

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

Minutes of the
ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 8, 1991
UU 220, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:11 pm.

I. Minutes: Minutes of the October 30 meeting were approved as presented.

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

Information on the SIS PLUS Conversion has been sent to the Academic Senate office by Art Dekline and is available for perusal.

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair

A memo from the Statewide Academic Senate Chair, Sandra Wilcox, regarding the decline in lottery revenues and requesting information on the effect this will have on the individual campuses has been received. The decline in lottery revenues is now being estimated at 25%. A 1/4 % decline will hurt us significantly. J. Murphy requested that any data on the effects to our campus be forwarded to him for his reply to the Statewide Senate.

The San Marcus Academic Senate invites members of the Executive Committee to attend a meeting of Southern California Academic Senate Executive Committees in San Marcus on February 7. Please contact J. Murphy for more information.

B. Vice President for Academic Affairs' Office

R. Koob reported that President Baker is presently attending a meeting for the presentation of Governor Pete Wilson's state budget.

He appealed to the Academic Senate to work with its Long Range Planning Committee when they begin program evaluation. The kind of criteria set up to make program evaluations will be critical. M. Botwin asked if he was implying that departments and programs may disappear. Koob replied that one can only make across the board cuts so many times. At some point, we will have to cut programs. J. Murphy emphasized that all proposals will go before the Senate. Koob stated that he wants as much input as possible.

C. Statewide Senators

J. Vilkitis reported that the Statewide Senate is meeting, January 10-11.

D. Lloyd Beecher, Academic Senate representative to the Substance Abuse Advisory Committee

L. Beecher reported that the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988 dictates that organizations receiving Federal funds (Federal financial aid for students, grants and contracts) develop and implement programs in order to insure a drug-free workplace. A committee, composed of two members appointed by the Academic Senate and two community members, has been formed to address this issue. They are examining three aspects of drug abuse:

1. What is substance abuse at Cal Poly?
2. What is available to resolve problems?
3. What kind of employee assistance should be available?

The committee will make recommendations to be acted upon by the Academic Senate. The support of both the President and the faculty are essential to a successful approach to curbing substance abuse on campus.

IV. Consent Agenda

V. Business Items:

A. GE&B Proposal for Engl 310. M/S/Passed. To be placed on the agenda. (Botwin/Moustafa)

B. Resolution on Academic Senate Election Dates--DeMers, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. M/S/Passed. To be placed on the agenda. (Andrews/Moustafa).

R. Terry had a number of objections, including the length of time it will take to do the elections, making appointments for an entire Senate term instead of having elections at the end of a year, and the concept of "appointments" instead of elections, in general.

C. Resolution on Academic Senate Caucus Committee Nominations-DeMers, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. M/S/Passed. To be placed on the agenda. (Andrews/Gamble).

D. Selection of Part-Time Representative to the Academic Senate

An election will be held at the next Executive Committee Meeting. Each caucus should select one candidate from their nominees and prepare supporting statements for that candidate.

E. Academic Senate Appointment Approvals

Academic Senate committee:

SENG Personnel Policies Committee (replacement for Kolkailah), 90-91 term-SUMAJACHEE (Civil Engineering)

D. Curriculum Proposal for B.A. Philosophy-Bailey, Chair of the Curriculum Committee.

The discussion centered around the advisability of proposing a new program when we are about to enter a phase of evaluation and program cuts. Questions of resources, including how many majors would be expected and where would these majors come from since we are at a status quo enrollment figure were asked. R. Koob advised the Senate to look at the program itself and decide if it was academically desirable rather than not considering change (adding new programs) in a tight budget year. He emphasized that it was in the best interests of the school to get the best academic programs and not just freeze what is already in place. T. Bailey said that there were about 80 philosophy minors and that some of these students had expressed interest in a philosophy major. When asked where the additional students would come from, S. Ribeau said they would not increase the number of students to the School of Liberal Arts.

VI. Discussion Items

A. University Classroom Shortage.

M. Botwin expressed concern over the shortage of classrooms, even though we have extended classes from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. We are using every available classroom that we have. Cal Poly has not added classrooms while the enrollment has increased. J. Murphy, Chair of the Academic Senate, will send a letter to Vice-President Koob on this problem.

B. Academic Senate and Senate Committee Representation from the Center for Teacher Education.

There was concurrence that the Senate should ask the Center to make a proposal concerning their representation.

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