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ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the
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Tuesday, March 13, 1990
UU 220, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm.

- I. Minutes: The minutes from the February 20, 1990 Academic Senate meeting were approved without change.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
Attention was directed to the Academic Senate Reading List. The following were given special notice: "Report on the Student Needs and Priorities Survey," A Gloster's (Vice President for Information Systems) presentation to the Academic Senate, and the Instructional Technology Report, "the Student, the Faculty, and the Information Age: the Power of Technology" - Draft #7 (CSU).
- III. Reports:
 - A. President's Office
The Chair took the opportunity to state that the President's Cabinet, which is composed of business and industry representatives, met on campus Mar 11 and 12, 1990. On Mar 10, 1990, the Educational Division of IBM's Connecticut office, in conjunction with local representatives, dedicated the 3090-400E computer. There are only fifteen such computers in colleges and universities within the country.
 - B. Vice President for Academic Affairs' Office
 - C. Statewide Senators
R Gooden asked the senators to express their thoughts on the proposed Doctorate of Education (EdD) to be awarded by the CSU campuses. The topic is sensitive. The issues center around the legitimate need for the EdD and lack of adequate resources for implementation. CSU has taken the position that "educational leadership" should be provided to principals and members of educational institutions to further their career goals.

T Kersten informed the Academic Senate that the Study of Graduate Education in The California State University (CSU) has been adopted. The report endorses quality over quantity in graduate programs. In addition, approval was given to transfer 34 units of junior college credit into the CSU system. Support was given to Assemblyman O'Connell (Ventura) who introduced legislation extending the period of time a corporation could receive deductions for the donation of scientific equipment to universities to 5 years. Cal Poly receives much of its scientific equipment from donations. CFA and Academic Senate representatives were warmly welcome by legislators in Sacramento. Their concerns center on the CSU pay raises for administrators and their recent procurement of automobiles. In addition, the legislature is not impressed with the optimistic growth plan for the CSU. They do not believe there is a need for any new campuses. The Governor's budget is 11.5% below that requested by the CSU Trustees while Cal Poly enrollment demand is increasing. Communications will be coming on the proposal to modify the Gann limit (Proposition 111) by relaxing the budget environment.

J Weatherby believes it would be to the advantage of the Academic Senate to take a position on Ed D. The Academic Council on International Education has been formed. Dr. Brenda Robinson is the newly appointed Dean for International Education. The Chair, Dr Robert Deweiler, is President of CSU Dominguez Hills. The first action of the council was to remove the ban on travel to China. The committee that addresses air travel will be looking into the Trustees' directive of not sanctioning travel on airplanes with propellers.

D. ASI Representatives

M Gates informed the Academic Senate that the newsletter "ASI Today" is available. She requested that the faculty urge students to become involved with ASI. The filing dates for nominations to the Board of Directors is March 5-16, 1990. J Weatherby requested information on the banning of students from the Chancellor's Office.

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David Walch, Dean of Library Services, reported on Kennedy Library's budget, physical facility, associates, use, technology, and concerns and challenges. A summary and outline of the presentation is available in the Academic Senate Office (FOB 25H). The library has a budget of approximately \$4.5 million of which three-quarters goes to personnel costs and the rest to acquisition of materials. It employs 26 professional staff (78 FTE). The budget is about 1.8% below standard, and inflation has been significantly higher than budget increases. The facility has shortcomings but is quite functional. There are about 1830 student study stations; standards suggest 3000. The library averages 16,000 in attendance per day during peak periods, and circulates 52 items per student per year (the CSU average is 25). Phase I of Polycat, the new online public access catalog, is functional. The library has lost four positions in the past three years.

IV. Consent Agenda:

The Chair, in a memorandum dated March 7, 1990, informed the Academic Senate Executive Committee that the Resolution on Minimum Grade Requirement Imposed by Departments on Majoring Students was placed on the Consent Agenda without their review due to time constraints for submitting curriculum matters. Senator Kersten expressed a concern, and this item was moved to the Business agenda and identified as item D.

V. Business Item(s):

- A. Resolution on Periodic Evaluation of Faculty Unit Employees (second reading): (M/S/P) (P Murphy/Moustafa) P Murphy stated that the recommendations made at the first reading have been incorporated into the document and can be identified as the underlined portions of C.A.M. 345.4 A.4. on page 8 and A.5. on page 9. An editorial change in the second sentence of section A.5. on page 8 deletes the word "and". C Andrews questioned the reasonableness of the department head/chair being the appropriate administrator if the individual is not tenured. There was considerable debate on whether (1) the appropriate administrator should be tenured, (2) the decision of tenure should be left to the individual departments, and (3) a policy statement exists that requires all reviewers to be tenured. Moustafa moved to amend the motion by placing the word "tenured" between the underlined words "appropriate administrator" in the first sentence of C.A.M. 345.4 A.4. There was no second. M/S (Andrews/Kersten) to amend the motion by inserting the words "holding academic tenure" following the word "chair" in parenthesis of the first sentence of C.A.M. 345.4 A.4. Debate followed regarding the necessity for the appropriate administrator to have tenure in order to carry out assigned responsibilities, and the necessity to protect a department head/chair if untenured. R Zeuschner stated that a chair is elected, tenured or not, to fill the responsibilities of the position. J Coleman suggested that the wording of the amendment be changed to "holding tenure." C Andrews and S Moustafa accepted the modification. Regarding the main motion, T Kersten stated that this

evaluation is a special kind of event and is not a personnel action. For this type of evaluation it is "Trustee policy" that the department set up the mechanism by which the review occurs, and that a summary of the department's review be forwarded to the dean. With the Trustee policy it is clear who has authority to approve procedures. In this resolution it is unclear who has the right to participate.

- B. Resolution on Departmental Support for International Education at Cal Poly. M/S/P (Weatherby/Coleman). J Weatherby requested that an editorial change be added to the indented section of the second whereas clause:

The (name) department supports the concept of international education and encourages students to investigate opportunities for overseas study. For further information, see page ___ of the current catalog; and

J Weatherby requested that the Chair notify departments of the passage of the resolution for potential inclusion into new catalog.

- C. Report on Minors, Academic Senate Curriculum Committee. M/S/P (Zeuschner/Andrews) that the Academic Senate receive the report and place it on the agenda as a Discussion item at the next regular Academic Senate meeting. The Chair made known that this report was requested by the Academic Senate during the 1988-89 academic year and requested that the senators review and evaluate the report for discussion at the next meeting.

- D. Resolution on Minimum Grade Requirement Imposed by Departments on Majoring Students (first reading). The Chair stated that this item originated as a result of a request made by the Architectural Engineering Department. C Andrews questioned the intent of the proposal. P Murphy stated that the Architectural Engineering Department does not want to accept a "D" as a passing grade in the major. The "C-" is a higher level requirement. However, to make the intent of the resolution clearer the word "major" should be inserted in the last Whereas and the Resolved clauses.

Whereas, The Architectural Engineering Department has recently proposed for the 1990-1992 catalog the requirement for its own majors of a grade of C- or better in any major course which is a prerequisite for another course in the major;

Resolved: A department may require a minimum grade of C- in any major course which is applied to the major.

P Bailey stated that if the intent is to deal with courses in the major, then the resolution should not apply to graduation requirements (third Whereas clause). R Peck noted that the concern may be better addressed with a course prerequisite. The Chair commented that departments should have the authority to establish a minimum course grade for students in their major. The question is how to implement that decision. S Moustafa recommended that the proposal be returned to committee to address the issues raised by the Senate. The Chair will communicate the will of the body to the Instruction Committee.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.