

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC⁵ STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF THE
Academic Senate
Tuesday, December 2, 1997
UU220, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Preparatory: The meeting was opened at 3:10 p.m.

- I. Minutes: none
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
 - A. All electronic mail is being sent to your OpenMail account. If you do not have an OpenMail account, mail will be directed to your UNIX account. However, if you have a UNIX account and an OpenMail account, Academic Senate communications will automatically be sent to your OpenMail account.
 - B. The Academic Senate is now on the World Wide Web. Information regarding meetings, agenda, minutes, etc. can be viewed at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen>.
- III. Reports:

(Reports to the Academic Senate should be limited to 2-5 minutes. If a report is expected to exceed 5 minutes, please prepare the information in written form for distribution instead.)

 - A. Academic Senate Chair: Morrobel-Sosa reminded group that ADA quiz from William Bailey's office is due this Friday.
 - B. President's Office: no report
 - C. Provost's Office: no report
 - D. Statewide Senators: no report
 - E. CFA Campus President: Zetzsche reported that the 4-unit course packaging is creating a hardship on part-time faculty. Please contact Zetzsche if you know of any specific instances.
 - F. Staff Council representative: no report
 - G. ASI representative: no report
 - H. Other:
 1. CETI: Keetch gave an overview of CETI. \$300-400 million will be spent over 5 years. Hanley distributed and discussed a revised timeline, focusing on notable changes. Focus groups will be held on December 10. More information is available on the website. Concern was raised that there would be limited options once the platform is selected.
 2. Academic Records Office: Zuur introduced Marcia Friedman and Marlene Cartter, and explained what areas each are responsible for. Zuur conveyed how the Records Office is working to implement the resolutions passed by the Academic Senate. For example, degree audits have been automated to take much less time than in the past. Cr/NC needs clarification on the approval process and how it can be implemented electronically. Zuur asked that an Academic Senate committee be established or identified to assist the Records Office in the implementation of resolutions.
 3. Women's Programs and Services: Pat Harris reported on the "Take Back the Night" vandalism incidents. Several years ago, a student group organized "Take Back the Night" to raise awareness about violent acts on campus. After the vandalism, NOW and Panhellenic worked together to create red felt handprints which people could wear to show their support of the efforts of the groups trying

to raise awareness of violence on campus. Harris felt that there truly was a strong show of support by the number of felt handprints that were distributed.

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on Final Exam:** Freberg gave introduction and explained choices that were reviewed. Gooden questioned why common final to be given the Saturday before finals week instead of after finals week. Bingham expressed frustration at 3-hour finals, indicating that she felt that the minority of faculty actually needing 3 hours for a final exam were controlling the faculty who needed less. LoCascio reported that ME has a problem with common finals being held the day after the last day of classes. John Harris asked for any substantive comments in support of 3-hour finals. Freberg deferred to Lewis and others with strong feelings on the matter. Lewis explained how essay questions take more time than "economized" testing of the scantron test. Amy Luther (ASI CENG representative) requested that the Senate carefully review the idea of revising the finals schedule and using 3-hour finals. She indicated that student views should be carefully considered now. Keesey expressed frustration that student attendance at the Curriculum Committee meetings both last year and this year have been extremely poor, which makes it difficult to consider student concerns now. Hood relayed instances of finals abuse. M/S/F (Martinez/Swartz) to move resolution to second reading. Gooden questioned urgency of matter. Kersten moved the agenda.
- B. **Resolution on the Search Process and Qualifications for the New CSU Chancellor:** M/S/P (Martinez/Kersten) to table resolution.
- C. **Resolution on Future Cal Poly Budgets:** Hood introduced resolution. M/S/P (Cummings/Labhard) to move resolution to second reading. Lewis called question. M/S/P w/1 abstention. M/S/P on main resolution.
- D. **Resolution on Faculty Governance of Mode of Instruction:** Freberg gave introduction. The intent of the resolution is not to police faculty or hamper innovation. The intent is to have an accurate report of how classes are currently being taught.
- E. **Resolution on CSU Presidents' Pay Raises:** Lewis gave introduction. Hood elaborated on report on lag in executive salaries versus lag in faculty salaries. Hood felt that there should be something in the resolution addressing the lack of faculty salary increases. Ron Brown indicated that the issue is not that executives are getting increases; it is a concern about the lack of increases to faculty.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Adjournment: M/S/P (Johnston/Labhard) to adjourn at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by:



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