

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA
**Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE**
January 25, 1996
Agriculture Sciences 210 3:10-5:00 pm

Members and guests: Baker, Brown, Dalton, Dana, Day, Geringer, Greenwald, Hampsey, Howard-Green, Irvin, Kaminaka (Budget Committee), Lutrin, Martinez, Wilson, Zingg

The purpose of this meeting was to provide input and direction to the Academic Senate representatives to the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee in relation to three main topics:

- 1.) Accountability
- 2.) Student Fees (How much should student fees be for 1996-97?)
- 3.) Funding Priorities

Baker noted that he was pleased with the change in Governor Wilson's posture regarding funding for education. However there are restrictions in the budget and the increase will not be enough to restore quality and to move students through the university at a faster pace. When asked if he envisioned that tenure and working conditions would be part of the discussion, Baker said that they would not.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Steve Kaminaka, Chair of the Budget Committee, reviewed the committee's Draft Resolution on Cal Poly Plan Accountability. Friendly amendments included the following: requires changed to require, its changed to the plan's in the second whereas clause: and the words, "and how they contribute to the enhancement of the quality of education at Cal Poly," be added at the end of the second resolved clause.

When asked how Cal Poly will deal with the issue of quality, Dalton explained that the RFP process will require submitters to include measurement plans that will be used to evaluate quality of the proposed activities.

The document entitled, "Cal Poly Plan: Keeping Cal Poly's Promise," which was prepared by Linda Dalton was discussed. In terms of mutual understanding between Cal Poly and the CSU on page 27 of the document, it was reiterated that the Academic Senate insists that agreements include the understanding that the CSU will not reduce funding to Cal Poly so that other campuses can receive more. Therefore it was agreed that wording would be altered and included as follows: State appropriations and state university fees allocated for enrollment growth or quality enhancement not to fall below system-wide averages as a result of the Cal Poly Plan (with the phrase, "during the investment period" deleted.)

MSPU The Resolution on Cal Poly Plan Accountability.

STUDENT FEES

It was reiterated that funds raised by the fee must be kept separate from the rest of the university budgets so that it is clear to every interested party that these special funds are used solely for enhancements in quality and productivity including student learning and progress toward degree completion.

In terms of fees, it was generally agreed that the fee should be increased in phases over several years rather than immediately through a large increase. It was acknowledged that the initial fee must be enough to make a discernable difference in order to achieve ongoing support.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

The appendix of Dalton's paper entitled, "Cal Poly Plan: Purposes and Estimated Costs of Potential Investments," is the result of the college Deans' work on setting programmatic priorities and providing ballpark figures on the funding needed to implement these changes. It was suggested that the "learn by doing" philosophy be a priority and no objections were raised.

Everyone agreed that whatever is done, gains need to be observable during the first year.

ADJOURNMENT: The chair said that he will send Executive Committee members an email of the decisions made at the Saturday steering committee retreat and that he welcomes input.

Submitted by



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