

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

Minutes of the ACADEMIC SENATE
Tuesday, December 1, 1992
UU 220, 3:00-5:00pm

Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at 3:14pm.

- I. Minutes: The minutes of the November 3, 1992 Academic Senate meeting were approved without change.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
 - A. James Bermann (Agricultural Engineering Department) was elected by the Executive Committee to fill the at-large vacancy on the Program Review and Improvement Committee for the remaining 1992-1993 term.
 - B. The Chair asked all senators to submit their recommendations regarding a process for Academic Senate review of the budget for 1993-1994. These are to be submitted at the December 3 meeting. The Chair also mentioned having various administrators speak to the Senate regarding the activities of their area in preparation for said budget review.
 - C. If time permits, the Executive Committee will meet at the conclusion of the December 3 meeting to select nominees to the Student Throughput Committee.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: none
 - B. President's Office: none
 - C. Vice President for Academic Affairs: none
 - D. Statewide Senators: Vilkitis distributed a memo regarding Academic Senate CSU activities at the last meeting and asked if anyone had comments regarding the memo to inform him as soon as possible.
 - E. CFA Campus President: Conway announced that a workshop had been given to better understand the university/Chancellor's Office budgets (beyond just the general budgets), but it was found that the tools needed to do this were not available. Legislation is being proposed to accomplish this.
 - F. ASI representatives: Brown made the following announcements: (1) ASI is working on a formal structure for providing input to the university President; (2) ASI is developing programs to build campus/community relationships, and (3) an Academic Senate representative is urged to attend the weekly ASI Board of Directors meetings.
- IV. Consent Agenda:

Resolution on Majority Vote: Kersten felt the voting procedure set forth by this resolution should not apply to the election of statewide academic senators. The resolution was pulled from the Consent Agenda and placed under Business Items as "D".
- V. Business Items:
 - A. Resolution Relating to a Cultural Pluralism Curriculum Requirement, second reading: Harris expressed concern with the third Resolved clause, item A, which states that one of the four listed U.S. Cultures must be emphasized in order to meet the Cultural Pluralism requirement. This seemed more like particularism than pluralism. Grinde responded that this was a geographic emphasis of four broad categories. A motion was made (Dubbink) and seconded to eliminate item A under the third Resolved clause. Dubbink commented that from an academic viewpoint, this was a limitation. Mori replied that issues of a culture, outside those mentioned in the resolution, would most likely be experienced within one of the four U.S. Cultures named and, therefore, not a limitation. N Brown reminded the Senate that the wording of the resolution was requested by the students of this campus. Grinde stated that the impetus of this resolution was to look at cultures within the U.S. There are GE&B courses that look at world cultures.

Vilkitis asked whether the resolution was setting forth an Ethnic Studies requirement or a Cultural Pluralism requirement. He felt the resolution supported an Ethnic Studies program and distributed a handout which gave information on the number of courses and faculty it would take to achieve this requirement over a five-year period. He also felt Cultural Pluralism was more diverse than what is recognized in the resolution. Dubbink withdrew his earlier motion and Vilkitis proposed a motion to add the word "or" between items A and B and the word "and" between both B and C/C and D in the third Resolved clause. The motion was seconded. He also mentioned that the resolution should have been reviewed by the GE&B Committee but this did not happen. The GE&B Committee supported the changes noted above. Gish replied that the minutes of the Academic Senate note that the GE&B Committee did review the proposal on several occasions and had signed off on it long ago. Bailey, as chair of the Curriculum Committee, said she had sent the resolution to J Culver, co-chair of the GE&B Committee, as soon as it was drafted but no response was received. She reminded the Senate that what appears in the resolution is the result of several committee and coalition requests. It is not an attempt to start an Ethnic Studies major. Since the requirement will be satisfied by existing courses, no new faculty will be needed.

Fetzer stated if the amendment was accepted, the heart of the resolution would be gutted. He also pointed out that there was considerable opposition by numerous educators to the opinions cited by the maker of the motion. ASI President, Kristin Burnett, stated the motion dismembers the work and desires of students for the past several years. Gooden urged the Senate to vote against the motion as it was a disservice to the intent of the resolution. The motion failed. The resolution was passed (44-1). Rainey wanted it noted that his nay vote was not an opposition to the resolution but to certain wording that appears in the background statement to the resolution.

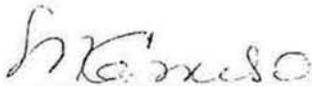
- B. Resolution on the Formation of a Subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee, second reading: M/S/P (with one nay).
- C. Cal Poly's Strategic Plan, second reading: Final recommendations to the Strategic Plan were made as follows:

Mission Statement	replace existing Mission Statement with recommendation "d" (28-18).
Section 1	accept recommendations "A" and "c".
Section 1.1	accept "A" as modified: "...providing <u>equally</u> high-quality programs in the arts, humanities, and natural, social and behavioral sciences that characterize a comprehensive university." Accept "c" as modified: "...that characterize a comprehensive, <u>polytechnic</u> university."
Section 1.1.1	accept recommendation "a" (28-20, roll call vote).

VI. Discussion: none

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.

Recorded by:



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