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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, November 16, 2004
UU220, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes of the Academic Senate meeting of October 26, 2004, were approved as presented.
- II. Communications and Announcements: **Curriculum proposals** – process for the approval of curriculum proposals will be the same as the last two cycles. Please notify the Academic Senate Office of any proposals needing further discussion, by November 22, so that they may be pulled from the consent agenda.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) A Social Hour, sponsored by the President's Office, will be held on Thursday, November 18 at the President's house from 4-6pm.
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) The CSU Trustees are meeting in Long Beach this week and will have an update later in the week.
 - C. Provost's Office: (Detweiler) Enrollment continues to be a challenge for Cal Poly since we took an additional 1.85% enrollment on behalf of the CSU system. Cal Poly needs to add 200 transfer students during winter and spring quarters in order to meet the enrollment target, otherwise, the budget may be cut and adjustments will need to be made in 2006. Summer quarter will be build up to 25% of fall quarter because we can't qualify for additional instruction facilities unless we demonstrate that we are using facilities year around. Additionally we don't have enough classrooms or labs to accommodate the projected enrollment growth at Cal Poly without including summer program. There are a number of searches going on including the Athletics' Director, Dean for College of Liberal Arts, Provost, and Dean for the College of Engineering. A major challenge for the University is the difficulty with the inflation and construction cost which have been going up at an alarming rate. Projects under construction include the Student Housing North, which is huge, the Faculty-Staff Housing, the University Union and Recreation Center expansion, a major expansion of the Mustang stadium, Engineering III and IV, renovation of Engineering and Architecture current facilities, and a new science center. Funding and plans are available for the Technology Park. (Ikeda) The new registration process is going well. Currently there are 564 wait lists consisting of 3,000 students but we don't know exactly how many students there are since one student could be on multiple lists. When open enrollment begins, registration will allow for up to 22 units and the issue at that time will be to educate students to drop themselves from the wait-lists.
 - D. Statewide Senators: (Menon) Senator Wes Gonzales was present at the last meeting and his message stated that he is very worried about the compact and whether the Governor is able to meet his obligations. His message to the Senate was that faculty as a body needs to be more militant in order to be heard in Sacramento. The Chancellor and his office staff remain confident that the governor will likely continue his message without new taxes but instead head towards revenue enhancements. There has been a small improvement toward graduation rates and progress to degree but it is not significant. A resolution of commendation on the voter registration efforts by student was moved to a second reading and passed. (Manzar) The Faculty Affairs Committee has been discussing and creating resolution on academic freedom of faculty and students alike. A resolution passed last spring, which provides for academic freedom for faculty and it's supported by AAUP, it's being discussed again and has been presented to the statewide for first reading. The resolution is requesting local discussions on academic freedom on each campus to educate the faculty and student. The biggest difference between last year's resolution and the one being discussed now deals with the issue of hiring criteria for new faculty which should be based exclusively on professional standards only.

- E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) Cal Poly will be the only campus where faculty will teach summer quarter based on full pay based on 12 units not 15 units.
 - F. ASI Representatives: (Mednick) the results of the survey will be available on Thursday, November 18, 2004.
 - G. Other: None.
- IV. Consent Agenda: Curriculum course proposals for the College of Liberal Arts and College of Architecture and Environmental Design were approved as presented.
- V. Business Item(s):
- A. **Resolution on Revision to the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate to Update the Responsibilities for the Research and Professional Development Committee*:** Giberti, chair of the Research and Professional Development Committee, second reading. This resolution updates the responsibilities and charge of the committee by clarifying the language and deleting items that are obsolete. M/S/P to modify the resolution as follows:
 - I. Committee Descriptions
 - 10. b. (2) Make recommendations concerning ~~all~~ policies and procedures for research and professional development activities on campus.M/S/P to approve resolution.
 - B. **Resolution on Revision to the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate to Update the Procedures for the Faculty Dispute Review Committee*:** Rinzler, chair of the Faculty Dispute Review Committee. Second reading. This resolution amends the committee's charge and procedures. M/S/P to approve resolution.
 - C. **Resolution in Support of Affordable Textbooks:** Hannings, Academic Senate Chair. First reading. This resolution supports the CSU in requesting that college textbook publishers keep the cost of producing textbooks low, faculty members informed of options and their cost, and that a copy of the resolution be forward to the Association of American Publishers, Chancellor Reed, and the California Student Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG). After some discussion it was decided to table the resolution until ASI presents their resolution in regards to this issue. M/S/P to table resolution.
 - D. **Resolution on Establishment of an Institute for Policy Research:** Valenty, Political Science Department. First reading. This resolution requests that the Academic Senate endorse the proposal to establish the Institute for Policy Research, which will promote excellence in policy research design and implementation. M/S/F to move resolution to second reading. Resolution will return as a second reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- VI. Discussion Item(s):
- A. **New Registration Procedures:** Due to lack of time this item will be addressed at the next Academic Senate Executive meeting.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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