

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

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, May 13, 2008
01-409, 3:10–5:00 p.m.

- I. Minutes: none.
- II. Communications and Announcements: Giberti announced that the continuation of the faculty social hours will be discussed, and other alternatives will be considered.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
 - B. President's Office: Howard-Greene announced that the CSU Board of Trustees is considering a 10% fee increase of academic fees for next year. About 1/3 of the revenues generated by the fee increase will be set aside for financial aid. In addition, Howard-Greene announced that President Baker has been appointed to the board of governors for the United States-Mexico Foundation for Science (FUMEC). FUMEC is a bi-national, non-governmental body, which promotes and supports scientific and technological collaboration between both countries.
 - C. Provost: Durgin reported that all but three of the 200 students in the incoming mechanical engineering class, are already qualified to go directly into calculus in the fall. In addition, Cal Poly is continuing with the hiring of all tenure track faculty and staff associated with generation of external funds. All other positions require prior approval.
 - D. Statewide Senate: Foroohar reported the approval of 13 resolutions at the last plenary meeting in Long Beach, which included resolutions on shared governance, Access to Excellence, FERP policies, the support of a system wide virtual library, and support of the troops.
 - E. CFA Campus President: Saenz announced that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the language of the oath, which all new hires must sign, does not compel people to "bear arms." The Chancellor's Office is preparing an information sheet on the oath that explains this.
 - F. ASI Representative: Souza reported the results from the first round of elections are in and Angela Kramer is selected ASI president for 2008-2009.
 - G. Caucus Chairs: none.
 - H. Other: none.
- III. Consent Agenda: none.
- IV. Business Items:
 - A. CAED caucus chair for 2008-2009 (Giberti): Stephen Phillips will continue as caucus chair.
 - B. Resolution on Changes to the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate*: Section VIII.1.4.a&b, changes made to the membership and responsibility of the Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee (Executive Committee): M/S/P to approve the following wording:

VIII.I.4. a. Membership
~~The Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee shall include up to seven General Faculty members when possible, one from each college. The faculty members should be former recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Award. If no prior Distinguished Teaching Award recipients from a particular college are available and willing to serve, the Executive Committee in consultation with the Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee chair may appoint a faculty members from that college who has a clear and compelling record of sustained, outstanding instructional performance distinguished teaching. Ex officio members shall be two ASI representatives. The ASI representatives will have at least junior standing and will have completed at least three consecutive quarters and 36 quarter units at Cal Poly with at least a 3.0 grade point average.~~

b. Responsibilities
The Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee shall conduct the selection process and judge potential candidates for the Distinguished Teaching Award in accordance with the special rules and procedures developed by the Teaching Awards Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. Final recommendations regarding the Distinguished Teaching Award recipients will be submitted ~~directly~~ to the President through the Academic Senate Chair.

- C. Agendize bylaw changes under Consent Agenda and Business Items (Giberti): After some discussion, it was decided to place all bylaw changes under the Business Items of the next Academic Senate agenda.
- D. Resolution on Revision to Fairness Board Description and Procedures (Fairness Board): Burd presented the resolution, which revises the description and procedures for the Fairness Board. The resolution was agendized.
- E. Resolution on Revisions to Campus Administrative Manual Section 684: Academic Dishonesty – Cheating and Plagiarism (Fairness Board): Burd presented this resolution, which revises and updates CAM 684 to indicate that the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) now conducts the appeal process for students accused of cheating and plagiarism. The resolution was agendized.

V. Discussion Items:

- A. Discussion of Research Committee and Sustainability Committee: Giberti suggested that further review and discussion be conducted prior to selecting committee chairs and assignment of release time to the Research and Professional Development Committee and the Sustainability Committee.
- B. Effective shared governance: Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed.

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

Submitted by,

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Academic Senate