

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - AGENDA  
NOVEMBER 21, 1978  
AG 241 3:00 P.M.

Chair, Max Riedlsperger  
Vice Chair, Linda Atwood  
Secretary, Alan Foutz

- I. Approval of Minutes - Executive Committee
- II. Business Items -
  - A. Appointment of Instructionally Related Activities Advisory Board Reps (2)
  - B. Appointment of Learning Assistance Center Advisory Board Rep (1)
  - C. Appointment of Career Center Advisory Committee Rep (1)
  - D. Teaching Overloads Report (Instruction Committee - Begg)
  - E. Appointment of Ad Hoc Professional Responsibility Committee
- III. Discussion Items -
  - A. Instructionally Related Activities (attachments) (Riedlsperger)
  - B. Responsibility of Executive Committee Members (Jorgensen)
  - C. Emeritus (Tom Hale)
  - D. Length - Frequency of Senate Meetings (Riedlsperger)
  - E. Executive Committee report to Senate (Riedlsperger)
  - F. Representation in Architecture (Riedlsperger)
  - G. Election procedures violations (attachment)
  - H. Letter to Trustees on PSAC (Brenner)

# Memorandum

To : Max Riedlsperger, Chair  
Academic Senate

Date : November 7, 1978

File No.:

Copies : Executive Committee of  
the Academic Senate  
Barbara Weber, Chair  
Elections Committee  
Sabah Al-hadad

From : Harvey Greenwald *HG*

Subject: Election of Faculty Members to PSAC

The action by the Election Committee regarding selection of faculty representatives to the PSAC violated an important principle. No Academic Senate committee has the right to disregard a directive of the Senate. In this case the Senate directed that the election follow the procedures for electing Senators. The committee felt that there was not sufficient time for this and so inserted a new requirement involving departments. This is a dangerous precedent. No committee should have the authority under any conditions to violate Senate directives. If a problem arises, an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate should be called. If modifications are necessary, then the Executive Committee should make them — certainly these changes should not be made by a committee.


In the particular case the insertion of the requirement involving departments was certainly not a small change. Our department wound up nominating someone from another department. It is conceivable that a person could be nominated by another department and yet not be able to get nominated by his/her department. By the original procedures of the Election Committee, this person would not be a candidate.

That we were able to nominate someone from another department doesn't make matters any better. This occurred only because we were brazen enough to complain to the Chair of the Academic Senate. There ought not to be two policies — one for the brazen and one for everyone else.

In conclusion, I would like to have the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate consider the general question of the power of committees to violate Senate directives. I feel that if a problem arises, an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee ought to be called to handle it.

**Memorandum**

o : Larry Robinson, President  
Associated Students, Inc.  
and  
Max Riedlsperger, Chair  
Academic Senate

From : Robert E. Kennedy   
President

Subject: Instructionally Related Activities Advisory Board

Date : October 23, 1978

File No.:

Copies : Dale Andrews  
Hazel Jones  
Russell Brown  
James Landreth

As you may recall, last year we agreed to establish an 8-person Instructionally Related Activities Advisory Board consisting of four students and four faculty/administrators. The guidelines provide that the President of the Associated Students or his designee will serve as one of the student representatives, and shall serve as Chair. Last year the student representatives were ASI President, ASI Vice President, Chair, ASI Finance Committee, Vice Chair, ASI Finance Committee. The faculty/administrative representatives were Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of Students, Director of Business Affairs, and an Academic Senate representative. In addition to the above official voting members of the committee, Paul Curtis, then ASI President, and I agreed to invite to all meetings, so as to provide proper liaison with other functions for which they were responsible, the Director of Business Affairs for the ASI and the Chair of the Academic Senate Budget Committee.

Larry, I would appreciate your taking the lead in appointing the ASI representatives in accordance with appropriate ASI procedures; and, Max, your providing me with names of at least two individuals from whom to select the Academic Senate representative. The Academic Senate representative should not be a faculty member who is advisory to an activity supported in whole or in part by IRA funds.

In addition, I would appreciate an expression of opinion from each of you as to the continuance of the Director of Business Affairs for the ASI and the Chair of the Academic Senate Budget Committee serving as liaison nonvoting members of the Advisory Board as I am interested in getting the Advisory Board in place and functioning in order to participate in the development of improved University-ASI budgeting procedures, etc., as they relate to the IRA programs.

Attachments 1) February 16, 1978 appointment memo  
2) Trustees Policy on IRA Advisory Board Function  
3) Education Code Section