

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

ACADEMIC SENATE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MINUTES

August 23, 1977

Chair, Tom Hale
Vice Chair, Mike Cirovic
Secretary, Alan Foutz

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM by Chair, Tom Hale.

Members Present: Tom Hale, Alan Foutz, Barton Olsen, Lezlie Labhard, Tom Ballew, John P. Adams, Pat Brenner, Bob Christenson, Linda Atwood, John Syer.

Members Absent: Mike Cirovic, Mike Wenzl, Luther Hughes, Al Andreoli, Ed Watson, Hazel Jones, Steve Bennett.

I. Approval of Minutes The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting (July 26, 1977) were approved as distributed.

II. Business Items

Letter of Appreciation to Kennedy for Library - Hale

Tom Hale will send a letter from the Executive Committee expressing appreciation to Kennedy for his efforts in obtaining funds to build the new library.

The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate then went into Executive Session.

A. Membership of the Standing Committees - Hale

All standing committees need to be filled. Be sure to inform Tom Hale as to the representatives to these committees from each of your schools.

B. Charges to Committees for Fall 1977-78 - Hale

M/S/P (Adams) that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee be charged to immediately examine the question that the Election Committee, which is now made up of a faculty member from each school, be changed so that the Committee be made up of a senator from each school. The Committee is to respond with a recommendation to the Executive Committee on or before September 27, 1977.

M/S/P (Foutz) that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee be charged with examining the election procedure with particular reference to who is eligible to hold an office, and other questions as outlined in the attached memo. The Committee is to respond to the Executive Committee by October 25, 1977.

III. Discussion Items

A. The role of the Academic Senate 1977-78 - Hale

The role of the Academic Senate was discussed at length, particularly in reference to the functions and functioning of several of the standing committees. Also discussed in depth, were the questions raised during the election of this year's officers, makeup and role of the Election Committee, and the question of who is actually eligible to run for Senate offices, length of the terms, etc.

Memorandum

.o : Executive Committee Members
Academic Senate

Date : Aug. 22, 1977

File No.:

Copies :

From : John Syer, Exec. Comm. Mem. (Soc. Sci.)

Subject: Proposed Action Concerning the
Election Procedures for Officers
of the Academic Senate

The Executive Committee directs the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to study the process whereby the officers of the Academic Senate are chosen and to make recommendations for changes in the Bylaws if such appear warranted. The following issues, and any others the committee wishes to raise, should be addressed:

1. Should the terms of office and/or the timing of the election of officers (Bylaws secs. I.C. and VII.A.3.i.5) be altered? That is, should outgoing or incoming Senators select the leadership for the forthcoming academic year?
2. Who may be nominated to be an officer in the Academic Senate? Should the Bylaws (secs. I.C. and II.A.) be made more specific concerning consecutive terms for officers?
3. Should the provisions (Bylaws sec. VII.A.3.i.5) for conducting the election of officers be made more detailed? That is, should the Bylaws specify who is eligible to receive a ballot, who is to count the ballots, and the manner in which the ballots are to be retained for inspection?
4. In the event of a challenge to a nominee's inclusion on the ballot and/or a challenge regarding the implementation of the election procedures, what means of appeal now exist for Senators wishing to challenge aspects of the officer selection process? If existing appeals procedures are inadequate, should an existing body or a new group be assigned appeals responsibilities?

The Executive Committee would appreciate a response to this inquiry by _____. If additional time is required to formulate a response, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee should so inform the Executive Committee.

A copy of this document shall be distributed to members of the Election Committee for their information. The members of the Election Committee are encouraged to transmit in a timely manner to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee whatever recommendations they may have on the above issues.