

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - AGENDA  
January 30, 1979  
AG 241 3:00 PM

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

I. Minutes

II. Business Items

- A. Brenner Letter on PSAC (Attachment)
- B. Committee Appointments and Confirmations (Riedlsperger)

III. Discussion Items

- A. Common Committee Meeting Time
- B. Resolution Regarding PSAC (Attachment)

January 2, 1979

Dear Board Members:

November 7, 1978, the Academic Senate of California State University voted to notify the Board of Trustees that it opposes the Procedures for the Selection of Presidents, a document received by Academic Senators October 5, 1978. This letter, then, is in response to those procedures outlined by the Board of Trustees and is an expression of faculty dissatisfaction.

The Academic Senate is most concerned about the distance developed between the presidential selection process and the California Polytechnic State University campus. Specifically, the faculty disapproves of the following: a) the lack of consultation between the Board of Trustees and the faculty in developing the procedures for the selection of presidents, b) the lack of clarity in the Procedures for the Selection of Presidents in regard to consensus and confidentiality, c) the disproportionately small number of California Polytechnic representatives on the PSAC, d) and the power invested in President Kennedy by the Board of Trustees to select members to the PSAC.

The Academic Senate suggests that the procedures adopted by the Trustees for the selection of CSUC presidents should have established a process by which persons most compatible with the unique character of each university could be selected. Toward this goal, the Academic Senators of California Polytechnic State University suggest that the local people who are most affected by the final appointment of the president of the university should be more adequately consulted and should have a greater voice in the selection of their president.

Sincerely,

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS The faculty of California Polytechnic State University is aware of a need for higher academic standards, and
- WHEREAS The chief administrator of California Polytechnic State University is directly responsible for setting the academic tone of the institution, and
- WHEREAS The major top level administrative positions of California Polytechnic State University are predominately held by individuals who served under the administration of Julian A. McPhee or hold degrees from California Polytechnic State University, and
- WHEREAS In the professional opinion of the faculty, an administration which seems to be inbred is academically unhealthy; be it
- RESOLVED That the PSAC be urged to give strongest consideration to qualified applicants for the position of President of CPSU who have served in administrative positions and received their graduate education at institutions other than CPSU.