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MINUTES OF
The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
Tuesday, January 6, 2009
01-409, 3:10 to 5:00 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the November 25, 2008 meeting were approved.
- II. Communications and Announcements: none.
- III. Regular Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: Soares requested that due to the length of reports and in the interest of efficiency and executing the agenda, questions following the reports should pertain to the content of the report. Questions of a more general nature will be entertained, if time permits, at the end of the agenda business.
 - B. President's Office: Howard-Greene announced that Greek activities are separate from the University but legally, there are some connections.
 - C. Provost: Koob announced that all college deans have agreed to follow the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, in educating all faculty and staff on civil behavior on campus.
 - D. Statewide Senate: Foroohar reported that the statewide Academic Senate meeting was cancelled due to budget crisis. LoCascio reported that the Academic Affairs committee spent the majority of its time on the following resolutions: (1) Quality Assurance in On-Line/Distance Learning/Technology Mediated Course Offerings resolution: the essence of this resolution is that the course instructor is responsible for the quality of their on line courses. (2) Acknowledgement of Faculty Involvement in the Access to Excellence Accountability Plan: the faculty wants to inform the Chancellor's office that the faculty must drive the accountability of the CSU. (3) Support of the *Give Students a Compass Project* resolution: this is a nation wide effort to help minority students succeed in college.
 - E. CFA Campus President: Saenz announced that The CFA has signed onto an initiative to fund higher education as part of the Economic stimulus package. See more at <http://www.calfac.org/newdeal.html>
 - F. ASI Representative: Kramer announced that Cal Poly may be joining the Cal State Student Association (CSAA) if a proposal for restructuring of the organization is approved.
 - G. Caucus Chairs: none.
 - H. Other: Erling Smith – Vice Provost Smith summarized and outlined the strategic planning activity to date, presented the proposed strategic goals, and outlined the process and time-line for campus dialog. A draft copy of the strategic plan is available at http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/presentations/strategic_plan_010609.ppt

IV. Consent Agenda: none.

V. Business Item(s):

- A. Academic Senate and University committee vacancies: The following were approved: Jeanine Scaramozzino as the PCS representative to the Grants Review Committee.
- B. Approval of Instruction Committee recommendations on Academic Calendar 2010-2011 (Instruction Committee): Phillips recommended the approval of proposal #1 for Winter Term 2011. M/S/P to accept the recommendation.
- C. Resolution on Academic Calendar Religious Holiday Observance (Instruction Committee): Phillips presented this resolution, which repeals resolution AS-511-98/IC and recommends that beginning fall quarter 2010, Cal Poly avoids scheduling the first day of classes in conflict with major religious or cultural holidays as stated in the Academic Calendar Guidelines. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.
- D. Resolution on U.S. Cultural Pluralism (USCP) Criteria (Curriculum Committee): Hannings presented this resolution, which request that the Academic Senate adopt the “Criteria for United States Cultural Pluralism (USCP) Courses” as a replacement for the current criteria, effective immediately. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.
- E. Approval of internal reviewers for CAFES and CLA program reviews: the following were approved: CAFES - Walt Bremer, Natural Resources Management. CLA – Lynn Metcalf, Journalism.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

Agenda reports: Soares requested that when possible, reporting members should provide the Academic Senate Office with a couple of bullet points capturing the essence of their report.

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

Submitted by

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