, to complete today's agenda items.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair:
 - B. President's Office:
 - C. Provost's Office: (Zingg) Opening events for Cal Poly's Centennial celebration will begin later this week.
 - D. Statewide Senators:
 - E. CFA Campus President: (Fetzer) CFA is requesting faculty input for its evaluation of Chancellor Reed [three year performance review]. Deadline is March 23. Notice will be sent to the faculty. Contract bargaining begins the first week of April.
 - F. ASI Representatives: (Love) There is an upcoming student summit in Sacramento. Student responses to the inflationary fee proposal are being reviewed. Electronic balloting will be tested soon with a student referendum on calendar. Election of student officers occurs next quarter. Application forms for the student trustee position are available in the ASI office.
 - G. Other: (President Baker) discussed the following statewide issues:
BUDGET: Funding for the Work Force Initiative has become a permanent part of the state's budget and is expected to increase to \$30m in the next two to three years. Cal Poly receives 18-20% of this for high cost programs. \$54m per day is being spent to subsidize California's energy crisis.
CALENDAR: The Provost, Vice President for Finance, and Academic Senate Chair have been asked to do an analysis determining whether a move to semesters is advisable. Questions include the cost of changing to semesters, the administrative cost savings, if any, and factors in quarter and semester calendar systems that minimize conflicts in scheduling classes for students. The three dependent variables to consider are maximizing resources for classes, meeting our CSU production rate, and optimizing (reducing) faculty workload. Is there anything to be gained from a calendar change?
ENROLLMENT: Cal Poly's enrollment is currently below the Master Plan goal with many more qualified applicants than can be admitted. There is pressure from the Chancellor's Office and the governor to accept more students. Cal Poly has underestimated the number of new students to admit during the last two years. The reason for this has been that the graduation rate is going up faster than in the past, creating an overestimation in the number of returning students expected. Enrollment adjustments will be made during the next academic year. Enrollment is currently at 14,226 FTE. Next year's enrollment is expected to be around 14,900 FTE.
- IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on Status of CFA-CSU Contract Negotiations:** second reading. This resolution is a statement from faculty to CFA and CSU that the lack of contract settlement is impacting recruitment and other faculty issues. M/S/P to table the resolution (no time certain).

VI. Discussion Item(s):

- VII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm. The meeting was recessed until March 13, 2001, 3pm in UU220.

Submitted by:



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