

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

Minutes of the ACADEMIC SENATE
Tuesday, May 4, 1993
Room 220, University Union, 3:10-5:00 pm

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

I. Minutes: none

II. Communications and Announcements: nominations are being received for the Academic Senate representative to the Program Review and Improvement Committee [see agenda].
J. Wilson told the Senate to add to its calendar a meeting on May 18.

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: none.

B. & C. President's Office & Vice President for Academic Affairs' Office: Koob stated the Administration has received 33 proposals for learning enhancement. He will be asking the Senate for the assignment of a committee—perhaps the Instruction Committee—to review those proposals.

D. Statewide Senators. James Vilkitis stated that Cal Poly will be one of four campuses represented at the Teaching & Learning Institute to be held at San José State. He had a document from Sandra Wilcox concerning the Fort Ord campus. He also expressed concern—and wanted it stated for the record—that the Statewide CSU senators [Gooden, Kersten, & Vilkitis] will be unable to attend when the Executive Committee meets with President Baker on May 7 to discuss the charter campus since they will be out of town at a CSU Senate meeting.

E. CFA Campus President. Jim Conway updated the Senate on the voting by the union membership on the contract extension. There were 61 ballots cast at Cal Poly, and the vote went overwhelmingly in favor of extending the contract. A bargaining questionnaire will soon go out to prepare for future contract negotiations. He also announced the upcoming Joint Labor Council meeting to be held on May 13 from 4:30-6:30 at the Sands Motel. Lastly, there will be a reception on May 28 from noon until 2:00 p.m. to express appreciation for those who have served the union this year.

F. ASI Representatives. Nicole Brown reported that Kristin Burnett is presently representing student concerns in Sacramento.

IV. Consent Agenda: There was a two-page handout (titled "Resolution on the Program Review and Improvement Committee's Report and Recommendations for the 1993-1994 Review of Departments") that was added as an item for the consent agenda. James Vilkitis requested that the item be pulled, so it became "Item L" of the business agenda.

V. Business Items:

- A. Election of Academic Senate officers for the 1993-1994 term. The following individuals were elected, each by acclamation:

Chair: Jack Wilson
Vice Chair: Craig Russell
Secretary: Wendy Reynoso

- B. Resolution on Department Name Change Request for Physical Education. Andrea Brown gave a background statement for the requested change. John Harris asked if they should drop "Physical Education" entirely as part of the department name; why not just call it "Kinesiology"? A. Brown responded there are two reasons: 1) it is useful to retain "Physical Education" in the title to facilitate placement of graduates in high school programs, and 2) Cal Poly students would know better how to locate desired courses in the schedule of classes if they were still listed under "Physical Education." Reg Gooden asked if Physical Education had discussed the name change with Theater & Dance, since the field of dance appears to be related to the study of motion—kinesiology. A. Brown replied that they had not spoken directly with Dance. Gooden then moved (2nd by C. Andrews) to table the resolution until Theater & Dance could be consulted. After brief discussion, the motion to table failed. The resolution as submitted passed.
- C. Resolution on Academic Senate Recommendations for Accommodating Immediate Budget Reductions. Each point was discussed in turn.

1. **Athletics.** Marlin Vix stated that the Athletics Governing Board voted for a 10% reduction as opposed to the 50% as suggested in this resolution. John Harris asked how we arrived at the figure of 50%. Jack Wilson responded that it was an arbitrary number. M. Hanson asked if we can modify the figures if the budget outlook changes. Wilson answered that these are not binding resolutions that will be automatically implemented: they are only advisory.
2. **Transportation Services.** Hal Johnston stated this area has not been researched. C. Russell observed that this recommendation had come out of the clear blue at the Executive Committee meeting and had been suggested by a guest in attendance who was not a member of the committee. On the basis of a single anecdote that he related, the committee had then gone forward with his recommendation. Russell had done some further research and felt the 100% to be untenable and suggested deletion of this recommendation. Hannings moved (and it received a 2nd) that the recommendation be amended to read "25%" instead of "100%". The amendment passed.

J. Murphy then expressed concern over the way that these collective resolutions had been arrived at and voiced displeasure that we as a body "haven't done our homework." David Peach concurred stating that he had not received enough supporting information to explain *how* the recommendations had been justified. Without accurate information, he felt we could end up doing some real harm. Mark Shelton interjected that he could not support the recommendations either.

3. University Relations

4. **Student Affairs.** Barbara Andre stated that we just raised student fees—and now we're hitting the students again. Nicole Brown observed that a change to more fee-based services would have to be system-wide throughout the CSU and should not be done on one campus alone. Wendy Reynoso moved (2nd by J. Harris) to amend the resolution by deleting all of Item 4A. The amendment passed.

- 5. Administration.** Mike Botwin moved (2nd by W. Reynoso) to amend item 5 by adding "that there be a moratorium on hiring for two years at the director's level and above with the exception of college deans." B. Mori offered the friendly amendment (which was accepted by Botwin) that the moratorium be reduced from two years to one. The amendment failed on a vote of 17 in favor to 18 against.
- 6. Computing Services.** W. Mueller moved (2nd by G. Cook) that we bring in an outside review committee to evaluate computing on campus. Harris asked if we are truly incapable of evaluating our own programs on campus. Mueller responded that a report generated on this campus—regardless of its recommendations—would be perceived as being biased [and therefore there were advantages to having an outside team offer suggestions]. J. Murphy summarized his view that hiring an outside review committee would be spending money to see how we can save money. The amendment failed.
- 7. Remedial Courses.** T. Hale stated that it was unfair to put remedial courses in Extended Education, because many students need to have a full load in order to receive financial aid, and Extended Ed courses do not count as part of a load. Students who required remedial work might be in jeopardy of losing their loans. Hale therefore moved (2nd by T. Bailey) to delete this recommendation. Mori, Gamble, Bailey, and Russell spoke in favor of striking the recommendation. To motion to delete passed.
- 8. Faculty Consultation.**

Wes Mueller observed that we have spent enormous effort to establish a Program Review and Improvement Committee to evaluate academic programs. He felt it was imperative that other programs on campus also be subjected to periodic review. He then moved (2nd by Mori) that each area within Administration—as well as academic programs—be reviewed on a five-year cycle. John Connely stated it was not appropriate to add a fundamentally new item [such as Mueller's] to the list of recommendations; it should come forward as a separate resolution. The motion was withdrawn.

Considerable discussion then followed concerning the way the Executive Committee had arrived at its conclusions. Jack Wilson summarized how long the committee had met and gave a brief accounting of how deliberations were conducted. L. Gamble gave a thorough summary of each point and how each conclusion had come to the surface in the meetings. Many senators, however, expressed displeasure with the lack of supporting documentation or argumentation. They felt that the conclusions by themselves were insufficient and that the supporting logic and documentation were necessary if any recommendations were to be credible. After considerable debate, P. Fetzner moved (2nd by Andrews) to table the discussion until the next meeting and that we be supplied with the rationale for the recommendations before the next meeting of the Academic Senate. The motion passed.

- D. Cal Poly Strategic Plan.** There were two resolutions distributed at the meeting: one came forward from the Executive Committee and one was offered by Wes Mueller. Since resolutions normally come forward through the Executive Committee, that resolution took precedence. B. Mori moved (2nd by D. Hannings) that we adopt the resolution put forward by the Executive Committee. W. Reynoso offered the amendment (2nd by D. Hannings) that the words "without further modification" be deleted from the first resolved clause. S. Lord expressed concern that that would open the resolution up for an endless string of amendments. C. Andrews echoed those sentiments: even though there are certain items that each of us would like to see changed, we would open up the process so that things could go on indefinitely. Mueller said his motion, if adopted, would *not* open the procedure for amendments. J. Vilkitis observed that the Strategic Plan will be a living document and will allow for change and alterations in the future. Mori agreed and elucidated that voting to send the Strategic Plan to the

faculty for ratification does *not* freeze the document—it only means that it is time to vote on it now. L. Burgunder felt the second resolved clause was illogical and caused confusion: it means nothing to "approve" something and then have the faculty vote. After further discussion, T. Bailey called the question on the amendment and her motion received the requisite 2/3 vote. The amendment failed.

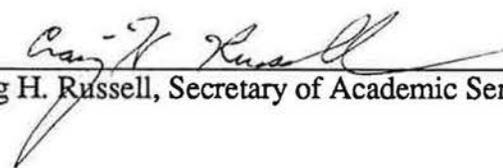
Murphy moved (and there was a 2nd) that the resolution become a second-reading item. The motion passed.

The question was called on the main motion, but that motion did not receive the requisite 2/3 majority. Debate continued. B. Mori addressed Mueller's proposal and felt it was out of order: let's get the Strategic Plan out for a vote. We can modify it later—but it is important that the faculty be given an opportunity to vote on it this year. S. Lord pondered, "Why is 'Learn By Doing' so bad?" Ron Brown called the Senate back to the question at hand. He observed that we should not be discussing the Strategic Plan itself but instead the procedure for sending it up for ratification or rejection by the faculty. If we defeat the present motion, then it leaves the Strategic Plan up for modification.

B. Mori then reiterated that everybody has had an opportunity for comments. The Strategic Plan has been reviewed and modified ad nauseam. It is time to vote. Vilkitis interjected that the Senate has not reviewed the Plan. Ron Brown then responded that was not accurate. He reminded the Senate that we have reviewed *each item*, one by one. *We have reviewed the plan.* After more discussion, H. Johnston and then C. Andrews asked that a straw poll be taken on support of the motto "Learn By Doing." The non-biding poll was 19 in favor and 24 against. Reynoso called the question (2nd by Russell). It received the 2/3 necessary to close debate. The motion to accept the resolution put forward by the Executive Committee passed.

G. Resolution on Double Counting of General Education and Breadth Courses. J. Vilkitis and then Glenn Irvin gave background statements. C. Dana moved (2nd by L. Maksoudian) to replace the word "or" with the word "and" in the second resolved clause [on p. 22]. Andrews asked for an opinion from the recorder of the GE&B Committee [Vilkitis] as to whether this would be an acceptable change. J. Vilkitis's explanation indicated the original language of the resolution expressed the intent of the GE&B Committee. W. Reynoso asked if this resolution would prohibit triple counting with regard to *minor* requirements as well as major requirements. T. Bailey clarified that this resolution was not meant or intended to impact minor requirements. After brief discussion, the amendment failed. The motion passed.

VII. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 4:57.



Craig H. Russell, Secretary of Academic Senate

May 6, 1993
Date