

(Continuation of February 4, 1986 Executive meeting)  
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY  
SAN LUIS OBISPO  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MINUTES  
February 7, 1986  
Staff Dining Hall 11:00 a.m.

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

Members Absent:

I. Minutes

- A. The minutes of the Jan. 21, 1986 Executive Committee meeting were approved as mailed.
- B. The minutes of the Jan. 28, 1986 Executive Committee meeting were approved as mailed.

II. Business Items

A. Resolution on Senior Projects

- 1. The Chair distributed a memo from Lezlie Labhard opposing the proposed Resolution and a copy of a letter from a student marvelling at the value of the senior project requirement (transmitted by Jim Ahern). The SAGR also opposed the Resolution.
- 2. The Chair recognized Al Cooper, the originator of the Resolution on Senior Projects.
- 3. Al Cooper indicated that he had been asked to introduce the resolution by members of his department and others. He stated his belief that senior projects in many departments may not be performing the tasks that they were originally intended to accomplish. The senior project requirement was instituted when Cal Poly was more polytechnic than it is now and when preparation in English and humanities was weaker. Indeed, senior projects used to be graded by a member of the English Department in addition to the major instructor. Random selection of senior projects suggest that good English is no longer a requirement of a good senior project. Within the Bio. Sci. Dept. the connection between the two quarters of senior project enrollment and senior seminar has been broken. The School of Architecture and Environmental Design has replaced

the senior project requirement with a design project requirement. There are numerous reasons for dropping the senior project requirement. The fact that they are done by faculty as overloads is not the least in importance.

4. Ken Riener and Tim Kersten indicated that the faculty member had to stand up for his rights and insist on a reduction in teaching load to compensate for supervision of senior projects.
5. Reg Gooden asserted that such detailed debate as was taking place was proper for the Senate floor, but was unnecessary for the purpose at hand: to decide whether the issue should go to the Senate floor.
6. Al Cooper insisted that if the Senate rejects his resolution, it must also take steps to make the senior project requirement meaningful.
7. By consensus, the Executive Committee approved the inclusion of the "Resolution on Senior Projects" on the agenda of the Feb. 11 Senate meeting.

B. Resolution on "Accuracy in Academia"

By consensus, the Executive Committee approved inclusion of the resolution on the Feb. 11 Senate agenda.

C. Resolution on Lottery Funds

1. The Chair introduced Robert McNeil, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Use of Lottery Funds. Bob explained the background of the Resolution proposed by his committee and the guidelines used in preparing the committee report.
2. Bob McNeil discussed the general statements and the recommendations of his committee.
3. The Resolution on the Use of Lottery Funds may be found on pp. 25-26 of the Feb. 11 Senate agenda.
4. By consensus, the Executive Committee approved inclusion of the Resolution on the Feb. 11 agenda.

D. Resolution on Assigned Time

1. The Chair passed the gavel to the Vice Chair so that he could discuss the background of the Resolution. He argued persuasively that the Resolution should go to the floor of the Senate. He said that informal efforts to obtain adequate assigned time

had failed. A formal Resolution is now the only recourse.

2. Tim Kersten indicated that he was sympathetic to the Chair's desire to obtain adequate assigned time for Senate officers and Standing Committee Chairs. However, he warned that a formal Senate resolution may contribute to setting up an adversary relationship between the Senate and the Administration. He suggested a softening of the last "whereas" clause.
3. The Chair volunteered the deletion of the last "whereas" clause.
4. By consensus, the Executive Committee approved inclusion of the Resolution on the Feb 11 agenda.
5. The Chair retrieved the gavel from the Vice Chair.

### III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m..