

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

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, November 24, 1998
UU220, 3:00-5:00pm

Preparatory: the meeting was opened at 3:10pm.

I. Minutes: none.

II. Communications and Announcements:

An additional Senate meeting will be scheduled for December 1 to complete unfinished items from today's agenda.

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair:

B. President's Office: President Baker spoke with the Senate regarding three main areas of concern:

- (1) The 1999-2000 budget: The 1999-2000 budget is requesting an 11.6 percent increase. In addition, \$5 million dollars has been assigned to agricultural research and \$10 million has been earmarked for the library. Seven percent of the total budget will be used for improving Cal Poly's technologic infrastructure over the next four years. The recent economic slowdown has signaled a general tax reduction that may cause a \$2 - \$3 billion state deficit over the next two years.
- (2) Master Plan revision: A complete revision of the Master Plan has not been done since 1962. The University has a three year plan to complete this revision which will consider the impact of enrollment increases. President Baker and Linda Dalton have met with representatives from the community, the City Council, and Chamber of Commerce to exchange information so everyone remains informed. Fundamentally, the most critical issue is enrollment growth.
- (3) Cal Poly Master Plan: \$1.5 million from the Cal Poly Plan is to be earmarked for faculty positions. Chancellor Reed has recognized that the cost of programs offered by Cal Poly are more costly than those of other CSU campuses. Cal Poly will have a tuition fee increase over the next two to three years.

Other comments made by President Baker included his support for the Academic Senate resolution on the Cornerstones Implementation Plan. He felt it was well drafted and addressed the issues. The point that needs to be made is that what works at Cal Poly may not necessarily work on other campuses.

C. Provost's Office:

D. Statewide Senators:

E. CFA Campus President:

F. ASI Representative:

G. Other:

IV. Consent Agenda:

Resolution in Support of an Undiminished Allocation of the One-time Supplemental Library Funding by the State Apportioned to Cal Poly in this and in Future years: M/S/P by consent.

V. Business Items

- A. **Curriculum proposals:** second reading. Tabled to the next Academic Senate meeting.
- B. **Resolution on 1997/98 Program Review and Improvement Committee Report of Findings and Recommendations:** second reading. Tabled to the next Academic Senate meeting.
- C. **Resolution on Cal Poly's Implementation of Cornerstones Objectives:** first reading. Each campus is implementing Cornerstones its own way. M/S/P to move the resolution to second reading. The resolution was M/S/P.
- D. **Resolution on the Academic Calendar: Resolving Conflicts with Religious Holidays:** first reading. Due to printing deadlines for the Schedule of Classes, a motion was M/S/P (unanimously) to move the resolution to second reading. During the years 1999, 2009, and 2028, the first day of classes will fall on a Jewish holiday. The resolution attempts to accommodate these holidays with the least amount of disruption. The changes recommended in the resolution require paper adjustments only. The resolution was M/S/P.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Submitted by:


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