

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

MINUTES OF
THE ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 4, 2000
UU 220, 3 – 5pm

Preparatory: the meeting was opened at 3:15pm.

- I. Minutes: Minutes of the Academic Senate Executive Committee meetings for September 21, October 19, and November 2, 1999 were approved without change.
- II. Communications and Announcements:
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) Construction of the PAC parking structure has been delayed until completion of earthquake retrofitting to its support columns. Completion of the parking structure is expected in April or May 2000.
 - C. Provost's Office: (Zingg) The issue of impaction has developed in connection with CSU's admissions policy: should CSU campuses be required to accept local residents applying for entrance before considering out of area applicants? If a mandate were made to admit all local residents who apply to Cal Poly before considering other applicants, this would dramatically change the makeup of Cal Poly. It's felt Cal Poly will not be subject to this change, however, due to its polytechnic mission and the programs unique to a polytechnic campus.
 - D. Statewide Senators: none.
 - E. CFA Campus President: (1) The FMI process went relatively smoothly at Cal Poly compared to other campuses. Only 10 appeals were submitted from Cal Poly while 81 appeals were submitted from another campus. (2) Notice of the Fair Share legislation will be mailed to all faculty within the next two weeks. No legal challenge to this ruling has been made to CFA.
 - F. ASI Representatives: (DeFerrari) ASI received the Most Humorous Award for its entry "Stolen Time" in this year's Rose Parade.
 - G. Other: none.
- IV. Consent Agenda:
- V. Business Items:
 - A. **Academic Senate committee vacancies:**

Curriculum Committee:	William Benedict (CAED)
Faculty Ethics Committee:	Lezlie Labhard (CBUS)
Faculty Affairs Committee:	Jim Beug (CENG)
 - B. **Resolution on Reform of Curriculum and Catalog Renewal Process:** Vice Provost Conn will be forming an ad hoc committee to review the issues of this resolution. Vice Provost Conn and Senate Chair Hood will co-chair the committee. A member of the Curriculum Committee will also serve on the ad hoc committee. Members to the committee will be appointed by Hood. The resolution will be forwarded to the ad hoc committee. M/S/P to establish an ad hoc committee to

investigate reform of the curriculum and catalog renewal process. Chair Hood will compile the membership list and bring it before the Executive Committee. (Kersten) Preparing the charge and due dates should also be brought back to the Executive Committee. (Jacobson) The committee probably should include someone from the Evaluations Office.


- C. **Resolution on Voting Status for Student Representatives to the Academic Senate:** (Hood) Recommended sending this resolution to the Faculty Affairs Committee since it requires a change in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Academic Senate. (DeFerrari) Asked that the resolution be agendized at this time since much research has already been done and further recommendations are not likely. M/S/P to agendize the resolution for the January 18 meeting. A copy of the resolution will be sent to the chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee for comment.
- D. **Resolution in Support of a Sustainable Materials Budget for the Kennedy Library to Reverse Long-term Erosion of College Collections:** The Chair commended the Library Committee for its thoroughness and documentation supporting the resolution. Suggestions were made to shorten the number of Whereas clauses in the resolution, to state more clearly what is being asked for, and to reword chart titles to more accurately reflect the information contained in them. M/S/P to agendize the resolution for the January 18 Senate meeting.
- E. **Resolution on Mandating Community Service (in response to Governor Davis' proposal to make community service a graduation requirement for all students):** This resolution encourages opportunities for student service but opposes a mandate for same. (Hannings) The committee might want to add wording to the resolution saying in a small community this would overwhelm community resources. (Hood) It also puts a roadblock in the path of increased graduation rates. M/S/P to agendize the resolution for the January 18 Senate meeting.
- F. **Resolution on Change in Institutional Grading Policy to Address Unofficial Student Withdrawals:** (Hood) Explained when students withdraw from the University they have to pay back any federal financial aid. Unauthorized withdrawals put the burden of pay on the University not the student. A redefining of the U grade will allow Financial Aid to identify students who have unofficially withdrawn. M/S/P to agendize the resolution for the January 18 Senate meeting.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

"Author Appreciation Day": The library has been setting aside one day a month to honor Cal Poly authors and scholarly, creative work. The library would like to give this more attention but it has become larger than the Author Appreciation Day Committee can handle. The Academic Senate has been asked to assist in the publicizing and program setup. The request will be referred to the Faculty Affairs Committee for its recommendations.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.

Submitted by:


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