

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

**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate Executive Committee**  
**Tuesday, January 7, 2003**  
**UU220, 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

Preparatory: The meeting was opened at 3:10 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Executive Committee meeting of November 5, 2002 were approved without change.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Menon) (a) CSU budget outlook for 2003-4 continues to be uncertain and we may begin to get a clearer picture of what we can expect when the Governor completes his budget message to the legislature on Friday January 10<sup>th</sup>. The contingency funds in the 2002-3 budget at the campus level will allow us to complete this academic year without too much disruption from the mid-year CSU cuts that were announced in December. The reports from President and Provost provide us with more details below. (b) The CSU Task Force on "Facilitating Student Success in Achieving the Baccalaureate Degree" issued its final report in December and Vice Chancellor David Spence has sent it to all campus presidents and senates as an action item with a request for campus plans that would meet the task force recommendations. The complete 45 page report can be downloaded from the CSU website <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadAff/FacilitatingGraduation.pdf> Here at Cal Poly the Student Success Council has already begun the work in a broader range of student success issues including graduation rates. (c) Our Senate Session on February 11, 2003 will be devoted to a special CSU presentation on "ACR73: A plan to increase the percentage of tenured and tenure-track faculty in the California State University" by a CSU team of presenters from the ACR73 Study Group (CSU Senate Chair Jackie Kegley, CFA President Susan Meisenhelder, and CSU-LA Academic Affairs Associate Vice President Andrew Winnick).
  - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) The budget has a \$1.3 million reduction this year with no significant impact but next year's budget will be different. The Governor has proposed a \$10 million reduction, which the legislation will vote on. The Board of Trustees voted to institute a 10% mid-year academic fee increase. The budget's May revise will reveal more and by July 1, 2003 we will have a firm basis. President Baker has re-affirmed his commitment to adhere to all budget priorities and consultative procedures and consultations with the Academic Senate during this period of budget reductions.
  - C. Provost Office: (Zingg) The CSU system has been hit with a \$100 million budget decrease this year and it appears that nothing is sacred. The lottery process for students seeking places in the new apartment-style housing has been initiated. (Dalton) The student enrollment for this quarter is right on target but student course loads are higher than predicted. In regards to the faculty-staff housing project, the judge acted on the lawsuit finding four areas in the environmental impact report (EIR) that are not adequate,

therefore, needing additional work. However, this is seen as an obstacle we can overcome and the project is not in jeopardy as misleading press reports may have suggested. Also, this EIR objection applies only to the one segment of the project at the Highland-Santa Rosa intersection.

- D. Statewide Senators: None.
- E. CFA Campus President: None.
- F. ASI Representative: None.
- G. Other: None.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Items:

- A. **Universitywide committee vacancies for 2002-2003:** ASI Facilities and Operations Committee has a vacancy. Jonathan Reich announced the replacement of Michael Boswell with D. Gregg Doyle from CRP (CAED). Doyle will complete Boswell's term, which ends in 2003. M/S/P to approve the replacement.
- B. **Curriculum proposal for Master of Public Policy (MPP):** Hannings, chair of the Curriculum Committee. This master's degree is targeted primarily at those on the working world wishing to further their credentials. This proposal has the full support of the Curriculum Committee and is in sync with the future planning of our campus. M/S/P to agendize this proposal.
- C. **Resolution on Class Attendance (CAM 485.2):** Morrobel-Sosa, member of the Instruction Committee. The addition of item G. NCAA athletic competitions and item H. Instructionally Related Activities (IRA)/competitions to section 485.2 was agreed on, by the committee, after the review of the campus attendance policy and related to the problem where a number of faculty are not allowing this excusable provision for students to participate in these events. Hannings suggested that items 485 and 485.2 A-F of the resolution be moved to a WHEREAS clause since A-F is already in CAM and not up for discussion. M/S/P to accept suggestion. M/S/P to agendize resolution.
- D. **Resolution on Budget Priorities:** Foroohar, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee. This is a joint resolution with the Academic Senate Budget and Long Range Planning Committee requesting that the Chancellor's Office honor 2 statewide resolutions approved last May. Those resolutions set long and short-term budget priorities on the issues of the implementation of ACR73 and faculty salary. Several campuses have passed similar resolution. M/S/P to agendize resolution.
- E. **Resolution on Including Unit 3 Employees in the Program to Pay for Parking with Pretax Dollars:** Foroohar, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee. This resolution requests that Unit 3 employees be allowed to pay for parking through payroll deductions with pretax dollars. The following two changes were made to the resolution:

WHEREAS, Permitting faculty to pay for parking through payroll deduction with pretax dollars would benefit faculty at ~~little or~~ no cost to the California State University, and

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, urge ~~Cal Poly~~ CSU administration to include faculty in the program to pay for parking with pretax dollars.

M/S/P to agendize resolution.

VI. Discussion Item (s):

- A. **Faculty Club and Conference Center.** Harris, chair of Ad Hoc Faculty Club and Conference Center Committee. The committee has come up with a list of short and long-term goals, which include the designation of a faculty club, and conference center on the Cal Poly master plan, establishing a venue for a regularly scheduled social time; establish a lunch area exclusively for faculty and others. The full report is available on the Academic Senate web page under Senate Committees. The first social hour will take place on Thursday, January 30 at Vista Grande from 4-6 p.m. The President's Office and the Academic Senate will host this event. Howard-Greene added that the feasibility of a conference center on campus has a long history of discussion among several campus constituencies, therefore, Harris' report is a good place to start networking and making connections.
- B. **Formation of the University Civility Enhancement Council.** The formation of an University Civility Enhancement Council originated from an Academic Senate initiative in conjunction with ASI and has now evolved into a University wide committee named "Council on University Citizenship". This council is to be chaired by the Provost and includes in its membership six ASI reps designated by ASI President and five faculty members nominated by the Academic Senate Chair. The council is charged with "...exploring issues and making policy recommendations related to the preservation and ongoing development of a vital, effective tradition of university citizenship at Cal Poly." Zingg added that he doesn't anticipate this council to be a policing or censoring body.
- C. **Academic Senate meetings: attendance, substitutes, proxies, and resignations.** Due to lack of time, this issue will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- D. **Orientation for new senators.** Due to lack of time, this issue will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

VII. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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