

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

MINUTES OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 12 2010
01-409, 3:10 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes: None.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): None.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Fernflores) The search committee for the VP/University Advancement is presently being formed. The Executive Committee has been invited to a presentation on communication strategies ("branding") for Cal Poly on Monday October 25 12-1:30pm. Caucus chairs were asked to send a designee if unable to attend.
 - B. President's Office: None.
 - C. Provost: (Koob) The budget news is good. \$106m was received in one-time restoration funds; however, there is an expectation by the Chancellor's Office that the money will be used to increase admissions. As a campus, we must decide if this is in our best interests. How do we preserve our quality and programs with this push to admit more students? The review of the Strategic Plan and Key Performing Indicators will be a basis for our decisions.
 - D. Statewide Senate: (LoCascio) The statewide Academic Affairs Committee has been asked to look at the number of out of state students currently enrolled throughout the CSU.
 - E. CFA Campus President: None.
 - F. ASI Representative: (Storelli) ASI has now registered 1625 students to vote, 1700 is the goal. Sarah Storelli will be attending the student association meeting in Sonoma next weekend.
 - G. Caucus Chairs: None.
 - H. Other: None.
- IV. Consent Agenda: none.
- V. Business Item(s):
 - A. **Academic Senate and University committee vacancies for 2010-2012:** No names were received.
 - B. **Resolution on Initiatives in Conflict with Cal Poly Mission Statement:** The Chair provided background to the resolution. Several suggestions were made to clarify the intent and scope of the resolution. The revised resolution will be emailed to the Executive Committee before being sent to the Senate. M/S/P to agendize.

- C. **Resolution on Academic Senate Fairness Board Description and Procedures:** This document was approved earlier by the Senate. It is being returned to the Senate because minor changes were made to the document after approval, and at the time of approval, the procedural flowchart was not conformed to the language in the document. M/S/P to agendize.
- D. **Resolution on Cheating and Plagiarism Policy:** The Cheating and Plagiarism Policy was previously approved by the Senate, but legal changes were made after approval. Rein asked that a markup copy of the changes be included with the resolution when it comes before the Senate. M/S/P to agendize.
- VI. Discussion Item(s):
- A. **Sustainability project:** This project has received \$400,000 in grant monies to take 100 students from the university and work on issues of sustainability in a problem-based learning environment for one year. Without further details as to how the experiment will work, it appears to represent a substantial change in mode of instruction and has not undergone the campus process of curriculum approval. The organizers of the project would like to start registering students in spring 2011; however, the curriculum approval process cannot be completed before 2012 at the earliest. It was agreed that the new mode of instruction for the proposed courses needs to go through the curriculum process. The Chair will send a letter to those involved in the project notifying them of same.
- B. **Cal Poly home page:** A concern was made to the Senate office that the Cal Poly home page does not have a link to the Academic Senate website. The Chair consulted with several faculty members on this matter and most did not have a strong opinion whether the Senate should have a link or not. Those consulted did think that decisions regarding the Cal Poly home page should have faculty input. Chip Visci, Associate Vice President for Strategic Communications, has invited the Senate to appoint a representative to his consultation committee for the Cal Poly home page. It was agreed that the following four individuals—Ken Brown, Lewis Call, Steve Rein, and Phil Nico—will get together and choose a representative.
- VII. Adjournment: 5:00pm

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