

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

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, September 24, 2002
UU220, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Preparatory: The meeting was opened at 3:14 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Executive Committee meeting of May 21, 2002 and Academic Senate meetings of May 7, May 28, June 4, 2002 were approved without change.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
 - A. **Academic Senate Executive Committee members 2002-2003:** Added to the list were ASI representatives Doug Paasch from Agricultural Engineering and Dan Schrupp from Political Science.
 - B. **Academic Senate members 2002-2003:** Caucus chairs were asked to check the information for accuracy and requested to fill any vacancies immediately.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Menon) The budget outlook for the academic year 2002-2003 remains uncertain. The current situation is in accord with the "May revise" which includes minimal cuts, but we can expect more cuts after the November election. A trustee's request for 2003-2004 budget, which was provided at the Statewide Senate meeting, was handed out as an information item (see attachment). Cal Poly has hired just under 50 new tenure track faculty members this year, which is about the same number as previous years and can be expected to continue for some years ahead. The Academic Senate's resolution on RPT criteria, which makes expectations clear for probationary faculty members was timely and the Academic Senate is continuing to ensure its implementation. The 2003-2005 catalog approval process will take much of our time this quarter. During the summer, all Academic Senate committee's charges for the upcoming year were reviewed and approved. A CSU Task Force on facilitating graduation is moving very rapidly and likely to present recommendation to the CSU this academic year. A reminder that this Thursday is the Convocation from 11-12 at the Performing Arts Center with socialization opportunities before and after. New caucus chairs were introduced: Ron Brown from the College of Science and Math, John Harris from the College of Agriculture, and Wayne Montgomery from PCS.
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) The Governor approved a state budget with \$750 million in unallocated cuts which will have to be allocated to state agencies, but at this time we do not know the full impact it will have on the CSU. The November elections include issues such as Prop 47-the education bond. This is significant for Cal Poly because it contains funds for the construction of a new building for Engineering and for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. The statewide Academic Senate as well as Cal Poly has expressed support for this proposition. Convocation is scheduled for Thursday. Faculty and staff are invited to attend. The purpose of this Convocation is for the campus community to recognize outstanding teachers and staff as well as other individuals. Another traditional purpose is for the president to address the campus community about issues of importance and to begin a dialogue. The President will spend some time providing the university with campus updates on the issues of student success, diversity, and civility.
 - C. Provost Office: (Zingg) This year Cal Poly has a robust enrollment situation where enrollment target was exceeded by a couple of percentage points. Some of the reasons for this are not entirely surprising; some being largely unmanageable and relating to the economy and post September 11 issues. The number of students for Fall quarter is 18,350, which is slightly more than last year, but

even with mandated budget cuts and excluding revenues generated from college-based fees; we will have more funds available. Colleges will receive additional enrollment growth funds that are permanent, not one time. It is very important in budget discussions to keep the college-based fee separate from other state sources. There are strict accountability dimensions of college-based fees where all recipients are under tight scrutiny, with respect to the principle of shared governance, consultation, and accountability expectations. Web pages for each college and ITS provide up-to-date information about fee revenues. Consequence of the campus-based fees are already seen by the increase of unit load of students. We are continuing to work on the RPT resolution and a work session involving deans, Academic Senate representatives, faculty representatives, Faculty Affairs Committee Chair, and others will convene to look at data received from each department and to assess what they tell us in regards to clarity and consistency. The president will lead a discussion on the issues related to our values. Among the values that the president will talk about are those that represent the right rules of conduct, reason, civility, community, and respect.

- D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) The Statewide Academic Senate Faculty Affairs committee is working on a whistle-blower policy to protect the faculty. Another issue coming up, is one in response to Governor Davis' individual campus policy on hate crimes and free speech. The issue of change on enrollment policy was up before the Trustees last week, which allows each campus to define its local area. (Foroohar) ACR 73, a bill that passed last year, will increase the proportion of tenure/tenure track faculty to 75%. An implementation report for ACR 73 was written over the summer and will serve as a road map for the next eight years. Chancellor Reed gave a talk, two weeks ago, where he presented a proposed budget for 2003-2004 where funding to implement ACR 73 is not available. 2003-2004 CSU Support Budget is attached.
- E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) CFA is involved in a major campaign for the PERS Board election of Professor George Diehr from San Marcos. CFA staff will stop by all faculty offices to remind everyone to vote.
- F. ASI Representative: (Schrupp) ASI's training is the first week in October and goals and objectives for the coming year will be developed and we will be able to present a more united voice from all students.
- G. Other: None.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Items:

- A. **Academic Senate committee vacancies for 2002-2004:** The following appointments were made:

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Committee

Faculty Awards Committee
Student Grievance Board

Representative

Phillip Doub
Bill Amspacher

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Committee

Student Grievance Board

Representative

Dan Williamson

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Committee

Faculty Awards Committee

Student Grievance Board

Representative

Sky Bergman
Craig Russell
Bill Fitzhenry

- B. **Universitywide committee vacancies for 2002-2003:** The following appointments were made:
Conflict of Interest Independent Review Committee – Ed Sullivan, C&E Engineering
University Union Advisory Board – Del Dingus, Earth & Soil Science
- C. **Approval of Academic Senate Calendar of Meetings for 2002-2003:** M/S/P to approve the Academic Senate calendar of meeting for 2002-2003
- D. **Approval of Academic Senate Assigned Time for 2002-2003:** M/S/P to approve the Academic Senate assigned time for 2002-2003 noting that Tom Ruehr is replacing Michael Geringer as chair of the Faculty Awards Committee.
- E. **Timelines and procedures for review of proposed curriculum changes for 2003-2005:**
Hannings, Chair of the Curriculum Committee. New Degree proposals are not included in this process. Program changes will go through an outline of discussion steps for first and second reading procedures at the October 1 meeting. Individual changes to curriculum and courses will be placed on the consent agenda on October 29 unless a request to pull them is made in writing or by email to the Academic Senate office before October 15. Those programs pulled will be listed as business items on the October 29 agenda. *[Note: This process was later modified at the full senate meeting on October 1, 2002 see minutes of that meeting for details.]*
- F. **Resolution on Support for Proposition 47 (Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Act of 2002):** Hood, This resolution conveys to the public the sentiment of the Academic Senate of Cal Poly for support of proposition 47. This follows the request of the Statewide Academic Senate, to prepare a resolution in support of proposition 47 and to convey it to the local community. M/S/P to agendize.
- G. **Dean Search Advertisement for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design:**
Reich, The provost and the president will be meeting with the College of Architecture and Environment Design to discuss the new Dean's position. Please note that the advertisement is a draft.

VI. Discussion Item (s):

VII. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Submitted by

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Academic Senate