

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

**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate Executive Committee**  
**Tuesday November 6, 2001**  
**UU 220, 3:00 to 5:00**

Preparatory: the meeting was opened at 3:13 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes from the October 16, 2001 Executive Committee meeting were approved as submitted.
- II. Communications and Announcements: None.
- III. Reports:
  - a. Academic Senate Chair Report: (Menon) announced that Tim Kersten will step down from his position of Statewide Senator after 18 years of service. Kersten thanked the Executive Committee for all the support during the many years and mentioned that it has been a privilege to serve but now is time to go back to full time teaching. Myron Hood added that when the announcement was made at the statewide meeting, that Kersten would be stepping down, everyone was surprised and saddened because everyone really respects him. Hood also read a resolution from the CSU Academic Senate entitled "Resolution of Commendation for Timothy Kersten" in which his 18 years of services in various committees and councils is appreciated. Menon will fill in as statewide senator for Kersten until a replacement is elected during winter quarter. Menon reported that he attended a statewide chair's meeting in Long Beach in which the budget situation was described as grim with some reduction likely. Richard West, Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs mentioned that the worse case scenario would be a 15% reduction in which case even a 40% increase in student fees would not make up the deficit; however CSU is not planning on fee increases at this time. The high cost of CMS was also discussed as a means of minimizing budget expenses but many campuses want to continue with the project. Menon also said that Jackie Kegley, CSU statewide Academic Senate Chair, has confirmed that she will attend an Academic Senate meeting during Winter quarter as well as Vice Chancellor Spence who is also planning a visit to Cal Poly in order to interact with the faculty. The Statewide Academic Senate is conducting a study of Department Chair's workload.
  - b. President's Report: None.
  - c. Provost's Report: (Conn) announced that Linda Halisky, Chair of the English Department, has accepted the position of Director of International Programs (IEP).
  - d. Statewide Senate: (Hood) last week at the Statewide Senator's meeting in Long Beach Chancellor Reed discussed the budget issues but the message was mixed. Chancellor Reed also mentioned that the entire CSU system is over enrolled by 8,400 students who are unfunded. The CSU is negotiating the request from the Department of finance to immediately cut from their budget \$25 million. The issue of salary gap in the CSU was discussed and it has been determined that the gap of 17% is only at the full professor level. Hood reported that there has been a reduction in the Partnership Budget.
  - e. CFA: None.
  - f. ASI: (Kipe) reported that she met with ASI members Leigh Love and Andrew Hunt who met with Academic Chair Menon and Academic Senate Vice Chair Dingus to discuss the

budget, the issue of 180-units, and housing. The student vote will be conducted on the fee referendum is November 14-15.

g. Other: None.

IV. Discussion Item:

V. Business Items:

- a. **Academic Senate and university-wide committee vacancies:** All Executive Committee members were reminded of the vacancies and encouraged to seek faculty members to fill the positions. The Academic Senate Office will send out an election ballot to the 268 part-time employees to elect a part-time representative to the Academic Senate.
- b. **Resolution on Distance Education Policy:** Hannings, Chair of the Curriculum Committee proposed the adoption of "Distance Education Policy at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo" as the official policy for the newly accepted form of teaching. This was agendized for the next Academic Senate meeting.
- c. **Academic Senate part-time representative:** Since the Academic Senate received interest from only one faculty member a ballot will be send out to all part-time faculty asking them to either vote for the interested party or write in their own part-time candidate.
- d. **Academic Calendar for 2003-2004:** Breitenbach, Chair of the Instruction Committee, presented to the Executive Committee their recommendation of Proposal #2 for the 2003-2004 calendar. Breitenbach discussed the pros and cons of all five proposals and summarized her committee's discussion of each proposal. The Executive Committee endorsed her recommendation and will forward it to the Provost before the December 7 deadline.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

The Executive Committee members expressed concern about the Administration's lack of support for the Senate's resolution on student eligibility to participate in graduation. The Senate has proposed that for students to be eligible to "walk" they must have completed all requirements, by the end of the current quarter, or have registered for their final requirements in the following term. Chair Menon will write a letter to Provost Zingg to obtain an agreement to the principle of compliance with the spirit of our resolution on commencement, with a gradual phase-in period for the full implementation of the policy.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by:



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