

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY

San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the
ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 29, 1992

UU 220, 3:00-5:00pm

Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at 3:12pm.

I. Minutes: The minutes of the August 11, 1992 meeting were approved without change.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):

The Chair brought the committee's attention to the items listed under this section. The information regarding Early Retirement provisions received from Sandra Wilcox, Chair of the Academic Senate CSU, will be electronically mailed to the deans from Vice President Koob's office.

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: none

B. President's Office: none

C. Vice President for Academic Affairs:

Vice President Koob gave a brief report on the current budget situation. The State Controller's office is uncertain about the amount of money the CSU will have because of the contributions which need to be paid to the retirees under the Early Retirement program. There is uncertainty as to which budget the charges will be made against. Conway asked if the Chancellor was going to hold back one percent of the budget. Koob replied this was true. This nets out to a 9.2 percent reduction for Cal Poly. Vice President Koob's instructions to the deans has been to work against the 8 percent budget cut for fall quarter. Since the campus has done well with its enrollment and academic recovery funds, the actual figure for Cal Poly will probably be a little less than 8 percent.

D. Statewide Senators:

Gooden mentioned the statewide resolutions dealing with Project DELTA (electronic teaching) were postponed until more faculty input is received. Vilkitis informed the committee that the new Executive Orders regarding general education and breadth would be received by mid-October.

E. Lloyd Beecher and Laura King gave a report on the status of Project Focus (a grant project funded to Cal Poly to gather information regarding student alcohol and drug abuse) and the possibility of an Employee's Assistance Program (EAP) being established at Cal Poly. A proposal to this effect is being drafted and will be brought to the Academic Senate when finished.

IV. Consent Agenda: none

V. Business Item(s):

K. Proposal on U.S. Ethnic Pluralism requirement: Robert Gish, Director of the Ethnic Studies Program, presented the proposal. This is a university proposal which is part of the effort to create an Ethnic Studies presence on this campus. The requirement would be added by presenting a sample menu of courses to faculty and having them choose ones they would like to teach. This will not be an exclusive general education requirement. These could be required courses within a major, as well as GE&B, that satisfy the university requirement for cultural pluralism. Bailey stated it was suggested this be a graduation requirement instead of a GE&B requirement. The Curriculum Committee has suggested that a subcommittee of the Academic Senate be formed as the review body for courses submitted for Ethnic Pluralism eligibility. This would be an oversight committee. M/S/P: resolutions will be drafted by the Curriculum Committee to adopt the proposal and to create a subcommittee to review courses in cultural pluralism. These will return to the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

A. Academic Senate faculty representation for 1992-1993: M/S/P: the number of Academic

Senate representatives will be based on the fall 1991 faculty count, and include the positions which were transferred to various colleges from the School of Professional Studies.

- B. Academic Senate/committee vacancies:
Academic Senate
CBUS - Mary Beth Armstrong and James Murphy
CENG - Carl MacCarley and Paul Rainey
CLA - Don Grinde (replacement for Clark during Fall Quarter)
Academic Senate Committees
CBUS - Ken Riener (to Budget Committee)
CENG - Linda Vanasupa (to Student Affairs Committee)
CLA - Doug Keesey (to Curriculum Committee for Fall Quarter)
CSM - Jerry DeMers (to Constitution and Bylaws Committee)
Program Discontinuance Committee for Home Economics
Myron Hood Mathematics Department
- C. Information Resource Management Policy and Planning Committee
Leonard Myers Computer Science Department
- D. No nominations were submitted for Academic Senate Secretary-elect as replacement for Craig Russell during Fall Quarter 1992.
- E. No nominations were submitted for parliamentarian to the Academic Senate for 1992-1993.
- F. Resolution on Budget Reporting: agendized for the October 13, 1992 Senate meeting.
- G. Resolution on Vote of Confidence for Administrators: M Berrio, chair for the Personnel Policies Committee, was not in attendance. The resolution was postponed to the next Executive Committee meeting when the committee chair could be present.
- H. Resolution on Departmental Precedence in Elections: agendized as a consent item for the October 13, 1992 Senate meeting. A copy of Bylaws Article VII.I.5.b.(1)(e) will be attached to this item.
- I. Curriculum proposal for Religious Studies: agendized for the October 13, 1992 Senate meeting.
- J. Curriculum proposal for BS in Manufacturing Engineering: agendized for the October 13, 1992 Senate meeting.
- L. Reconsideration of assigned time for Academic Senate officers and committee chairs:
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| Chair | .545 |
| Secretary | .067 |
| Budget Committee chair | .018 (to be reassigned) |
| Curriculum Committee chair | .200 |
| GE&B Committee co-chairs | .133 |
| Fairness Board chair | .067 |
| on reserve | remainder |
- It was agreed that further changes to this assigned time distribution would be made by the Senate Chair at his discretion.

VI. Discussion:

- C. Review and discussion of the Program Review process: Charles Andrews, co-chair of the Program Review and Improvement Committee (PRAIC), reported that PRAIC would submit a report at the beginning of Winter Quarter regarding the review criteria used this past year. The determination of 10 academic programs for the committee's review this year will be made by the Executive Committee at its next meeting of October 20, 1992. The Academic Senate office will contact the deans' offices to request volunteer programs. A replacement for Gerald Cunico, member-at-large, is needed.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.

Recorded by: 
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