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MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 3, 2004
UU220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes: Approval of minutes for the January 6, 2004 Executive Committee meeting: (pp. 2-3).
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair:
 - B. President's Office:
 - C. Provost's Office:
 - D. Statewide Senators:
 - E. CFA Campus President:
 - F. ASI Representatives:
 - G. Other:
- IV. Consent Agenda:
- V. Business Item(s):
 - A. Academic Senate committee vacancies for 2003-2005: (p. 4).
 - B. Determination of emeritus status for retired faculty member (to be distributed).
- VI. Discussion Item(s):
 - A. Procedures for next Senate reading of *Resolution on Free Electives*: Hannings, chair of the Curriculum Committee (p. 5).
 - B. FERB eligibility for membership to the CSU Academic Senate.
- VII. Adjournment:

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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, January 6, 2003
00220, 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. CPA 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. CPA 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 agendaize resolution.

- D. Resolution on Grant Related Instructional Faculty of Exceptional Merit (GRIF): Lewis, GRIP 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 agendaize 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 agendaize 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,



Gladys Gregory
Academic Senate

Recap of Academic Senate Committee Vacancies for 2003-2005

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS/CTE

Department

Fairness Board

Student Grievance Board

Adopted:

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RESOLUTION ON
FREE ELECTIVES

1 WHEREAS; Current campus policy per Academic Senate Resolution AS-234-87/CC and CAM
2 section 411.1 require each program at Cal Poly to include 9 units of free electives,
3 or supply justification why they cannot as part of their curriculum proposals each
4 cycle; and
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6 WHEREAS, The CSU Board of Trustees have reduced the minimum number of units for a
7 Bachelor's degree to 180 quarter units with the expectation that programs will
8 assume that level unless there is significant justification for a higher number of
9 units; and
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11 WHEREAS, Current CSU policy favors graduating students in a timely manner, which means
12 within four years for a four-year degree; and
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14 WHEREAS, Previous Academic Senate resolutions have encouraged departments to make their
15 curricula more flexible; therefore, be it
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17 RESOLVED: That programs may reduce their required free electives below the currently
18 required 9 units if the units are used to ~~reduce~~ the total number of units required
19 for the degree; and be it further
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21 RESOLVED: That programs allow their students as much flexibility as possible in meeting
22 major, support, and General Education requirements.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Curriculum Committee
Date: November 18, 2003
Revised: January 6, 2004
Revised: January 21, 2004