

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

Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, February 25, 1997
UU 220, 3:00-5:00pm

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- I. Minutes: Approval of the minutes from the January 28, 1997 Executive Committee meeting (pp. 2-4).
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair:
 - B. President's Office:
 - C. Provost's Office:
 - D. Statewide Senators:
 - E. CFA Campus President:
 - F. Staff Council representative:
 - G. ASI representatives:
 - H. IACC representative:
 - I. Athletics Governing Board representative:
 - J. Other:
- IV. Consent Agenda:
- V. Business Item(s):
 - A. **Academic Senate/university-wide vacancies:** (p. 5).
 - B. **Appointment of members to the Academic Senate Task Force on Diversity:** (p. 6)
 - C. **Appointment to spring quarter vacancies for (1) Academic Senate Vice Chair and (2) Academic Senate representative to the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee.** (John Hampsey will be on London Study during spring quarter.)
 - D. **Procedures for deliberations of Resolution on Proposed Model of Unit Distribution for GE&B at the March 11 meeting.**
 - E. **Revisions on (1) Resolution on External Review (AS-460-96) and (2) Resolution to Approve Procedures for External Program Review (AS-461-96):** Morrobel-Sosa, representative from the Program Review and Improvement Committee (to be distributed).
- VI. Discussion Item(s):

Guided Hunting at Swanton Pacific Ranch: (pp. 7-11).
- VII. Adjournment:

02.19.97

VACANCIES to Academic Senate and its committees

College of Liberal Arts
Faculty Affairs

VACANCY

VACANCIES to university-wide committees

Commencement Committee

ONE VACANCY (CAGR)

Graduate Studies Committee

ONE VACANCY (CSM)

Registration and Scheduling

TWO VACANCIES (teaching
faculty)

Volunteers to Academic Senate Task Force on Diversity

Errico Bachicha

Will Bailey

Gail Batac

Scott Cooke

Bob Gish

John Harris

Pat Harris

Lynn Hudson

Anna McDonald

Anny Morrobel-Sosa

Hope Perez

Armando Pezo-Silva

Don Ryujin

student

Disability Resource Center

student

Fiscal Services

Ethnic Studies

Natural Resources Management

Women's Programs & Services

History

Affirmative Action

Materials Engineering

UCTE

Student Academic Services

Psychology & Human Development

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San Luis Obispo, California 93407

MEMORANDUM

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Date: December 12, 1996

Academic Senate

To: Warren Baker, President
Paul Zingg, ProvostCopies: Cal Poly Foundation Board
Ac. Senate Executive Com.
Wally MarkFrom: Harvey Greenwald, Chair
Academic Senate

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Subject: Guided Hunting at Swanton Pacific Ranch

At the Foundation Board meeting on Friday, December 6, the Foundation Board accepted a proposal to allow guided hunting at the Swanton Pacific Ranch. I have a number of concerns involving the guided hunting proposal and as such I would like to request that you deny approval for this proposal.

1. Generating revenues from hunting is a questionable activity for a university. There are a number of people who feel very strongly about the issue of hunting and the potential for adverse publicity is substantial.
2. The liability issue is also substantial. We have received an enormous amount of negative publicity concerning Kristin Smart's disappearance. Additionally, there is a lawsuit that is pending concerning the Smart case as well. There are a number of faculty and students at Swanton Pacific Ranch and the likelihood of an accident involving these faculty and students as a result of the guided hunting is not insignificant. The adverse publicity and the liability associated with such an accident would dwarf the problems involving the Kristin Smart case. One more time the Foundation and State would be involved in dividing the responsibility for a lawsuit. The result would be a further strained relationship between the State and Foundation.
3. The revenues generated by this guided hunting are insignificant. Why should the University proceed with a proposal that involves so little gain at the same time the potential liability is so great?

Thank you very much for your consideration.

**WILDLIFE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL
SWANTON PACIFIC RANCH
OCTOBER, 1996**

Executive Summary

The attached document is a proposal to implement a wildlife habitat enhancement and management program at Swanton Pacific Ranch. This program will provide expanded educational opportunities, especially for students interested in wildlife management, and also provide for increased crop protection from wildlife through habitat management and population regulation. A wildlife plan will be developed, and that plan will ultimately be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Game as part of an application to participate in the Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Area Program (PLMP) administered by the Department. This PLMP requires that habitat enhancement activities be carried out on the property. Another aspect of the PLMP is guided hunting on the private property. Guided hunting will be implemented at Swanton Pacific Ranch as part of the wildlife habitat enhancement and management program, prior to the PLMP application. The revenues generated from the guide and guest services provided will be utilized to offset the expenses associated with the educational aspects, guest services, and the habitat enhancement programs. The proposed budget projects a loss of \$3,450 in FY 1996/97 and a profit of \$36,600 in FY 1997/98. This major shift is due to the implementation of deer hunting in FY 1997/98. The expectation is that the PLMP ultimately will be a revenue generator for the ranch in the neighborhood of \$50,000 per year. This estimate is based on the proposed charges for the various services offered, the cost of operation of the program, and the expectation for clients based on the survey of other PLMP participants.

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Current efforts to reduce crop losses include the installation of an invisible fence crop protection system on one 10 acre field. This system uses dogs to deter crop destroying pests (deer and wild pigs). The reduction of damage from deer utilizing the invisible fence has been well documented; however, the use for wild pig control is experimental. The organic grower who is leasing ground from Swanton Pacific Ranch is proposing the installation of a hog and deer proof fence installed around the fields that he is leasing. This would be a shared cost installation with him providing the labor and the ranch providing the materials. Even if this is approved, only 20 percent of the crop land would be provided some form of protection. Both the invisible fence and the deer and hog fence are costly and have high maintenance costs.

Hunting Program

As part of a PLMP, hunting on the private lands is allowed and is normally a part of the PLMP for regulation of the wildlife populations. This hunting is strictly controlled and based upon population surveys on the private lands. All animals taken on the property must be tagged with an appropriate tag as to species, sex, and location. No hunting is allowed on the property of anyone not possessing a tag issued by the private landowner or agent. The property must be posted to forbid trespass.

Most participants in the PLMP charge for hunting access and provide services, including guides, meals, and lodging. The fees charged depend upon factors such as the length of the hunt, level of service offered, and the recreational experience provided. The hunting programs are very successful for most ranches. Insurance providers have special policies to cover the liabilities and CDFG has a list of providers that work with PLMP ranches. The demand for hunting on PLMP lands is very strong. From 1980-89 the average take of wild pigs by sport hunters in California was nearly 40,000 per year. This number declined from 1990-93 to an average of nearly 30,000 due to drought conditions. Wild pigs vie with deer as the state's number one big game animal.

Swanton Pacific Ranch Plan

The plan for Swanton Pacific Ranch would be to prepare and implement a habitat management plan and then submit an application to CDFG to participate in the PLMP. This plan would be developed over the next few months and submitted in 1997. There are specific requirements that must be met in order for the plan to obtain approval. The plan would include aspects of habitat enhancement including: water development to provide water access to wildlife as well as livestock, wildlife considerations included in timber harvest plans, fencing of reservoirs and spring areas to keep livestock out of the areas, planting of crops to provide food and habitat for wildlife, posting of the boundaries of the ranch, hiring a guide, renovating the greenhouse to provide a guest lodge. and purchasing a vehicle and other required equipment for guide

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services. All hunters on the ranch would be accompanied at all times by a licensed guide. This guided hunting program is a definite effort to reduce the risk of problems resulting from the hunting.

The documentation from CDFG related to the PLMP and a list of the current PLMP participants is included as an appendix to this proposal.

Fee Structure

The hunting program would provide a full service program including guided hunting, required game tags, lodging, and meals. From discussions with other ranch operations running such service programs, we are anticipating a fee schedule as follows:

Pig Hunts - 3 days/2 nights @ \$450/person, pig hunting may take place year around, limit four hunters per available time period, multiple spaces may be purchased by an individual to limit the number of hunters at any one time period, trophy fee \$150 for any boar with tusks measuring over 2.5"

Deer hunts - 3 days/2 nights @ \$1,000/person, deer hunting may only occur during the regular open season during the first year with expanded season possibilities in following years, limit two hunters per available time period although multiple spaces may be purchased by an individual to limit the number of hunters at any one time period, trophy fee \$250

Upland Game - day hunts @ \$100/ person per day, 3 days/2 nights @ \$450 per person, limited to regular hunting season, must have four to conduct hunt although one individual may purchase all spaces

Photo Hunts - Day hunts @ \$100/person per day, 3 days/2 nights @ \$450 per person

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Proposed Budget

Projected Expenses

FY 1996/97

Vehicle (Used Jeep)	\$1,500
(Depreciated over 5 years)	
Hire Guide (6 month S&B)	\$17,500
PLMP Application Fee	\$1,250
Tags	\$1,000
Equipment	\$1,000
(Depreciated over 5 years)	
<u>Operating Supplies</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
TOTAL	\$26,250

FY 1997/98

Renovation of Green House	\$2,500
(Depreciated over 10 years)	
Guide (S&B)	\$35,000
<u>Operating Supplies</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
TOTAL	\$52,500

Projected Income

FY 1996/97

Pig Hunting (50 hunters @ \$450/hunter 2 trophies)	\$22,800
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FY 1996/97

Pig Hunting (120 hunters @ \$450/hunter 4 trophies)	\$54,600
Deer Hunting (32 hunters @ \$1,000/hunter)	\$32,000
Upland Game (20 hunters @ \$100/hunter)	\$2,000
<u>Photo Hunts (5 hunters @ \$100/hunter)</u>	<u>\$500</u>
TOTAL	\$89,100