

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MINUTES

October 29, 1985  
U.U. 220 3:00pm

Chair: Lloyd H. Lamouria  
Vice Chair: Lynne E. Gamble  
Secretary: Raymond D. Terry

Members Absent: Larry Gay (Proxy exercised by Gary Field), Barton Olsen

I. MINUTES:

The minutes of the Academic Senate Executive Committee Meeting of September 24, 1985, were approved with one correction made by the Chair.

Item V.F.2 should read: "Robert Bonds volunteered to serve as Parliamentarian in the Fall, with Zeuschner to serve in the Winter and Spring (with his approval and subject to a permanent change in his teaching schedule). The Executive Committee adopted this by consensus."

The Chair provided the following post mortem: Ray Zeuschner was unable to arrange a permanent change in his teaching schedule and will thus be unable to serve as Parliamentarian.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Chair updated the Executive Committee on the search for an Office Manager/Analyst. The position, which was recently upgraded to the level of a Department Secretary, has been advertised. To date, 14 applications have been received. Interviewing for the position will begin soon. Interested members of the Executive Committee may arrange to participate in the interviewing process.
- B. The Chair described the normal procedures for requesting information from administrative line personnel, as a matter of courtesy. This does not and should not preclude direct contacts when deemed advisable by the Committee.

1. A Senate Committee is encouraged to request information through the administration representative on the standing committee.
  2. If B.1 is not feasible, request may appropriately be directed to Amaral, Brown, Fort, Gerard, Landreth, Pieper, Strom, West, Wilkens, or Wilson. These are key personnel
  3. Requests to President Baker should be routed via the Senate Chair.
- C. Last year Provost Fort suggested that each Department have at least nine free electives. Not all Departments have complied with this request. In fact, more than one Department have no free electives. The Provost has referred the matter to the Academic Senate. After consultation with the other Senate Officers, the Chair has referred the free electives issue to the Curriculum Committee.
- D. Review of the O/E Allocation Model

An O/E Committee consisting of three administration representatives and two representatives of the Academic Senate was being formed.

One of our appointees would be derived from the Budget Committee. Jens Pohl (Chair: Budget Committee) has recommended that Jim Conway represent the Budget Committee on the O/E Committee.

The second Academic Senate appointee to the O/E Committee should be derived from the Executive Committee. The Chair suggested that Lynne Gamble be appointed. She was temporarily excused from the meeting while her suitability for the appointment was being deliberated.

After both nominations had been approved by the Executive Committee, Lynne Gamble returned to the meeting.

### III. REPORTS:

#### A. President/Provost

Neither the President nor the Provost were present at this meeting.

#### B. Statewide Senator's Report

Barton Olsen was absent. Reg Gooden indicated that he had no report. Tim Kersten made a short report in which he emphasized the recommendation of the Faculty Trustee Kully for a review of RTP procedures. He also mentioned the negotiations with CFA for a successor contract. In view of the lengthy agenda for this meeting, Tim declined to give an extended report, but indicated his availability to answer questions privately.

- C. Reg Gooden proposed that the Malcolm Wilson Commendation Presentation be made at the November 5 meeting of the Academic Senate. It was decided to invite Malcolm Wilson to the November 5 meeting.

#### IV. BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. The Chair asserted the Officers' need to consult with the Executive Committee on a more frequent basis. He indicated his intention to have the Executive Committee meet both the week before and the week after Senate Meetings.
- B. Bill Forgeng (Chair: Student Affairs Committee) presented his committee's proposed resolution concerning disabled students.

Alan Cooper noted that the resolution seemed to be oriented toward hearing and sight impaired students. It seemed not to address the needs of paraplegic, quadriplegi, etc. students.

It was recommended that the phrase "have a right to" be changed to "shall" in the first and second resolved clauses.

Two modifications in the resolution were suggested by Bill Forgeng to offset impending criticism of the resolution. A statement of these modifications was distributed to the Executive Committee.

Charles Andrews warned those present of the possible dangers to a faculty member of allowing lectures to be taped. He pointed out the serious threat posed to academic freedom by the group Accuracy in Academia (AIA). Tim Kersten conjectured that taping lectures without permission is a copyright infringement. There was general agreement that tape recording lectures requires the permission of the instructor.

Robert Bonds reaffirmed the rights of disabled students to all the benefits of non-disabled students. He reminded the Executive Committee of successful suits in the late 1970's in which an instructor was forced to allow the use of sign language in the

classroom. The issue of whether Disabled Student Services has the right or the power to force an instructor to accept a specific instructional adaptation, alteration or accommodation was not resolved.

C. Amendment No. 3 to the UPLC Report "Leave with Pay Guidelines"

Ray Terry (Chair: UPLC) asked the Caucus Chairs for an indication of their support for the amendment which had been approved by consensus by the UPLC on October 24.

The Caucus Chairs of the Schools of Agriculture and Architecture and Environmental Design indicated general approval. The Caucus Chair of the School of Engineering asked for elaboration on how sabbatical leave applications would be interleaved to produce a single university-wide prioritized list. It was decided to bring the matter before the UPLC on October 31.

D. CSU Mission Statement

1. Joe Weatherby (Pol. Sci.) provided a brief history of the development of the statement. He indicated that the document contained two main parts: (1) a mission statement which was of necessity general, philosophical and permissive so as to ensure its durability through time; and (2) a strategy statement, which may change as Trustee policy changes.
2. Two important features of the statement are its support for research and its view that the study of liberal arts and sciences is the foundation of a Bachelor's Degree.
3. The issue of stand-alone doctorates was discussed.

If there is no differential for Masters' Programs, can one expect a differential for a Ph.D Program?

Would the distribution of sabbatical leaves and the availability of \$\$\$ for professional development be biased by the presence (absence) of a Ph.D. Program?

4. Steve French (Chair: Long Range Planning Committee) informed the Executive Committee of his committee's opposition to stand-alone doctorates, citing such reasons as redundancy, not cost-effective, lacking marketability, and contrary to the historical mission of Cal Poly.

#### E. South Africa Apartheid Resolution

Robert Bonds (Chair: PCS) reminded the Executive Committee of Cal Poly's investments in South African Companies. He reviewed the three levels of the Sullivan Principles. According to Bonds, many companies in which we have investments still have major violations of the Sullivan Principles. Although our investment is relatively miniscule, we should make a stand in principle. A petition/resolution will be ready by the next Executive Committee Meeting.

#### F. Continuing Controversy for Information Systems

This summer the Administration unilaterally split the position of Associate Provost for Information Systems into two lesser positions: one managerial (to which David Walch was appointed) and the other a half-time computer analyst position. Walch's appointment was announced as "interim" due to the furor which arose when knowledge of it spread this summer.

At this point in time the Administration is planning to fill the position of manager for computer services.

Charlie Andrews indicated that if the position was to be filled without a formal search, without any advertising and without prior consultation, this action was a serious violation of the CSU and Campus Affirmative Action Program. Unless a freeze on hiring funds were existent, the action could not be justified.

The Chair was asked to determine the facts and report back at 5 November meeting of the Senate.

### V. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

#### A. Need to distribute a Summary of Parliamentary Rules

With permission of Jim Ahern (Chair: SAGR) who originated the agenda item, this item was deferred to the 12 November 1985 Executive Committee Meeting.

#### B. Nomination of a Faculty Speaker for the December 1985 Graduation

The Chair indicated that possible sources of a faculty speaker were to be found in the Senate, the list of outstanding teachers, the state-wide Senators, past chairs of the Cal Poly Senate, etc.

After a short discussion, it was decided by consensus that as a matter of policy, the Vice Chair would deliver the required speech at the December graduation and the Chair would deliver the speech at the June graduation.

C. Effect of the Trustees Statement on Senate Activities

Deferred to the 12 November 1985 meeting of the Executive Meeting.

D. Distribution of Academic Senate/Executive Committee Minutes

The Chair informed the Executive Committee that minutes could be distributed within a week of any meeting, if such were desirable.

It was decided to continue the past procedure of distributing the minutes of the previous meeting with the agenda for the next meeting.

Adjournment: 5:00pm