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San Luis Obispo, California 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the
ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 3, 1990
UU 220, 3:00-5:00pm

Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at 3:20pm.

- I. Minutes:
The minutes from the February 6, 1990 Executive Committee meeting were approved without change.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
Two documents available for review in the Academic Senate office are "Civil Rights in Higher Education," a December 1989 report by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, and the final report of the California Task Force to Promote Self-Esteem and Personal and Social Responsibility.

The Chair's memorandum of February 22, 1990 to the Personnel Policies Committee requested a review of Article 17 of the Memorandum of Understanding "to determine the practicality of modifying the Campus Administrative Manual." The Personnel Policies Committee will review the document and make recommendations.

Ray Geigle, Chair of the statewide Academic Senate, will visit Cal Poly on April 17, 1990. A noon luncheon will be held at Vista Grande. Those interested in attending should contact Marjorie Snow in the Academic Senate office. A reception will follow from 1:30-2:45pm in University Dining Room West.

During March 30-April 1, 1990, the Chair attended the statewide Academic Senate retreat in San Diego. A brief summary of the events and activities will be distributed.

- III. Reports:
 - A. President's Office
 - B. Vice President for Academic Affairs' Office
P Bailey requested advice and recommendations from the Academic Senate in response to the proposed reorganization of teacher education. The three options suggested are (1) form a School of Education with the dean reporting directly to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, (2) create an autonomous unit (division, center, institute) within the School of Professional Studies and Education (SPSE) with the director reporting to the SPSE dean, or (3) continue with the status quo. A decision on the proposal needs to be made by the end of Spring Quarter. T Kersten recommended that the proposal be sent to the Long-Range Planning Committee and that the review focus on the issues presented. The committee should be given a time frame for review, allowing time for the Executive Committee to discuss the committee's review before forwarding same. The Chair stated that another approach would be for the Vice President for Academic Affairs to present a position and then forward it to the Long-Range Planning Committee via the Academic Senate office for response. T Bailey stated that the Curriculum Committee is concerned with this issue, and it may be prudent to request that the Curriculum Committee review the proposal for their recommendations. P Murphy stated that if we believe education is the number one priority then we should be willing to support it as the top priority. The Chair will follow the procedures suggested by Senator Kersten.

- C. Statewide Senators
 - D. J Vilkitis reported on the history and status of the proposed Coastal Resources Institute and requested the Executive Committee review and comment on the draft document.
- IV. Consent Agenda:
- V. Business Item(s):
- A. Resolution on Audit Policy: M/S/P (P Murphy/Andrews) to place this resolution on the April 17, 1990 Academic Senate Agenda as a first reading Business Item. R Terry, Chair of the Instruction Committee, gave a brief summary of the issues surrounding the resolution and requested that the three memos addressing this issue be attached to the resolution. There was no opposition to this request.
 - B. Resolution on Evaluation of MCA II: M/S/P (Andrews/Kersten) to place this resolution on the April 17, 1990 Academic Senate Agenda as a first reading Business Item. W Boynton, caucus chair for SBUS, distributed a resolution on Multi-Criteria Admissions approved by the Senate May 26, 1981 (AS-117-81/EC) and proposed an additional resolution drafted by the SBUS caucus to reinstate the MCA models that were in effect prior to the implementation of MCA II. It is not the intent of the resolution to preempt the charge of the Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate MCA II. The concern is that the committee has not started its task and it is unlikely it will be able to evaluate MCA II and develop a proposed alternative with appropriate department/school consultation by fall 1990. The intent is to get the administration started on the process of reinstating the earlier approved MCA models. If the models cannot be reinstated, the rationale needs to be known.
- T Kersten suggested an editorial addition to the end of the last Whereas clause. It should read "...goals; therefore, be it..."
- The Chair stated that the last two Resolved clauses in AS-117-81/EC had not been fully implemented. P Bailey informed the Executive Committee that the concept of MCA II is not unreasonable but was not well thought out. Therefore there were problems with MCA II which could have been avoided through consultation. However, it may be impossible due to the resources required to go back to MCA. T Kersten stated that we are in the present situation because the concept was not thoroughly analyzed nor was there Academic Senate involvement. We need ongoing faculty consultation. J Borland asked that the final decision date for selecting students for the next academic year be identified. P Bailey did not have the exact date but believed it was some time in October. P Murphy suggested that Administration have a representative at the Academic Senate meeting to answer relevant questions and that a time line be established for the Ad Hoc Committee's report. C Andrews stated that if there are valid arguments for not going back to MCA, then, in the interim, it may be necessary to allow the schools to determine the values to place on entrance criteria.
- C. Vacancies: The Chair expressed a concern about the number of Academic Senate committee vacancies and requested the caucus chairs seek faculty to fill the vacant positions. C Andrews questioned whether the Athletic Advisory Commission is a functional committee.

The caucus from SPSE met and endorsed Red Heesch, Graphic Communication, to the University Union Executive Committee. There was no opposition to this nomination.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

- A. Academic Senate membership terms: The Chair informed the Executive Committee that J Rogalla, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, has resigned as chair and member of that committee. Acting on behalf of the committee, the Chair developed a temporary solution to the problem of unbalanced term-endings within the caucuses of the Senate and presented it in a memorandum dated March 2, 1990. The solution is a temporary adjustment to address the term process problem until the committee has an opportunity to investigate and forward a recommendation to the Senate. T Kersten recommended that the proposal be drafted as a resolution and brought to the Academic Senate for approval. This recommendation will be followed.
- B. Report on Minors, Academic Senate Curriculum Committee: T Bailey summarized the document and asked the Executive Committee if the report was strong enough to allow changing the recommendations to resolutions before submitting the document to the Academic Senate. The Curriculum Committee has given T Bailey authority to make the changes. It was the will of the body to change the recommendations to numbered resolutions.
- C. New Student Orientation: Will be placed on the next Executive Committee Agenda for discussion.
- D. The Chair requested that the resolution presented in the April 1, 1990 memo to statewide Academic Senate Chairs be placed on the April 17, 1990 Academic Senate Agenda as a first reading Business Item. The resolution resulted from the statewide Academic Senate Chairs' Retreat March 30-April 1, 1990. Due to the late hour it was agreed that discussion of this matter be continued at the next Executive Committee meeting.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.