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ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate Faculty Forum
Wednesday, July 22 2009
UU 220, 1:30 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes: none.
- II. Communications and Announcements: none.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
 - B. President's Office: none.
 - C. Provost's Office: none
 - D. Statewide Senators: none.
 - E. CFA Campus President: none
 - F. ASI: none.
 - G. Caucus Chairs: none.
 - H. Other: none.
- IV. Consent Agenda: none.
- V. Business Item:
- VI. Discussion Items: **current budget situation**

(Provost Koob) Each college has a plan to meet if college-based fees (CBFs) are not passed. The cuts made to the CSUs are now permanent, but the furloughs are not. Next year, the amount saved by furloughs will be met by a 9.5% reduction in enrollment.

(Question) I have a concern about the implementation of the 10% workload reduction. If it's done improperly it will jeopardize the quality of our classes and lower the reputation of our education. Wouldn't it be better for faculty to teach fewer WTUs to maintain the quality of teaching? (Koob) The problem is we don't yet know what the rules will be. We can't set rules until an agreement has been reached. I trust faculty to make the right decisions.

(Question) Are there two levels of layoff/budget cuts? (Koob) There could be additional department layoffs to meet reductions. (Question) Is it true that every MPP employee in the system will also be subject to furlough? (Koob) The chief of police is exempt.

(Question) The Chancellor's budget is based on fee generation. Lower enrollments will create a downward spiral. We are always told to do more with less. When do we start doing less with less so the public becomes aware of the problem? (Koob) The number of SEUs is our choice. What has been reduced is resident students. The reduction can be replaced by other ways of rebuilding the student body. We have too many students—some CSU campuses have a faculty/student ratio of over 24.

(Question) How could both Cal Poly and the CSU restructure? Are there any thoughts for ASI to share some of the burden such as athletics. Can we still afford Division I athletics? (Koob) Larry Kelley put together a list of possible restructures but all were rejected at the CSU level. We had no opportunity to restructure. We have been forbidden to shift responsibilities.

(Question) Some courses could be taught more effectively. Our physical model is a problem. Is there a plan to change this and can we afford it? (Koob) We are told that we have to follow a model. We do have a list of rooms that could be remodeled; however, remodeling to auditorium-style rooms cannot be done quickly. So far we have not received a request for changes so we have to assume that most requests have been accommodated.

(Question) How will a 10% cut in enrollment be implemented? (Koob) The intention is to reduce the incoming class by a small amount and take half as many transfer students. We also plan to move summer session to Continuing Education. There is a lack of clarity as to what faculty salaries will be for teaching summer session courses. Fees will go up for students taking courses during summer session. There is the expectation that we will graduate a larger number of super seniors. We have the right to graduate a student against their will. We presume we can graduate 500 of 1500 super seniors. We'll enroll students in those courses they must take in order to graduate. We're also recommending that academic probation be more tightly enforced. Another plan is to move graduate students to Continuing Education.

(Question) Is there any consideration to eliminate areas of study or colleges? (Koob) No, program elimination is not being considered. (Question) Is there any consideration to eliminate senior project? (Koob) Yes, this is up to the deans.

VII. Adjournment: 5:00pm

Submitted by,

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