

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY

San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

Minutes of the Academic Senate

Tuesday, October 24, 1995

UU 220 3:10-5:00 pm

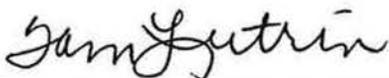
- I. Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm.
- II. Minutes: The minutes of October 3 were approved as submitted.
- III. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): The Chair announced that the Academic Senate position of an at-large faculty representative to the Program Review and Improvement Committee is available.
- IV. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: The chair introduced Bob Negranti who invited Senators to participate in Red Ribbon Week.
 - B. President's Office: no report
 - C. Vice President for Academic Affairs: Dr. Zingg noted that Homecoming was successful in terms of support for the university's capital campaign. On-campus meetings of university advisory boards have been completed and others will follow soon. Chancellor Munitz will be here on November 9 for an open address to the entire community. This Friday Sheldon Hackney will be speaking on campus.
 - D. Statewide Senators: (Kersten) There is a meeting next week so there is no report at this time. (Hale) The two agenda items of special interest for the next meeting are the student fee schedule and remediation. (Gooden) No report.
 - E. CFA Campus President: The Chancellor has retained the services of the Rand Corporation to study the CSU as an industry.
 - F. Staff Council representative: The Staff Council is continuing to work on the Cal Poly Plan with focus groups and surveys.
 - G. ASI representative: no report
- IV. Business Items
 - A. **Resolution on "U" Grades-Freberg**, first reading. The resolution would allow each student to change one "U" grade to a "W" while at Cal Poly. It was clarified that Petition for Special Consideration would still be available for the student to seek a second W and faculty can still line drop students from their courses.
 - B. **Resolution on Guidelines on Experiential Education-Williamson**, first reading. There are two major issues: experiences should not be an inordinate component in their education and the experiences were inherently individualistic. Q, Would this policy apply to graduate or undergraduate courses? Undergraduate. Q, What does experiential mean? It would not include special problems or senior projects. Q, What prevents a professor from assessing achievement according a grade based on the goals? When a student is out of contact with the instructor it becomes difficult to do this. Q, Will departments have the ability to say these courses must be credit/no credit only? Q, Why do we need this? Another alternative to consider would be designate experiential courses of 6 or more units. Q, In our department interns go to mini-classes during the first quarter then go into internships. Is there a reason why departments

can't set their own policy? When one looks at the use of grades given it is clear that this option is being abused. Q, What about student teaching? Isn't that postbaccalaureate? If so shouldn't it be graded? A central concern is that the Curriculum Committee felt it necessary to intervene due to abuses.

- C. **Program Review and Improvement Committee Report-Bermann (first reading)** It was clarified by the Chair that the Senate can not vote on the report but can submit its view of the report to the President. Berman. This committee is not meant to be a hatchet committee but as a way to give feedback to the departments. Q, On page 40, general recommendations, I am sorry to see #3 when in practise it is not true. How can objections be raised? The Senate could attach a resolution that goes along with this summarizing the Senate's feelings on the document, especially for specific concerns.
- D. **Resolution on Charter Governance Committee Proposal for the Cal Poly Governance Council-Gooden-(2nd reading)- MSF Amendment stipulating that during the trial period faculty representatives would be elected by and be held responsible to the Academic Senate.** Q, What happens after 3 years? It will go to the existing Governance Council and to the university management staff. Q, Would this issue come back to the Senate at which point the Senate would evaluate it?. Gonzalez. I am of the opinion that Governance Council will make the decision but I think constitutencies would be asked for input. Q, Would a request to delete the last two sentences in the paragraph entitled "Blocking Disagreement" be considered to be a friendly amendment? Gooden No. The best place for this to be determined is in the steering committee as it works its way through the trial period.Reg says the best place for this to be determined is the steering committee as it works its way through. Q, What happens after this? Gonzalez. This will go to the President and to the Steering Committee. MSP to table this resolution`until mid-spring quarter, 1996.
- E. **Resolution on Revisions to the Cal Poly Strategic Plan to include Global Awareness-Urreiztieta (second reading) MSP to approve the resolution.**

IV. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by



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