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**Minutes of the ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

February 21, 1995  
UU 220 3:10-5:00

Preparatory: The meeting opened at 3:10pm.

Members present: Archibeque, R. Brown, Bertozzi, Dana, , Dubbink, Gooden, Greenwald, Hampsey, Irvin, Kersten, Lutrin, Wilson.

- I. Minutes: The January 10 and January 31, 1995 Academic Senate Executive Committee minutes were approved as written.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcements: Reg Gooden provided an update on the work being done by the Charter Campus Governance Committee. Vice President Koob has presented a model which creates a body comprised of representatives from the faculty, staff and students. He and the other faculty representatives need some input from faculty in order to formulate the faculty recommendation(s) which they will have to present within the next few weeks.

After a brief discussion it was decided that the Executive Committee will meet on February 24 to discuss this in detail. Some of the points made include the following: (1.) One of the problems with the existing operation is the way that the Senate tears apart committee work that comes to it. (2.) We need to be careful we don't give up something that is the right of the faculty. (3.) If there is one "super" governing body, does that mean that there wouldn't be an opportunity for faculty to meet alone?

- III. Reports: none
- IV. Consent Agenda: none
- V. Business Items:

A. Curriculum Committee Resolution to Amend CAM 411 Requirements for Completion of Minor Degree Programs--MSPU to agendize this resolution.

B. Resolution on Policy Report on the Use of Electronic Instructional Technologies:

On page 4, section 5.5, the release time mentioned is meant only for the design phase. It is also the intent that such release time be approved at the college level. In all the accepted CSU modes there is faculty contact. Will there be a decline in the aspect of what constitutes quality when measuring faculty contact time? The actual practitioners claim there has been an improvement of interaction between students and faculty in EIT classes.

How can we implement the "supportive watchfulness" referred to in the document? Perhaps this would be a responsibility of the Instruction Committee.

A way to stop abuses such as teaching one day a week and handling the other hours by email is needed.

If there's a way of generating more SCUs by using EIT, there will be lots of pressure to do so. Such vested interest could cause problems if decisions are at the department level.

The CSU Academic Senate has a task force on distance learning.

The issue of ownership has come up. Those who have developed distance learning without any assistance from the University are concerned about the issue of copyright. This is a big question across the country, i.e. who owns the course?

Both the CSU and Cal Poly has a Committee on Intellectual Property Issues. (Dave Walsh heads the Cal Poly committee.)

MSF that this Resolution be agendized for the full Senate.

- C. Resolution to Expand Form 109 to Include Diversity Related Activities MSP to agendize this resolution (with some change of language to help insure that this will not be used to target individuals due to their lack of activity in this area).

- D. **Committee vacancies:** MSPU approve the addition of Duane Head to the Long Range Planning Committee
- E. **Resolution on Promoting Curricular Review**--Jack Wilson will ask Dr. Koob to talk about his thoughts on how he might allay fear of job loss among faculty if curriculum is changed to any significant degree. Concern was expressed that there really was no way to enforce such a resolution. Yet it is probably true that we won't get a substantial change in GE & B unless faculty believe that they won't lose resources. Jack Wilson did email President Baker about this. The President said that if it will help move the process along he'd be willing to go along with this resolution.
- F. **Resolution on Change of Grades:** MSP to agendaize this resolution. It was noted that the full Senate had been asked to table the resolution on an interim policy because this resolution would be considered at the next meeting. For this reason, the Executive Committee felt it needed to fulfill this commitment.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

A. **Academic Senate Restructuring**


Margaret Camuso shared her thoughts about the need for the Academic Senate to restructure its committee system. The Constitution & Bylaws Committee has been asked to consider this since 1989 and nothing has been accomplished. For this reason, this issue has been brought to the Executive Committee to decide what should be done.

During the discussion which followed the following points were made:

- It is time to look at our method of operation. Perhaps an ad hoc group to deal with the bylaws, not the Constitution, is needed.
  - Form should follow function, i.e. we need to first look at what needs to be done and then build a system to deal with those things.
  - Although we don't have jurisdiction we might wish to consider the entire university decision-making processes at the same time.
  - Is the Executive Committee the right group to do this? One possibility is to have Margaret and past and present Senate chairs form an ad hoc group.
  - What are the strengths and weaknesses of the current environment, the options we have, etc.
  - Two hours need to be allotted to thoroughly discuss this. A presentation covering strengths and weaknesses and of options would be helpful to start the discussion.
  - The Chair of the Senate or the Executive Committee should select the committee chairs rather than leave it to the committees. It would be helpful to get the committee chairs appointed in July.
  - Another dimension of the problem is the interaction of Senate committees and other standing committees. Perhaps we could eliminate some committees including some of the university-wide committees.
- B. **Director of Library Search** A committee is being constituted to help in the search and selection of a new Director of the Library. Dave Hannings has expressed interest in serving. Each college has one representative on this committee. Names are needed as soon as possible.
- C. **Statewide Meeting of Academic Senate Chairs** Ron Brown gave a brief update on the meeting. The Chancellor's office is asking each campus to send a representative to a conference on diversity. The Chancellor's Office will cover the costs. The issues of remedial courses and enrollment targets were also addressed.

VI. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by

  
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