

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

**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate Executive Committee**  
**Tuesday, October 17, 2006**  
**UU 220, 3:10–5:00 p.m.**

Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting of September 26, 2006, were approved.
- II. Announcements: This month's Social Hour, co-hosted by the President's Office and the College of Education, is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, from 4-6 p.m. in the Veranda Conference Room. The agenda for the next Academic Senate meeting will have the proposed Cal Poly Mission Statement and Learning Objectives as discussion items.
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair (Giberti): The Chair attended the first meeting of the Access to Excellence steering committee. Access to Excellence is a statewide strategic planning effort to develop a successor plan to the *Cornerstones* initiative developed in the late 1990s. The focus of the meeting was to develop discussion domains and to formulate questions for campus conversations scheduled to begin in November. The Academic Senate is the likely place for such a discussion but will also include K-12 educators, members of advisory committees, staff, and administration. Background material is available online at:  
[http://www.calstate.edu/system\\_strategic\\_planning/resources.shtml](http://www.calstate.edu/system_strategic_planning/resources.shtml).  
  
Included at the above site is *A Test of Leadership: Charting the Future of U.S. Higher Education*, a report from the commission appointed by Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, and *The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education*, a national report card on higher education.
  - B. President's Office: none.
  - C. Provost: none.
  - D. Statewide Senate: none.
  - E. CFA Campus President (Saenz): contract mediation will start on November 9, 2006.
  - F. ASI Representative: none.
  - G. Other: none.
- IV. Consent Agenda: none.
- V. Business Items:
  - A. **Vacancies on Senate and University committees:** The following appointments were made:  
College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences  
Intellectual Property Review Committee Julie Evans, Agribusiness  
College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Faculty Affairs Committee  
College of Science and Mathematics  
Fairness Board

Graham Archer, Arch Engr

John Walker, Statistics

- B. **Resolution on Revision of Cal Poly Mission Statement** (Conn, Vice Provost for Academic Programs; Durgin, Provost; Giberti, Academic Senate Chair; and Opava, Dean for Research & Graduate Studies): The current Mission Statement dates back to 1994 when the *Cal Poly Strategic Plan* was adopted. The proposed Mission Statement (below) is the result of extensive consultation including an Academic Senate retreat. After the retreat, an authoring committee comprised of David Conn, Bill Durgin, Bruno Giberti, and Susan Opava prepared a final draft of the proposed Mission Statement. Members of the Executive Committee suggested the following changes:

Cal Poly fosters teaching, scholarship, and service in a learn-by-doing environment ~~where through close students and faculty collaboration, work closely together.~~ As a polytechnic university, Cal Poly emphasizes the application of theory to practice. As a comprehensive institution, Cal Poly provides a balanced education in the arts, sciences, and technology while encouraging cross-disciplinary and co-curricular experiences. As a community of life-long learners, Cal Poly values academic freedom in teaching, research, and discussion ~~free inquiry~~, cultural and intellectual diversity, mutual respect, civic engagement and social and environmental responsibility.

After much discussion, the following motion was approved: Send the Mission Statement to the Academic Senate as a discussion item. Send comments from the Academic Senate to the authoring committee. The Academic Senate will consider the final document in the form of a report that can be recommended to the President for approval.

- C. **Resolution on Revision of Cal Poly Learning Objectives** (Conn, Durgin, Giberti, and Opava) The following motion was approved: Send Learning Objectives to the Academic Senate as a discussion item. Send comments from the Academic Senate to the authoring committee. The Academic Senate will consider the final document in the form of a report that can be recommended to the President for approval.

VI. Discussion Items:

- A. **Academic Senate representative to the ASI Board of Directors:** A faculty member is still needed to represent the Academic Senate on the ASI Board of Directors.
- B. **2006-2007 charges to Academic Senate committees:** Due to lack of time, this item will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- C. **Communication: how should senators report to their department/colleges:** Due to lack of time, this item will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

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

Submitted by,

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