

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California 93407

Minutes of the ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 13, 1995
UU 220 3:10-5:00pm

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

Members present: Dana, Day, Geringer, Gooden, Greenwald, Hale, Hampsey, Hannings, Irvin, Kersten, Koob, Lutrin, Wilson

- I. Minutes: Minutes of June 1, 1995 Executive Committee were distributed but no action was taken.
- II. Announcements: The Chair noted that the new Executive Committee officially takes over at the start of summer quarter. Therefore no business will be undertaken at this meeting. Instead the task will be to set the agenda for the summer by identifying the work which needs to be done, completion deadlines, responsibilities, etc.

III. Reports:

- A. Academic Senate Chair: President Baker will be going to the Chancellor's office on June 19 to discuss the Cal Poly Plan. The first meeting of the Cal Poly Plan steering committee is scheduled for Friday, June 16 from 9:00-10:30 am.
- B. President's Office: no report
- C. Vice President for Academic Affairs' Office: no report
- D. Statewide Senators: (Kersten) The Statewide Senate has a strategic planning meeting set for June 15. Whether or not the Statewide Senate should reorganize is one of the topics that will be discussed.
- E. CFA Campus President: no report
- F. Staff Council Representative: no report
- G. ASI Representatives: no report

IV. Consent Agenda: none

V. Business Items: none

VI. Discussion Items:

- A. **General education and breadth:** Irvin noted that the Visionary Pragmatism group currently is working on making changes to the document based on campus response to the draft. Additionally it is changing questions posed in the draft copy to a list of recommendations. The group's final report should be ready for the Academic Senate at the start of fall quarter.

Irvin has been trying to coordinate the efforts between this group and the GE & B committee. He suggests that the Senate first act on the Visionary Pragmatism document and then take up GE & B when that debate is completed.

Questions posed: Will the changes be of such scope that a vote of the entire faculty will be needed? Will a vote also be needed on the Visionary Pragmatism document? Response: The Senate is the campus voice on curriculum. Faculty votes should be necessary only in extreme

instances. Kersten noted that a previous faculty vote was on the process of deciding, not the decision itself. The Chair noted that time needs to be set aside to establish the ground rules for dealing with both of these documents.

- B. **Curriculum reform:** Irvin believes that the Visionary Pragmatism committee supports larger unit classes but needs time to work out the specifics. The Curriculum and General Education committees have already voiced their support for this.
- C. **Academic Senate committees:** The Chair requested that Executive Committee members begin recruiting people for committees rather than waiting for volunteers.

Vice President Koob asked whether or not a university-wide professional leave committee is needed given the fact that each college now funds its own leaves. It was noted that Jack Wilson and Margaret Camuso both spoke with the past co-chairs who agreed that there is a need to review this committee. However there were several cases where the committee kicked back applications that were insufficient in terms of documentation and some disagreements were resolved. One option might be that the committee operate on an ad hoc basis. Koob clarified that funding for leaves goes directly to colleges from the Vice President's office based on production profiles established every two years.

A subcommittee was formed to grapple with the Senate's committee system. Members include Hampsey, Dana, Kersten, Gooden and Camuso. It was noted that Margaret Camuson has already prepared and distributed materials about this issue to the Executive Committee.

It was decided that a committee also might be needed to work on the merit pay plan. George Lewis and Jay Devote were mentioned as possible members.

- D. **Budget input:** The Vice President noted that because most of the budgeting is the responsibility of the college deans faculty input might be more effective at that level in terms of funding for academic programs. He suggested that the Senate might focus its attention on the policies which drive funding. For example the deans have been charged with developing a new process for establishing production profiles. Koob has prepared a discussion paper on this topic and expects a report to come out August 1. Therefore the coming year would be a good one for the Senate to look at this issue.

The Senate Chair asked whether or not the chair of the Senate's Budget Committee might sit in with the deans during budget discussions. The Vice President agreed to this.

It was noted that there also are concerns about budgeting in areas outside of the instruction budget. Koob noted that it's been his experience that the CSU underfunds faculty resources but pays faculty better than other campuses which provide more resources. In terms of looking at noninstructional funds, IPRAC and PACBRA have not worked well.

- E. **Faculty Contract:** The Chair summarized the key issues that need to be addressed this summer are the Cal Poly Plan and the Academic Senate committee structure. Additionally the Senate needs to decide at what point some pre-emptive work needs to be done regarding the establishment of standards and criteria to be used in a merit salary structure. Something probably will be needed to go to the full Senate as soon as fall begins.
- F. **Cal Poly Plan:** A subcommittee to deal with the process of taking up the Plan within the Academic Senate was formed and will include Kersten, Lutrin, (also Greenwald, Hampsey, Wilson?)
- G. **Summer Calendar:** Members were asked to inform the Senate office of the dates they will not be available during June, July, August and September using the form found on page 2 of this meeting's packet.
- H. **Academic Senate Calendar:** Please look over the proposed Senate calendar of meetings found in the packet.

- I. **Carryover items for 1995-96:** It was noted that some of the items included on the agenda as carryover items in fact have not been discussed yet or have been discussed but not agendized by choice of the 1994-95 Executive Committee.

It was noted that Bob Gish would like the Executive Committee to look over the Resolution to Support Academic Senate CSU Principles that Guide Programs to Achieve Educational Equity and Faculty Diversity during the summer.

Lutrin noted that the Resolution on Guidelines for Experiential Education failed to get support for being agendized.

VII. Adjournment: The next meeting will be on June 27. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sam Lutrin".

Sam Lutrin, Secretary
Academic Senate