

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
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ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the
ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, June 2, 1992
UU 220, 3:00-5:00pm

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

I. Minutes:

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

III. Reports:

- A. Academic Senate Chair: A request has been made by the Chair of the Academic Senate CSU for all CSU campuses to complete a survey regarding the budget reduction activities occurring at each campus (i.e., vertical vs. horizontal cuts, number of faculty and staff receiving layoff notices, etc.)
- B. President's Office: none
- C. Vice President for Academic Affairs: Dr. Koob explained that if the "platinum handshake" became available to CSU employees this coming year, vacant positions created by retiring faculty would be treated as temporary loans from those departments which would subsidize other departments with fewer retirements. Vacancies created in overstaffed/downsized departments would not all be replaced. Future budgets would determine when these vacant positions could be returned. Retired annuitants could be hired back as lecturers.

Of the 84 layoffs that recently occurred, approximately half were faculty and half were staff employees. Administration took a ten percent cut in both dollars and positions and the academic sector took an eight percent cut.

- D. Statewide Senators: none

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Items:

- A. Endorsement of Academic Council on International Programs (ACIP) nominee submitted by the Vice President for Academic Affairs: Vice President Koob submitted the name of Walter Tryon (Landscape Architecture Department) for Executive Committee consideration. Walter Tryon was unanimously endorsed as the ACIP representative for the 1992-1995 term.
- B. Election of School of Science and Mathematics representative to the (Interim) Program Review and Improvement Committee (PRAIC): Patricia Acord (Physical Education Department) resigned her position as representative for SSM to this committee. Two nominees were brought forward to replace this vacancy--Harvey Greenwald (Mathematics Department) and Paul Murphy (Mathematics Department). Harvey Greenwald was elected by majority vote to be the SSM representative to the PRAIC.
- E. (Added item to the agenda) A replacement for John Harris (NRM Department) to the program discontinuance committee for Home Economics was needed because Home Economics will be part of the School of Agriculture during the quarter in which it will be reviewed (Fall 1992), thereby disqualifying Harris as an at-large member to this committee. The two nominees brought forward to replace this vacancy were Unny Menon (Industrial Engineering Department) and Myron Hood (Mathematics Department). Unny Menon was elected by majority vote to be at-large representative to the discontinuance committee for Home Economics.
- C. Prioritization of programs to be reviewed by the (Interim) Program Review and Improvement Committee (PRAIC): There are presently 125 programs at Cal Poly

(undergraduate and graduate degrees, minors, technical certificates, and vocational degrees). The deans were asked to determine a prioritization for review of programs within their schools, but no concrete direction was received in this regard.

Various suggestions for initiating the review were proposed by members of the Executive Committee. These included starting with programs up for accreditation during the next year, programs identified by last year's program review committee, volunteered programs, and programs having the lowest attendance and/or smallest number of students enrolled; reviewing programs in alphabetical order; making a random selection of programs; asking administration if they have specific programs they'd like reviewed.

Shelton: If the committee is to follow the process recommended by the PRAIC document, the information on programs it recommends is not available. Gooden: The discussion at the May 21 Executive Committee meeting noted that there would be no way to rank these programs in six weeks, but the Executive Committee should be involved in the process. Is the PRAIC going to use the document criteria or is it going to winnow it down so it's manageable? Andrews: Various materials are being compiled by the members of the committee which will identify key sources of information. There will be clusters of information which will identify areas needing immediate attention and areas which will not. Shelton: The document sets the process for determining this.

Kersten: I don't think the Executive Committee can determine what programs should be looked at and prioritize these without some clear criteria for doing so. I suggest we give the PRAIC some discretion for how this should be done. Andrews: The committee suggested just starting somewhere, taking a cursory look at each program, and then looking further into those programs where something jumps out. Shelton: Then prioritizing the programs to review is not necessary. Just identifying WHICH programs to look at is what the committee will be doing in the next six weeks.

Vilkitis: Last year's committee identified weak programs. Where cuts should be made were identified in dollars by department, not by program. The following motion was moved by Senator Vilkitis: "That the recommendations made by last year's task force and those programs volunteering for review serve as a starting point from which the (Interim) Program Review and Improvement Committee will make its selection." M/S/P (9-1).

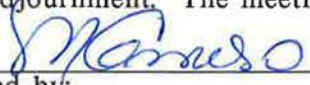
Senator Gamble made the motion that "the deliberations of the (Interim) Program Review and Improvement Committee be made open and that any findings and materials generated by the committee be made public." M/S/P (unanimous).

Andrews: Frequent reporting will be made by the committee to the Chair of the Academic Senate. The PRAIC will submit its report to the Academic Senate, not to administration. The Senate will determine how/where the report is to be distributed.

- D. (Added item to the agenda) A replacement for Christina Bailey (Chemistry Department) to the Strategic Planning Document Conference Committee was needed due to Dr. Bailey's resignation. It was moved by the Executive Committee that the individual with the next highest vote on the ballot for this committee be appointed.

VI. Discussion:

VII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.


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Approved by:
Craig Russell, Secretary
Academic Senate

Date: