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MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
Tuesday, October 25, 2005
UU220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes: Approval of minutes for the October 4, 2005 Academic Senate 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: Linda Dalton: report on policy for purchasing Cal Poly housing.
- IV. Consent Agenda:
- V. Business Item(s):
Resolution on Name Change for the College of Agriculture: Wehner, Dean/CAGR,
second reading (pp. 4-6).
- VI. Discussion Item(s):
- VII. Adjournment:

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- I. Minutes: None.
- II. Communications and Announcements: (Hannings) Procedural reminders: If a senator misses two consecutive meetings, they are considered to have resigned. Proxies must be submitted to the Academic Senate staff in writing and must be assigned to someone within the same college. Reports are not discussion items and only brief, relevant questions are allowed at the end of each report. Anybody can bring a resolution forward to the Executive Committee as a business item. The Academic Senate makes recommendations to the President.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) The Biomedical Engineering degree has been approved by the Chancellor's Office and becomes effective immediately. Search committees are being formed for a Dean of the Library, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Development Director. Petitions to serve on these committees are due in the Academic Senate office by Friday, October 21, 2005. Release time previously given back to the Provost Office during budget reduction has been returned to the Academic Senate office. See caucus chair if you are interested in serving on one of the many Academic Senate committees which still have vacancies. The Chancellor's Office is again looking at GE materials and requesting our opinion. These materials have been sent to the chairs of the GE Committee, the Curriculum Committee, and the Instruction Committee for their review and opinion.
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) Several administrative searches took place over the summer including Chief Information Officer - Tim Keams, Dean for the College of Engineering - Mohammad N. Noori, Provost/Vice President for academic affairs - William C. Harris who is the current director general of Science Foundation Ireland. The Centennial Campaign came to an official close with a gathering on campus during conference week. The next phase of campus fundraising is actively being discussed and continues to be a very important issue.
 - C. Provost's Office: (Detweiler) Enrollment is 1.3% over target, which puts us well within the allocated state funding. Approximately 50 tenure-track faculty have been hired this year. In regards to budget and enrollment management: Cal Poly plans to accommodate a 2.5% enrollment growth in 2005-2006 as well as the next four years. Student housing, known as Poly Canyon Village, is well underway and it's anticipated that 2,700 beds will be available by 2009. Student Success remains a high priority giving to increasing the graduation rates and decreasing the time to graduation. Fundraising target for donations is set at \$40 million for this year with each individual college and unit setting their own internal goals. The Student Administration component of CMS PeopleSoft implementation is on target and within budget. A student referendum during winter quarter will ask for the increase of IRA fees for non-athletics activities.
 - D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) The first meeting of the statewide Academic Senate was held on September 15 and 16, 2005 in Long Beach. The statewide Academic Affairs Committee has a lot of pressure from the Chancellor's Office to rush student through graduation and it's

considering alternatives such as lowering the number of required GE units. (Menon) Will be attending a join session of Statewide Academic Senate Chairs and Provosts, as a substitute for Dave Hannings, in San Francisco to address issues such as student success. (Foroohar) At the meeting of the Statewide Faculty Affairs committee several resolutions were passed but the main topic was *CSU/CFA* negotiations which are not going well. Statewide is asking for the opposition to Proposition 76 which gives the governor unilateral power to cut any program once he declares a "fiscal emergency".

- E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) "We got a raise!" The current contract has been extended until January 15, 2006 since a new contract has not been agreed upon. The main negotiation issues for CFA and the CSU include salary step increase, FERP program and faculty work load. CFA is campaigning against two propositions that will come up at the special elections in November. Proposition 76 which gives the governor unilateral power to cut any program once he declares a "fiscal emergency" and Proposition 75 which will require CSEA members who wish to participate in politics to sign a personal political disclosure form every year. Locally, CFA is dealing with workload issues in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design and is prepared to file a chapter wide grievance.
 - F. ASI Representatives: (Middlestadt) ASI student government has specific objectives for the year including the creation of dynamic program and services to provide Cal Poly students with the ultimate college experience. The executive branch and ASI have four main areas of priority for this year including improving campus climate and cultural relations on campus, improving campus sustainability efforts, improving community relations, and supporting student success and leadership opportunities. (Vaccaro) ASI has created the ASI Grant Funding whose purpose is to enhance the quality of campus life by providing financial support for cultural, educational and recreational programming. ASI Grant Funding will support organizations not eligible for IRA funding or ASI Co-Sponsorship funding. \$60,000 will be allocated this quarter and again in the Spring of 2006 for the coming year.
 - G. Other: None.
- IV. Consent Agenda: None.
- V. Business Item(s):
- A. Resolution on Name Change for the College of Agriculture: Dr. Wehner, Dean of the College of Agriculture. This resolution requests that the College of Agriculture change its name to College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences. Resolution will return as a second reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.
 - B. Resolution on Amendment to the *Constitution of the Faculty*: □Hannings, Chair of the Academic Senate. Resolution AS-632-05 "Resolution on Amendment to the Constitution of the Faculty (Representation for the College of Education), adopted April 12, 2005 has created some internal conflicts for the determination of the number of senators a college is entitled to. M/S/P to move resolution to a second reading. M/S/P to approve resolution.
- VI. Discussion Item(s): None.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Submitted by,


Gladys Gregory,
Academic Senate

Adopted:

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
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AS- -05

RESOLUTION ON
NAME CHANGE FOR THE
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

1 RESOLVED: That the College of Agriculture change its name to College of Agriculture, Food,
2 and Environmental Sciences.

Proposed by: College of Agriculture
Date: September 20, 2005

State of California



MEMORANDUM

To: Robert Detweiler
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: September 16, 2005

From: Dave Wehner
Dean of Agriculture

Copies: Warren Baker

Subject: Changing the name of the College of Agriculture

The College of Agriculture offers a broad array of programs from traditional production agriculture such as Animal Science and Dairy Science to Forestry and Natural Resources; Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration; Nutrition; BioResource and Agricultural Engineering; and Wine and Viticulture. Essentially, we have components from each of the other colleges at Cal Poly represented within our program mix. In modern society, the word "agriculture" is typically associated with production of animals or plants for human consumption. The general public is routinely exposed to production agriculture simply by traveling on some of the major highways in the State where they view fields of lettuce, strawberries, and other crops being picked, planted, or irrigated. Because the word "agriculture," by itself, has such a narrow perception, we are requesting permission to change our College name to one which is more inclusive and representative of the diversity of programs that we offer. We also believe that a more inclusive name will help us secure students in the future who are less likely to be coming from traditional agricultural backgrounds.

We developed a strategic vision for the College of Agriculture during the 2003-04 academic year. In one of our vision themes, we set a goal to evaluate the name and structure of the College. In the Spring of 2004, we conducted a survey of the faculty, staff, and students in our College regarding the appropriateness of the name "College of Agriculture" to represent our programs. We received 696 responses from students and 159 responses from faculty and staff. Only 36% of the respondents thought that the name "College of Agriculture" was the most appropriate for our College. A committee was formed to evaluate whether we should change our College name and to develop some possible alternatives. The committee issued their report in January and recommended that the College of Agriculture change its name to the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences.

A national survey of changes occurring in colleges of agriculture was published in 2003 in the *Journal of American Colleges and Universities of Agriculture Journal*. Of the 52 responding colleges that offered agricultural programs, only 14% still used the name "college of agriculture." Most of the responses indicate that colleges of agriculture had expanded their name to include other

areas of emphasis such as life sciences, environmental sciences, and natural resources. (Note that the current College of Agriculture at Cal Poly was named the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources prior to the early 1990s.)

At a March combined advisory councils meeting, we reviewed our rationale for changing our name with the members of the advisory councils and conducted a survey. The results indicated that we had support for changing our name from 72% of those who responded. Two student forums were held, but student attendance was minimal. A presentation at our Agricultural Student Council meeting indicated that students from traditional production did not support a name change. Final consultation with the faculty and staff occurred through an open forum and via department discussions. In June, the department heads, associate deans, and I made the decision to pursue the name change after the department heads reported positive support from the faculty and staff.

We are requesting that the College of Agriculture become the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences. We believe that the word "food" has universal understanding and since our programs cover the gamut from food production through processing and marketing that it is an appropriate addition to our name. We offer environmental science programs in the form of Forestry and Natural Resources, Environmental Protection and Management, Soil Science, and Earth Sciences so that the words "environmental sciences" help explain what we offer. We are committed to our support of agriculture and our rich tradition of service to the industry such that we want to continue with the word "agriculture" as the first part of our name.

Please let me know if you would like further justification of our request to change the name of the College of Agriculture. I would be happy to make a presentation to the Deans Council covering our request.