

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

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, March 2, 1999
UU220, 3-5pm

Preparatory: the meeting opened at 3:13pm.

- I. Minutes: none.
- II. Communications and Announcements: Sheldon Hackney, former chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities and president emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania will speak at a symposium Friday, March 5th, 3-4:30pm. Hackney will be speaking on communication within the university. A reception will follow in the UU Galerie.
- III. Reports:
- A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
- B. President's Office: President Baker reported on the Governor's Budget which is likely to have "substantially more" money for higher education in the May rewrite. In particular, there is \$48 million in compensation augmentation for a 4 percent across the board increase for all CSU employees and an additional 2 percent increase for faculty.
- Enrollment has been fully funded, but the technology initiative still needs more money for staffing of services and support to campus constituents. There is also funding for outreach, with the focus on solving the CSU's remediation problems by working more closely with the K-12 system to more fully prepare students for college. Funding for this might come from Proposition 98 funds.
- There is optimism that the May revise will close the gap between the Governor and Trustees' budgets. The legislative analyst reports \$750 million more in revenue than was in the Governor's original budget.
- President Baker also indicated there is some bipartisan legislative support for a differential funding of high cost programs in the CSU. This was discussed at length with Senator O'Connell and Chancellor Reed.
- C. Provost's Office: Provost Zingg addressed the growing problem of faculty moving their finals to earlier times than those for which they are scheduled (i.e., the last week of classes). This practice, which is in violation of CAM policy, has increased exponentially since the new finals schedule was introduced. The college deans will be enforcing the policy by prohibiting this practice more vigorously except in pre-approved cases. Faculty will be reminded of the time frame in which finals can be scheduled, exam schedules will be monitored, and where abuses exist they will be addressed informally then formally if needed.
- D. Statewide Senators: none.

- E. CFA Campus President: The Tentative Agreement was defeated 57 to 43 percent. There was a 56 percent turnout statewide and 70 percent of Cal Poly's faculty who are CFA members voted. The contract has been extended to the March 17 Board of Trustees meeting. The Chancellor and CFA will continue trying to reach a tentative agreement. If no agreement is reached, the Trustees could impose the CSU's "last best offer."
- F. ASI Representative: none.
- G. Other: none.

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Items:

- A. **Resolution on Cornerstones and the Contract:** first reading. Statewide senator, Gooden, brought this resolution to the floor of the Senate. The resolution supports the statewide Academic Senate resolution to postpone any action on the Cornerstones Implementation Plan until a new contract has been negotiated between the CSU and CFA.

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of The California State University take no additional action on Cornerstones or its implementation until a new contract between The California State University and the California Faculty Association is approved.

The resolution was moved to a second reading. M/S/P (21-10) to approve the resolution.

- B. **Curriculum proposal for MU 221:** second reading. M/S/P to accept the Curriculum Committee's approval of MU 221.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

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

Submitted by:



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