

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California 93407

Minutes of the **ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

January 31, 1995
UU 220 3:10-5:00pm

Preparatory: The meeting opened at 3:12 pm.

Members present: Archibeque, Brown, Carnegie, Dana, Dubbink, Gooden, Lutrin, Wilson

I. Minutes: none

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair:

- B. President's Office: President Baker updated the Executive Committee on the status of the Governor's Plan for the CSU budget and its implications. There will be \$77.5 million increase of funds (general fund increase, net fee revenue from a 10 percent increase in student fees and fee differential revenue). However this includes some mandatory expenditures and almost \$4 million will be for "special initiatives."

In terms of budget planning issues for higher education, there have been basically two goals cited by the Governor: (1.) decrease the time it takes for students to get their degrees, and (2.) use new technology to increase efficiency and program quality.

There are a significant number of system-wide endeavors which are looking for funds. A key issue is how enrollment will be tied to the budget. Many of the elements of the orange book still make sense. Two models have been developed: mode analysis only and level analysis only. If both mode and level are used Cal Poly would get back to where it was. Baker noted that a flat allocation for FTE for all campuses probably will be the way the system will go.

The new CSU budget planning approach will allow much greater flexibility with campus funds including those in the Dorm Revenue Fund and in extended education programs. What has not been settled is the way the budget will be allocated when it comes from the Chancellor's office.

The Governor's plan proposes a four-year funding compact with the CSU to provide some budget stability. It also includes setting aside one-third of the student fee raise for financial aid.

President Baker also discussed increased enrollment for Cal Poly. He thinks that the market for hiring faculty will be quite good and that this might be a good reason for Cal Poly to increase enrollment. He noted that if the University grows, there would be more funds for professional growth. Additionally, the Governor would like to see a campus provide a year-round program along the lines of the Dartmouth Program which requires students to enroll in one summer quarter out of 12 quarters. A related idea is to let students from other CSU campuses come to Cal Poly for summer only. It has been agreed in principle that the Chancellor would like to see Cal Poly grow and utilize summer quarter more effectively. It is agreed that Cal Poly might be able to provide incentives to the campus to do that.

C. Statewide Senate:

D. ASI: (Archibeque) The ASI has distributed the forms for students to use in evaluating classes. Twelve professors have agreed to participate in the evaluation program on a voluntary basis. The Board of Trustees has sent the issue of remedial courses to a subcommittee.

E. GE&B: (Culver) At the beginning of spring quarter, the GE&B Committee will present two different models for GE&B to the Senate. While the exact mix has not yet been determined, it is

likely that the following features will be found in one or both of the models. One will assume a higher units for classes (4 and 5 units) which will also result in the GE&B program consisting of 17 or 18 classes. One will have a capstone. In one the changes will be incremental, while the other might be very different. Executive Order 595 gives more autonomy to local campuses. The possibility of connections with an Honors Program proposal are viewed positively by the GE&B Committee.

IV. Consent agenda: no items

V. Business:

- A. Appointment to committee vacancies: no names brought forward
- B. Selection of PCS representative and Academic Senate representative to the Task Force on Global Awareness. Barbara Andre was approved by consensus as PCS representative.
MSPU that Joe Weatherby be appointed as Academic Senate representative to the Task Force.
- C. Appointment to the Enrollment Management and Implementation Committee.
MSPU that Dennis Nullman be appointed to serve as replacement for Tom Oneill on the EMIC.
- D. "Resolution on Proposal for a University Honors Program"—MSP to agendize this resolution.
The author is to be asked to consider a number of issues including budget implications before the resolution comes to the floor at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- E. "Resolution on Interim Policy for Change of Grades." The Instruction Committee has been asked to come up with a permanent policy by the end of the year. MSPU to agendize this resolution.
- F. "Resolution on Promoting Curricular Review." The Senate Chair expressed his viewpoint that curriculum revision will be severely hampered unless departments have some written form of commitment from the administration to protect departments from loss of resources that result from curriculum change for a period of at least three to five years.

Vice President Koob shared his goals for review of the curriculum as they relate to students and to faculty. For students, he wants to see access to an easily articulated curriculum in the sense that what the university is trying to achieve is broadly understood to the public as well as students; that the curricular path is clear and straight forward; and that courses are available when they are needed.

For faculty, he would like to see the number of preparations and the actual teaching load reduced. Also desirable is a reduction in the feeling of isolation among faculty by ensuring that they understand how what they do helps students reach goals. He supports the idea that in return for well thought out plans departments will not be punished through losses. He would like an opportunity to talk about these goals with the full Senate. He agreed to prepare a one-page summary of this information to give each Senator. If minutes of that meeting show what the intent is, he will be happy to do this. MSPU to agendize this resolution.

VI. Discussion Item: Academic Senate committee restructuring: Not addressed due to lack of time.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.

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Sam Lutrin, Secretary, Academic Senate