

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

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, February 15, 2005
UU220, 3:10–5:00 p.m.

Preparatory: The meeting was opened at 3:15 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Executive Committee meetings of January 18 and January 25, 2005 were approved.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): None.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) A replacement for Myron Hood to serve on the Campus Administrative Policies Committee is needed. Starting with spring quarter, Academic Senate meeting will no longer be recorded due to the increase in set-up and recording fees. New procedures for motions and making changes to resolutions will be presented at a future meeting. Social Hour – co hosted by the President's Office and the College of Engineering, will be held Thursday, February 24, 2005 from 4-6 pm at Vista Grande Restaurant.
 - B. President's Office: None.
 - C. Provost Office: (Detweiler) the 2005 Mardi Gras celebration went well with less than half as many student arrests as the previous year. Summer enrollment is important because it allows students to make timely progress towards graduation and it allows Cal Poly to demonstrate to the CSU the need for additional buildings when our current facilities are use to the fullest. As an incentive to students for enrolling in summer quarter, students will pay reduced fees, part-time fees, for up to 8 units. Dalton mentioned that the Faculty Staff Housing project is moving along and groundbreaking is scheduled for spring of 2005. The 69-condo/townhouse style housing project is located on the corner of Highland and Santa Rosa. Eligibility criteria which gives priority to most recent recruits has been created.
 - D. Statewide Senators: (Foroohar) The Statewide Faculty Affairs Committee is working on several issues but it's giving priority to the issue of retirement because Chancellor Reed has not taken a position. A resolution will be presented where Cal Poly strongly opposes the imposition of any changes to the mandatory defined-contribution retirement system and urges Chancellor Reed to take a stand on this issue.
 - E. CFA Campus President: None.
 - F. ASI Representative: (Cowan) ASI is teaming up with Student Life to improve resources available to students regarding off-campus housing on a new web site.
 - G. Other: **Andrew Schaffner, chair of Instruction Committee.** The Academic Senate Committee is on record as having endorsed the calendar proposal number 4 for the 2006-2007 academic years but that was changed at the last minute by the administration due to payroll conflict. After much discussion Schaffner stated that the Instruction Committee needs to have a

clear understanding of the criteria used to select a calendar proposal, that it's difficult for campus scheduling to re-schedule 1-day at a time, and finally, that observing Monday classes on a Friday was never considered. It was M/S/P to have a full Senate discussion of the Monday-holiday change proposal at the next Academic Senate meeting.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Items:

- A. **Academic Senate/universitywide committee vacancies 2004-2006:** The following appointments were approved:
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| <u>Sustainability Committee</u> | |
| James Vilkitis, NRM | College of Agriculture |
| Paul Wack, C & R Planning | College of Architecture & Environmental Design |
| <u>Campus Fee Advisory Committee</u> | |
| James Gentilucci, Grad Studies | |
- B. **Selection of faculty members to the VP/CIO ITS consultative committee:** Hannings. The following six faculty/PCS members were elected: Jon Beckett-Animal Science, Walt Bremer-Landscape Architecture, Ken Griggs-Management, Abe Lynn-Architectural Engineering, Kent Morrison-Mathematics, and Frank Vuotto-Library.
- C. **Curriculum Proposal for Biomedical Engineering Degree:** Elrod, chair Curriculum Committee. The Academic Senate Curriculum Committee is supportive of this proposal with the exception of the high-unit requirement which the Chancellor's Office should approve if a good case is made in favor of the required number of units. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.
- D. **ASI Resolution: Support for Campus Leadership in Textbook Price Reduction:** Cowan, ASI representative. The resolution, which encourages faculty to respond to textbook requisitions in a timely manner, was adopted by the ASI Board of Directors on January 26, 2005. M/S/P agendize a resolution, created by the Academic Senate, that endorses ASI's resolution and urges faculty members to respect the bookstore textbook ordering deadline.
- E. **Resolution on Proposed Retirement Plan Modification:** Foroohar, Statewide Senator. The resolution requests that the Academic Senate of Cal Poly strongly opposed the imposition of any mandatory defined-contribution retirement system and urges the Chancellor of the CSU to oppose any change in the California Public Employees retirement system that would result in lower retirement benefits. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

VI. Discussion Item (s):

- A. **Formation of committee to review use of Dexter Lawn:** Due to lack of time, this discussion item will be addressed at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- B. **Commercial use of Dexter Lawn:** Due to lack of time, this discussion item will be addressed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

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

Submitted by,

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