

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

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, January 6, 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 4, 2003 were approved.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): None.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Lewis) A discussion issue from the Registration and Scheduling Committee will be added to today's agenda. CFA and CSU have reached an agreement to extend the contract for one more year, including the 2-year Golden Handshake was approved, and faculty employees FERPing may serve on personnel committees where permitted by campus president. A farewell reception for Provost Paul Zingg will be held tomorrow from 4-6 pm in the Performing Arts Center.
 - B. President's Office: None.
 - C. Provost Office: (Zingg) the newly agreed contract clarifies the exception of faculty searches from hiring freeze. Campus Presidents will be meeting with Chancellor Reed on January 15. There is a likelihood that we will see additional budget cuts upwards of 15%. One of the major implications is that the enrollment of freshmen and transfer students will be reduced, which in turn will reduce classes and affect faculty teaching general education courses. Currently, our campus enrollment continues to be above target even with a reduced head count. Zingg also added that it has been a great pleasure working with the Academic Senate throughout the last few years and wants to thank the last 5 Academic Senate chairs for their support and kindness over the years.
 - D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) There has been several budget discussions that included talks of cuts in the \$300-\$500 million range which represents about 10-15% of the CSU budget. (Menon) We are likely to see some outcome regarding fee policy by the end of the month.
 - E. CFA Campus President: None.
 - F. ASI Representative: None.
 - G. Other: None
- IV. Consent Agenda: **Approval of institutional reviewers for the listed academic programs:** The Executive Committee approved, without discussion, the names of those listed as future program reviewers (see attached list). It was also decided that the Academic Senate Chair would approve any further names as they are brought forward without the approval of the Executive Committee but will notify the Executive Committee once an appointment has been made.
- V. Business Items:
 - A. **Academic Senate committee vacancies for 2003-2004:** No appointments were made.
 - B. **Universitywide committee vacancies for 2003-2004:** No vacancies to fill.
 - C. **Resolution on Free Electives:** Hannings, chair of the Curriculum Committee. The current free-elective policy, which calls for 9 units, has been in place since 1987 when most classes were 3 units. The CSU Board of Trustees has reduced the number of units required for a Bachelor's degree to 180-quarter units. The Curriculum Committee

unanimously supports this resolution which allows programs to require fewer than 9 units of free electives in order to bring down the number of units required to complete a degree and requests that programs allow their students flexibility in meeting all degree requirements. M/S/P to agendize resolution.

- D. **Resolution on Grant Related Instructional Faculty of Exceptional Merit (GRIF):** Lewis, GRIF is a systemwide program that has been in place for the last 30 years. This resolution asks that the Academic Senate of Cal Poly approve the **Appointment Procedures for Grant-related Instructional Faculty of Exceptional Merit** and forward it to President Baker for his approval. M/S/P to agendize resolution.
- E. **Resolution on Establishment of the Center for Excellence in Math and Science Education:** Provost Zingg. This center addresses the workforce needs by achieving the goals outlined in the proposal without taxing state resources. Detweiler - The intent is to run the center with current staff and key faculty. This center will recruit and train secondary level teachers in the areas of Science and Mathematics. This resolution requests the approval of the proposal for the establishment of the University Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education. M/S/P to agendize resolution.

- VI. Discussion Item (s): **Registration and Scheduling Committee:** Elrod, The Registration and Scheduling Committee was charged, by the Provost, to examine the class registration process and suggest any necessary changes. Elrod requested that Executive Committee members discuss with their colleagues the process for adding or dropping a class and email all suggestions to selrod@calpoly.edu no later than Wednesday January 14, 2004.
- VII. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

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