

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California
ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES - Executive Committee
Tuesday: July 12, 1988
UU 220 3:00 p.m.

Chair: A. Charles Crabb
Vice Chair: Charles Andrews
Secretary: Roxy Peck

Members Absent: Andrews, Borland, Burgunder, Kersten,
Murphy, Peck, Weatherby, Wheeler, Wilson

I. Preparatory

- A. The meeting was called to order at 3:14 p.m.
- B. The minutes of the May 24, 1988 Academic Senate meeting were approved as mailed.
- C. Introduction of Dr. Hazel Scott, the new Dean of Student Affairs, has been rescheduled for the August 16, 1988 meeting of the Academic Senate Executive Committee.

II. Communications

- A. The Chair noted additions to the list of materials available for reading in the Senate Office:
 - 1. Revised Trustee Policy on Student Health Services (CSU)
 - 2. Materials on Student Suicide (CSU)
 - 3. Guidelines for Allocation of Funds Received through the Program Change Proposal on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (CSU)
 - 4. Draft of Joint Committee Report on the Master Plan (California Legislature)
- B. Leon Maksoudian (Statistics), one of two faculty proposed to the Foundation Board Nomination Committee by the Academic Senate, was elected by the Foundation Board to a three-year director term ending May 1991.
- C. The President has acknowledged receipt of AS-246-87 (Resolution on Cheating and Plagiarism) and has referred it to Vice President Wilson for advice.
- D. The President has accepted AS-274-88 (Resolution on Academic Promotions), subject to a modification

in the wording of proposed changes to CAM 342.2A.

- E. The President has acknowledged receipt of AS-280-88/BC (Resolution on Faculty Position Control).
- F. The following Academic Senate Resolutions have been approved /supported by President Baker:
 - 1. AS-282-88/IC
Resolution on Course Information /Syllabi
 - 2. AS-283-88/IC
Resolution on Student Performance Evaluations
 - 3. AS-285-88/Gooden
Resolution in Support of Proposition 71
 - 4. AS-287-88/GE&B
Resolution on GE&B Transfer Curriculum
 - 5. AS-288-88/GE&B
Resolution on GE&B Requirements: ARCH 316X
 - 6. AS-289-88/SWC
Resolution on Sexual Harrassment Policy
 - 7. AS-296-88/LC
Resolution on Library Acquisition Funds

III. Reports

- A. President's Office: None
- B. Academic Affairs Office: None
- C. Statewide Senators: None

IV. Consent Agenda: None

V. Business Items

- A. Proposal to Establish the Irrigation Training and Research Center, 1st reading
 - 1. The Chair recognized Ed Carnegie (Chair: Agricultural Engineering Dept.) who summarized the contents of the 16 page proposal.
 - 2. The presentation was followed by numerous questions and comments. It was established that
 - a. the updated funded activities of the proposed Center now total \$715,000 (i.e. an additional \$195,000 has been found since the writing of the proposal).
 - b. AgEngr is working with CE on interdisciplinary courses in the MS program and with OH in the undergraduate program.
 - c. The University will not be obligated to pick up funding if anticipated funding dries up.
 - d. The Center should be self-supporting once

- initial support occurs for three years.
- e. A minor in Water Science or Irrigation Science will include interdisciplinary courses.
- f. The ratio of the Center's Research funds to overhead is approximately:
750,000:150,000 or 5:1
- g. Shop 6 activities are being transferred to Shop 3; Shop 6 will be converted to the Irrigation Center.
- 3. The Proposal will advance to Second Reading status at the August 16, 1988 meeting of the Executive Committee.

B. Resolution on Guidelines for State Faculty Support Grants, 1st reading

- 1. S. Moustafa, a member of the Research Committee, presented the Resolution in the absence of Lynne Jamieson (Chair: Research Committee).
- 2. By consensus, it was agreed that this item would advance to Second Reading status on August 16, 1988 if funding for PCF grants are still in the Legislative budget. Otherwise, the Resolution would be held until the Fall 1988 Quarter.

VI. Discussion Item: Should National Merit Scholar finalists be given automatic admission to Cal Poly?

A. The Chair opened the topic for discussion. The following represented the general feelings of those present.

- 1. The Multi-Criteria Admissions (MCA) Program is working for our programs;
- 2. Status as a National Merit Scholar finalist is based on a single exam taken early in a student's junior year of high school and may not reflect other important characteristics necessary for success at Cal Poly;
- 3. National Merit Scholar finalists are probably not being turned away from non-impacted programs;
- 4. The value of admitting National Merit Scholar finalists to majors on this campus should be decided at the departmental or school level.

B. It was agreed by consensus that

- 1. National Merit Scholar finalist status should be added to the list of possible factors for consideration under MCA. Those departments or

schools placing a high value in admitting National Merit Scholar finalists can include that in their MCA criteria.

2. Any school which places a high value in admitting National Merit Scholar finalists can use some of the "special admits" assigned to each school.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m..