

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

Minutes of the ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 24, 1993
UU 220 3:00-5:00pm

Preparatory: The meeting opened at 3:25pm.

I. Minutes: none

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none

III. Reports:

- A. Academic Senate Chair: none
- B. President's Office: none
- C. Vice President for Academic Affairs: none
- D. Statewide Senators: none
- E. CFA Campus President: none
- F. ASI representatives: none

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Items:

Charter Campus: Chair Wilson summed up the feelings of the Executive Committee at its last meeting on August 17, 1993: (1) five-week task forces is not enough time for them to thoroughly deliberate the issues, (2) more than two faculty members should be on each task force, (3) more general faculty support is needed to advance the charter concept for Cal Poly, and (4) members of the Board of Trustees and Chancellor's Office should be invited to speak to the faculty regarding a charter campus.

The deliberations of last year's four visioning task forces were condensed to seven issue-areas:

- 1. the interdependence of science and technology with the arts and humanities;
- 2. collegiality and campus governance;
- 3. department autonomy and shared missions amongst the colleges;
- 4. continued learning as the focus of the campus;
- 5. diversity as a critical ingredient of the charter environment;
- 6. the university as an open resource for various constituencies; and
- 7. strengthening, not changing, existing personnel policies for Cal Poly's employees.

Vice President Koob stated there were 17 exemptions from Title 5 we would want to claim; however, there is no suggestion that we secede from the CSU system and become politically autonomous. The intent is to become operationally independent (budget and curriculum), within the CSU system.

Wilson restated that collective bargaining was a crucial issue in the continuing discussions concerning charter campus, and a written statement regarding this was necessary to gain the confidence of the faculty. Brown felt much of the suspicion was due to the way in which the charter discussions had been conducted so far. The selection of members to the task forces "looked stacked" and no information was ever disseminated informing the campus of the nature of the discussions taking place within those committees.

It was agreed that an open forum would be scheduled during Fall Conference Week to allow the general faculty to express their concerns, ask questions, and become part of the process for developing a charter campus proposal.

VI. Discussion: none

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

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Adopted:

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

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RESOLUTION ON
CHARTER CAMPUS FOR CAL POLY

Background: Due to the continuing erosion of fiscal support for higher education and the effect this has on Cal Poly's academic and support programs, consideration for restructuring the university as a charter campus is presently being investigated. A charter campus structure would allow Cal Poly more autonomy in governing its direction and resources. In view of the growing demands being placed on the state's universities, creative approaches are needed to resist the deleterious effects posed by decreasing state support and increasing state legislation. The ability of the university to respond to the fiscal crisis is restrained by the overly centralized, highly bureaucratic system under which it strives. As a charter campus, Cal Poly would remain a state-funded institution but would be relatively free from the bureaucratic constraints in the use of these funds. In addition to helping remedy the restrictions imposed by decreasing state funds, a charter campus structure could also provide opportunities to develop new and innovative ways of delivering education.

- WHEREAS, The unique nature of Cal Poly's academic programs and its reputation for distinctive teaching make it an appropriate campus to consider the special opportunities provided under a charter campus structure; and
- WHEREAS, Cal Poly's self-design as a charter campus could allow it to enhance its excellent reputation by gaining greater control over the quality of its programs, develop new and innovative ways to promote more learning, and create less burden for its faculty and staff; and
- WHEREAS, The desire to consider the benefits of a charter campus have been impeded by faculty concern regarding the manner in which such planning and committee selections to develop this concept have taken place; and
- WHEREAS, Protection of existing employee rights and benefits has not been assured in the deliberations regarding charter campus; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That there be appropriate and substantial faculty involvement in developing principles that would guide the policies of a charter university including principles that would address faculty welfare issues; and, be it further
- RESOLVED: That current rights and benefits not be diminished under a charter campus design; and, be it further
- RESOLVED: That the charter campus model developed for Cal Poly establish its own internal governance; and, be it further
- RESOLVED: That the minutes of all charter campus committees and task groups be sent on a timely basis to the Academic Senate for viewing by faculty; and, be it further

- RESOLVED: That Cal Poly confer with the Academic Senate CSU in defining the concept of a charter campus throughout its deliberations; and, be it further
- RESOLVED: That the decision to restructure Cal Poly to a charter campus be made only after a positive recommendation has been received from Cal Poly's Academic Senate; and, be it further
- RESOLVED: If a positive recommendation has been received from the Academic Senate, that the final draft of the charter campus proposal for Cal Poly be submitted to a vote of the General Faculty and the vote be made on a section-by-section basis, each section requiring a majority of the votes before being sent to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees for approval.

Proposed By the Academic Senate
Executive Committee
May 27, 1993

Subject: Uncl: Minutes of First Meeting

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From: The desk of Bonnie Tuohy, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs

CHARTER CAMPUS PROPOSAL

Vision Task Forces
Thursday, May 13, 1993
1:00 p.m.
Erhart Ag 241

CAGR III
CAED II
CBAS I
CENG III
CLA III
CSM I

Members Present:

3 faculty
Task Force #1: James Howland, Earl Keller, Wes Mueller, Stacey Breitenbach, Raul Ortiz *F* *F* *F* *Business* *F*
**Not present: Robert Gish, Wendy Reynoso, Carolyn Wakefield

Task Force #2: Linda Dalton, Larry Houlgate, Leslie Cooper, Bonnie Krupp, Yvonne Archebeque *F* *F*
**Not present: Dan Walsh, Anna McDonald, Susie Boone

Task Force #3: John Culver, Ron Brown, Joanne Freeman, John Harris, Marsha Epstein, Eric Doepel *F* *F* *F* *F*
**Not present: James Fuller, Ryan Sakai

Task Force #4: Jim Harris, Brent Keetch, Bill Gibbons (for Mike Harris), Kim Lopez-Puikunas, Hunt Turner, Wendy Ford *F* *F*
**Not present: Jens Pohl, Phil Doub
Robert Koob, Bonnie Tuohy *F*

*info added by B. Krupp

Vice President Koob opened the meeting with introductions of those present, and indicated that it was his intent today to provide an explanation of where the campus currently is in relation to the Charter campus proposal and obtain the willingness of those present to participate in an exercise which was proposed by the original Charter Task Force.

Early this year, the Chancellor explored the charter concept with the CSU Board of Trustees and approximately three campuses. There was no specific clarification of what that Charter concept meant. This action caught the imagination of the President and the campus task force. In response, the task force presented a proposal and a willingness to explore the possibility if the campus as a whole was willing. At that time, the President urged expediency and asked the task force to have the proposal done by May in time for it to be available as an information item at the May CSU Board of Trustees' meeting. As a result, the Chancellor's plan was as follows: In May, the proposal would be heard as an information item at the Board meeting. With Board approval, this would give the campus the power to explore those items where the Board has control (not such things as HEERA, since this is State law and one that cannot be exempted). The campus would still be a "state university", still would have to have a benefits system, etc. The concept is to let the campus decide on what it wants to be. It is a complex undertaking, and it will take some time and effort. The affirmation of this exercise is not needed until September.

We are meeting now due to the previous task force proposing that the only way to do this process beneficially was if we had some specific vision that would clearly help to clarify the barriers to change in order to get to a charter campus concept. This provides an opportunity for the various constituencies to discuss what this vision might be. This entire process has to be consensual. It was acknowledged that there will be redundancy within the task forces. The task forces, as proposed, would consist of eight members each. This initial meeting today was proposed by the original task force, with the intent to then break up into four separate groups. The chairs of