

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

Minutes of the ACADEMIC SENATE  
Tuesday, April 13, 1993  
Room 220, University Union, 3:10-5:00 pm

Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at 3:16 pm.

I. Minutes: the minutes were approved with the correction that the word "intensive" on p. 9 be changed to "instructional."

II. Communications and Announcements: J. Wilson informed the Senate that a presentation is to be held on April 14, 1993 titled "Creating a Curriculum for a Multi-Cultural Society" in Chumash Auditorium. [He distributed a yellow poster advertising the presentation.]

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: J. Wilson went over the decisions that PACBRA had made regarding the budget. [See handout.] Whereas initially they had considered cutting academic programs by 5% and the non-instructional areas by up to 12%; they reconsidered and ultimately advocated a 7% cut for *all* programs, both instructional and non-instructional. Jack had suggested a 6.3% cut for academic programs and a 9.4% reduction in non-instructional areas, but his proposal was voted down. Mueller interjected that many faculty get the feeling that the Academic Senate and its recommendations are not heeded by the Administration. J. Conway—who was also in attendance at the meeting of PACBRA—added that Rick Ramirez had identified another \$600,000 that would have to be cut. John Connely asked what had produced the \$600,000 shortfall: Conway responded that it was the result of institutionalizing previous budget cuts. Koob further elucidated that last year we had assigned income partly from the application process, but since fewer students are applying this year we therefore have fewer dollars.

B. & C. President's Office & Vice President for Academic Affairs' Office: Koob stated we should prepare ourselves for the Legislature's position—we'll be a political football. They are considering a sales tax extension and/or an increase in student fees. Probably, in the end, we will have less of a cut than Jack Wilson described. Hal Johnston asked who sat on the PACBRA committee. Koob & Wilson responded that the committee was comprised of the four vice presidents, the ASI president, the Staff Council representative, the Labor Council representative, and the chair of the Academic Senate.

D. Statewide Senators. Reg Gooden observed that the Board of Trustees honors a distinguished faculty member from each campus each year and holds an awards banquet. He was pleased to announce this year's recipient of the award for Cal Poly was Tina Bailey.

E. CFA Campus President. Jim Conway stated that there will be a vote by CFA union members next Tuesday and Wednesday regarding ratification of extension of the contract. He also touched on other issues of concern including: 1) postponement of workload reduction; 2) employees absorbing 50% of the increase in health costs; 3) disability; 4) MSAs not being dependent on funding from the legislature; 5) rights of lecturers for 2-year contracts if they have taught at Cal Poly for 6 years or more and the reluctance by CSU to extend that right. Conway offered the opinion that if the contract were reopened at this time, faculty could lose many privileges. There could be a negative impact. Lastly, Conway updated the Senate on the grievance it had filed on behalf of pre-1987 FIRPs—CFA won the grievance. This decision makes FIRPS the *last* to be laid off rather than the *first*.

F. ASI Representatives. Nicole Brown stated there was a letter-writing campaign directed to Sacramento trying to vent students' feelings concerning the rash of budget cuts.

IV. Consent Agenda: J. Harris requested that Item A be pulled from the consent agenda and be placed as Item I of the business agenda. Items B. & C. were not pulled and therefore passed.

V. Business Items:

A. Report of the Home Economics Department. Kersten introduced the motion that had been passed by the Executive Committee in the previous meeting. He moved (2nd by Mori) "that we receive the report [titled *Home Economics Program Review*] and discuss its recommendations." R. Gooden then offered a substitute motion [see the dittoed handout] which was seconded by H. Johnston. Considerable discussion ensued. Eventually the question of the substitute motion was called and the substitute motion failed. D. Hannings then moved (2nd by Bermann) another substitute motion that had been submitted by the College of Agriculture Caucus [see the handout]. Discussion ensued, after which the substitute motion failed.

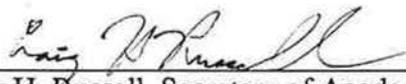
C. Russell observed that the Home Economics Department still has not complied with the request made by the Senate five weeks ago to supply the Senate with a copy of its accreditation report and any rebuttals or responses. The department has only provided a chronology of events and their own summarized *interpretation* of the accreditation report—that clearly does not comply with the Senate's request to see the report itself. Kersten, Gooden, and Peach agreed.

Mueller moved (2nd by Reynoso) to amend the main motion by replacing the words "receive the report" with "*accept* the report." Reg Gooden felt the Discontinuance Committee complied with the task that it was given but also emphasized that their report never dealt with the issue of quality. Ron Brown saw a significant difference between "receive" and "accept." He asked whether the Home Economics Discontinuance Committee had taken the trouble to look at the accreditation report from the American Home Economics Association (AHEA) during their deliberations. Barbara Weber stated that they felt it was unnecessary to deal with the accreditation report: "I am not going to let those documents out of my office because they are too easy to lose. We have duplicated what we have for the Senate. There is no way that you can really understand what went on in our site visit and how those people reacted to the fact that we lost two degree programs. . . . We should not be judged on what we used to be; we should be judged on what we are currently. . . . But the value of sending these old documents forward to me makes no sense at this point in time because they don't apply to our current program. So you will have to hassle it out, but I don't know what good it will do." Ron Brown responded, "I think we *did* hassle it out as a matter of fact, five weeks ago today when the Senate—in whatever wisdom it exercises—asked explicitly for the accreditation report. And the reason why I think it is important to look at the accreditation report, not just the rebuttal to the accreditation report, is because within the document that we do have [from the Discontinuance Committee] under 'Goals of the Home Economics Department' it says 'we will seek reaccreditation from AHEA.' And part of the recommendation which the current amendment on the floor is asking us to examine is whether we are going to *accept* the report and its recommendation. And one of the recommendations of the report is to be reaccredited by AHEA—the very body whose report we are asking to see—that *denied* accreditation. So it *is* a crucial issue on quality of the program. In that report, the only reason for losing accreditation was *not* the loss of those two programs. . . . And I think it's important that this body have the opportunity to examine the entire report. It was asked for five weeks ago. I saw it for the first time yesterday. And now we're being asked to make a decision that that report can hinge on. I

think it is necessary that we see it." Discussion ensued. Eventually the question was called. The motion "that the Academic Senate receive the report [titled *Home Economics Program Review*] and discuss its recommendations" passed.

J. Murphy then moved that "component elements of the Home Economics Department be given the opportunity to seek relocation into other programs either as independent programs or integrated into an existing program within the university, providing that the receiving college willingly provide funding for that element, and that this opportunity terminates on December 31, 1993." W. Mueller felt the sundown clause was inappropriate; they should be given a reasonable opportunity to relocate. S. Lord agreed. J. Conway observed that the sundown clause may be illegal. H. Johnston asked for Barbara Weber's views on this motion. She felt it had its merits since it gives credence that aspects of the program could be maintained. She felt the department should be given an opportunity to continue seeking a solution to relocation after the proposed deadline. To her, the time line made no sense. Discussion ensued. It was moved to strike the time-line clause (2nd by Hannings). Mori called the question. The amendment to delete the sundown clause passed. The motion as amended passed.

VII. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at shortly before 5:00.

  
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Craig H. Russell, Secretary of Academic Senate

May 5, 1993  
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