

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

November 7, 1995

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3:10-5:00pm

Members present: Bowker, Cooper, Dana, Geringer, Gooden, Greenwald, Hale, Hampsey, Hannings, Irvin, Kersten, Lewis, Lutrin, Martinez, Wilson.

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Guests: Dalton,, Howard-Green, ShafferZingg

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I. Minutes

**Academic Senate**

II. Discussion Items:

**A. Cal Poly Plan Resolution from the Academic Senate Budget Committee (Myron Hood)**

The Senate Chair noted that the Senate can approve the resolution which says we endorse the concept. The Poly Plan Steering Committee is making some decisions regarding priorities using information obtained through surveys and focus groups.

Statewide Senators expressed concern that both the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor had made remarks in public indicating that increased fees at some campuses might allow for current state CSU monies to be taken from those campuses and used to support other campuses.

Howard-Green noted that during summer discussions between Cal Poly and the Chancellor's Office it was noted that during the investment period Cal Poly would have guarantees from the Chancellor of continued funding at the state average level. The length of this investment period remains an open question (e.g 3 to 7 years) but it will be long enough to see the results.

Zingg: Cal Poly must be assured of access to those additional funds as a basis for us to plan in a very real way. Without such assurance this planning becomes a very cynical exercise. The Senate will have the opportunity to take back its support if this is not moving forward in this way.

Shaffer: Survey results were presented and an Executive Summary was provided to the Executive Committee.

**MSP To agendize this resolution with the assumption that there will be additional resolve clauses which address some of the reservations which surfaced during today's discussion.**

**B. Ad Hoc GE&B Committee**

**MSP to approve the Academic Senate Officers' recommendation as follows: Phil Bailey, John Connelly, John Hampsey, Glenn Irvin, Steve Kaminaka, Paul Murphy.**

This ad hoc committee is charged with bringing a committee report to the Executive Committee no later than the end of 1996.

**C. Timetable for dealing with Performance Salary Step Increases**

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

Submitted by



Sam Lutrin, Secretary, Academic Senate

RESOLUTION ON THE CAL POLY PLAN  
ACADEMIC SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE  
FALL, 1995

BACKGROUND: Beginning last Spring, and continuing with increased activity, the Cal Poly campus has been discussing and developing the Cal Poly Plan. Since the beginning of the Fall quarter, the Budget Committee has spent several hours reviewing the Cal Poly budget, educating ourselves into the budget process, and studying the financial implications to Cal Poly of recent legislative actions. In particular, pending federal action seriously threatens the current levels of financial aid for our students. Similar action has been introduced at the state level. These actions come at a time when higher education's portion of the State Budget is shrinking due to increased costs of prisons and constitutionally mandated programs. There is no reversal of this trend projected for the foreseeable future.

The budget implications of these problems are all too clear. Add to this the Governor and Legislature commitment to increasing enrollment in the CSU system and things only get worse financially (and in other ways). It is the unanimous view of the Budget Committee that Cal Poly must do something to prepare for this coming financial crisis. The Budget Committee most strongly supports the type of actions that are being developed in the Cal Poly Plan. We further urge the Academic Senate to endorse the following resolution, and we hope that all faculty will support and promote the concepts of that Plan.

Note that when we talk about levels of funding, we are speaking of levels of funding per full time equivalent student as adjusted for inflation. These levels are not increasing. The actual dollar amounts are increasing -- at least for now.

WHEREAS, Funding for higher education in the State of California is an unprotected category in the state budget; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State funding levels of financial aid for students are seriously threatened, and such action will make it increasingly difficult for many qualified students to attend Cal Poly; and

WHEREAS, The current Cal Poly budget does not provide sufficient funds to maintain, replace or upgrade the equipment needed for instructional programs; and

WHEREAS, Reduced or even constant levels of funding threaten to diminish the quality of education at Cal Poly, and such funding levels would greatly inhibit Cal Poly's ability to meet the educational demands of the future; and

WHEREAS, Enrollment growth at Cal Poly is an expectation of the Governor and the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Increased enrollment at Cal Poly will cause significant stress on the infrastructure of the University, and

WHEREAS, The Cal Poly Plan is an effort to address the above concerns, and it offers the flexibility for Cal Poly to respond to additional challenges; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate strongly endorses the concept of the Cal Poly Plan; and further be it,

RESOLVED: The Academic Senate encourages the Cal Poly community to work together to make the Cal Poly Plan viable and successful.