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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, January 20, 2009
UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes of December 2, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.
- II. Communications and Announcements: President Baker has approved the following resolutions: [AS-674-08](#) - Resolution on Proposed New Degree Program for Master of Arts in Biological Sciences and [AS-675-08](#) - Resolution on New Degree Programs for Social Sciences.
- III. Regular Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
 - B. President's Office: none.
 - C. Provost: Koob reported 1) the most important report is the special report on the current status of the Strategic Planning process. 2) Administrative realignment. Unless a compelling case can be made to the contrary, the Liberal Studies Program will be combined with the current College of Education to form a School of Education as a unit of the College of Science and Mathematics effective July 1, 2009. The announcement is made now to allow time to work out the details for a smooth transition. The Deans of the three units directly impacted by this change have endorsed the organizational realignment.
 - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: none.
 - E. Statewide Senate: none.
 - F. CFA Campus President: Saenz announced that there is nothing new regarding bargaining negotiations.
 - G. ASI Representative: Kramer announced that the blueprint for the new rec center will be presented to the Chancellor's Office next week.

Special Reports:

- A. Erling Smith – Vice Provost Smith summarized and outlined the current status of the strategic plan, 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_draft_20of_011209.pdf
- IV. Consent Agenda: none.
 - V. Business Item(s):

- A. 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. Resolution will return as a second reading item.
- B. 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. Resolution will return as a second reading item.
- C. Resolution on Modification to *Bylaws of the Academic Senate*: (Section VII.B: Functions of the Executive Committee): Due to the lack of time, this resolution was not discussed but will return as a second reading item.

VI. Discussion Item(s): none.

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

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