

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
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ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, April 1, 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 February 18, 2003 were approved without change.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Menon) Since we have a very busy agenda please refer to the handout titled *20 Questions about the CSU Budget* which was distributed at a Budget Summit on March 14, 2003. This summit was attended by most campus Presidents, Senate Chairs, ASI Presidents, the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and the Executive Committee of the Statewide Academic Senate. The summit was an all day event with many break out sessions composed of a mix of campus presidents, ASI presidents, Vice-Chancellor, et al. Several of the groups developed possible strategies for coping with the serious budget shortfalls. The outcomes from the summit will be submitted, by the Chancellor, to the Trustee's Budget Committee. The Campus Academic Senate Chairs, as a group, will meet again this Thursday to discuss the outcomes of the Summit. A message that was heard clearly at the summit is that at this time the best possible budget is the one from the Governor, all other alternatives have significant harmful effects. The entire handout is available at www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen then click on News and Documents.
 - B. President's Office: None.
 - C. Provost Office: None.
 - D. Statewide Senators: None.
 - E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) There will be a forum on academic freedom and electronic media next Monday, April 7, at Fischer Science room 286, from 5-7 pm. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Bargaining openers began last Monday, March 24 in Los Angeles with an initial proposal from the CSU, which mentions that any changes in salary and benefits should be negotiated. The other item mentioned by CSU is their openness to discuss early retirement incentives. CFA is asking that the salary of the faculty be increased based on the cost of living index and that faculty salaries be tied to administrator's salaries. Health care on rural campuses is also an issue that is impacting four CSU campuses including us.
 - F. ASI Representative: None.
 - G. Other:
 - Conn - Academic Affairs has joined Student Affairs to organize a series of town meetings on Iraq with the first meeting being held Wednesday, April 2, from 7-8:30 pm in Philips Hall. The second meeting will be on Thursday, April 3, from 11-12 in UU220, plus a couple of other meetings scheduled for next week. The intent of the meetings is to give members of the community an opportunity to express their views. There will be no formal speaker or panel, but will alternate between those who support the war and those who oppose it.

- Menon - The Academic Senate agenda has a first reading status item “Resolution Opposing a US Military Attack Against Iraq.” Now that the war has commenced, the question has been raised whether the Executive Committee should consider this item as moot and remove it from the agenda or leave it on the agenda for consideration. Senator Brown suggested that the Academic Senate should consider a brand new resolution starting with a new set of premises and concluding with a suggestive conclusion and not just a statement of opposition. M/S/P to withdraw the current resolution.
- The chair of the Agricultural Systems Management program has requested the appointment of Dr. Sema Alptekin as internal reviewer. M/S/P to approve the appointment.
- Online Employment Systems, Michael Suess, Academic Personnel - CALPOLYJOBS.ORG, a new online employment system which will be installed on April 2, 2003. This system will enable us to allow job seekers for all positions to access our vacancies postings 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and be able to apply directly to Cal Poly at their convenience. One of the great advantages to the departments is that the applicants will send their applications directly to the department online, and if the department needs additional materials, the applicant can automatically attach them to their application. The testing phase will continue until April 10 when an open forum will take place, followed by training sessions, which begin on April 15 with the training on the recruitment of part-time lecturers. The first advertised positions will go online April 18, 2003 and applications can be received immediately.

IV. Consent Agenda: **Resolution in Support of the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004:** (Menon) Proposition 47, for which we extended our support, was the first of a three-part sequence. This second phase is equally as important as the first, so a call went to all Academic Senates asking each campus for their support. M/S/P to submit the resolution in support of the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004 to be agendized for the next Academic Senate meeting.

V. Business Items:

- A. **Resolution to Enhance Civility and Promote a Diversity Friendly Campus Climate:** Senator Vanasupa, chair of the Materials Engineering Department. This resolution requests that the Information Technology Resources Responsible Use Policy be amended to clarify some definitions. After some discussion about substituting part of the Resolved clause with wording from Provost Zingg, it was suggested that the resolution be tabled until Provost Zingg could be in attendance and answer questions. M/S/P to table until next Executive Committee meeting on April 22, 2003.
- B. **Substitute Resolution to Enhance Civility and Promote a Diversity Friendly Campus Climate:** Senators Hood and Greenwald. This item will return at the next Executive Committee meeting on April 22, 2003.
- C. **Resolution on 180 Quarter Units for Baccalaureate Degree Programs:** Hannings, chair of the Curriculum Committee. This resolution clarifies the criteria by which one can determine if a program is in excess of 180 units. The criteria essentially states that each program can create learning objectives, that will determine what courses are taught, and how many units it has. M/S/F to table resolution until Provost Zingg is in attendance to discuss the time frame issue. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.
- D. **Resolution on Implementation of a Realistic Tuition and Fee Rate Structure for Higher Education:** Kaminaka, chair of the Budget and Long Range Planning Committee. This resolution asks the CSU Board of Trustees, state legislatures, and the Governor’s Office to implement over the next five years a stable and predictable schedule of tuition and fees that

it identifies and address all forms of subsidy provided to students. The goal is to reconcile the true marginal cost of education in the CSU system. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

- E. Resolution on Budget Cuts:** Foroohar, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee. This resolution provides President Baker with criteria and suggestions on how to reduce the impact of budget cuts on the quality of education in our university. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.
- F. Faculty Member Request for Emeritus Status:** Menon, chair of the Academic Senate. Referred to a letter from Professor Harold Gascoigne requesting emeritus status. M/S/P to grant emeritus status to Professor Gascoigne.
- G. Nominations to the Cal Poly Foundation Board:** Due to lack of time, this issue will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting. {Subsequently, an email discussion among members, resulted in a decision to submit the only two nominees under consideration Donna Duerk and Manzar Foroohar, since a minimum of two nominees is requires, and both of our nominees are worthy of considerations.}
- H. Academic Senate/Universitywide Committee Vacancies for 2003-2004:** Due to lack of time, this issue will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- I. Appointment of Academic Senate Committee Chairs:** Due to lack of time, this issue will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting, to allow the newly elected Senate Chair for 2003-2004 to be involved in the decision.

VI. Discussion Item (s):

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

Submitted by:

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