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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, April 13, 2004
UU220, 3:10 to 5:00 pm

I.   Minutes: None.

II.   Communications and Announcements: New Senator: Jim Gentilucci will be filling in for Elaine
        Chin (UCTE) for Spring quarter.

III.   Reports:
        A.   Academic Senate Chair: (Lewis) Last week there was a statewide Academic Senate chairs
                meeting in San Francisco State where the budget was discussed as well as the fact that Cal Poly is
                not the only campus having a fee referendum to support athletic programs this quarter. San
                Diego State is having a fee referendum, of $80 per semester, to support their athletic programs,
                which annually utilizes $6 million of state funds. The fee referendum will bring in $4 million and
                their pitch is that they will return $2 million of state money to Academic Affairs for students to
                get more classes.
        B.   President's Office: None.
        C.   Provost's Office: (Detweiler) (1) Update on Golden Handshake by Mike Suess: In order
                for the Golden Handshake to be implemented it must be approved by the Legislative
                Analyst, the Department of Finance and the Governor. It is now at the Governor's Office
                so a decision should be announced relatively soon. (2) The Founders Oak – there has
                been a proposal to remove the tree in extending California Blvd. To Highland Ave. Larry
                Kelley, Vice President for Administration and Finance, has stated that a decision has
                been made not to remove the tree. (3) Policy on Controversial Speakers and Liability
                Insurance – There is no change on the current policy. All along, speakers and other
                events are asked to consider the risk management involved.
        D.   Statewide Senators: (Hood) there is some legislation that we should be aware of
                including a bill to have every common course numbering throughout the UC, CSU, and
                Community Colleges. This bill is receiving a lot of support from those who believe that
                it will help speed up throughput of students. Another legislative bill introduced is a SB
                1335, Academic Bill of Rights, which is controversial and doesn't have much legislative
                support at this time. REQUEST: a round of recognition for Harry Hellenbrand for
                giving the Academic Senate wise council and being a very helpful person. (Foroohar)
                The Statewide Faculty Affairs Committee met last Friday at San Francisco State and
                discussed two resolutions. One resolution is on Extended Education and making sure that
                the departments have full control over the quality of courses for credit offered through
                Extended Education. The other resolution is on Academic Freedom. This resolution will
                go to the full floor for a second reading in May.
        E.   CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) CFA is against the implementation of CMS and the
                Administration's plan to obtain a $15 million loan to implement the student records
                module of PeopleSoft. CFA is preparing statements and actions to get administration to
                delay implementation until Cal Poly can afford it.

F.   ASI Representatives: None.
G.   Other:
    1.   **Conn/Elrod: Report on proposed changes to registration and add/drop procedures: (**Elrod) The Registration and Scheduling Committee has been meeting, for the last year, to address a charge from the Provost and Vice Provost to maximize student success in the classroom and treat students equitably in their pursuit to meet their educational objectives with potential revisions in the registration and add/drop procedures. The committee is proposing the following changes: Limit the unit cap during initial rotation to 14 units from 16 units, additional course to be added up to 22 units once spaces become available, change the registration period to 2 weeks with 3 cycles per day. The Registration and Scheduling Committee is seeking feedback from the Senate as it prepares a report for the Provost. There was much discussion on this issue since it affects faculty members differently and the concerns are many and varied. Everyone is encouraged to send any concerns to David Conn at dconn@calpoly.edu.
    2.   **Jerry Hanley: Report on modem pool decision:** Hanley, Vice Provost/CIO. A trigger to the final decision to eliminate the modem pool, recommended by the Information Technology Services and endorsed by Cal Poly's Information Resource Management Policy and Planning Committee, is the fact that the number of users dropped below 1000 including students, staff, and faculty. The amount of money that it's costing to support that is $90,000. We are currently in a migration and mitigation pathway for the limited number of current campus users who will be affected. The website www.calpoly.edu/~uss/ summarizes the process that has led to this decision as well as provide a FAQ section and important questions to ask when researching for a provider. Some of the biggest concerns from faculty relate to their ability to perform their job properly, accessing authenticating software from off campus, which company to go with, and which plan to use. Due to the interest on this issue, discussions will continue at the next Academic Senate meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 2004.

IV.   Consent Agenda: None.

V.   Business Item(s):
    A.   **Election of Academic Senate officers: (**Elrod) Since there were no additional nominations from the floor, and Dave Hannings is the only nominee, it was moved to elect Dave Hannings by acclamation. M/S/P to elect Dave Hannings as 2004-2005 Academic Senate Chair. No nominations were received for Vice Chair.

VI.   Discussion Item(s): None.

VII.   Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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Academic Senate