

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO
ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MINUTES
April 28, 1981

Chair, Tim Kersten
Vice Chair, Rod Keif
Secretary, John Harris

Members Present: Burroughs, Dingus, Goldenberg, Harris, Hill,
Kersten, Riedlsperger, Rockman, Shaffer, Sharp, and Tseng.

Guests: Dave Snyder.

I. Minutes The minutes were approved as distributed.

II. Announcements

- A. A copy of the document before the Statewide Academic Senate entitled, "The Role of the Academic Senate in a Post-Collective Bargaining Era," is available for examination in the Academic Senate Office.

III. Business Items

- A. Replacement for Alfred Bachman's senate responsibilities for Spring Quarter due to an academic leave was handled in the following manner: Neal Townsend will attend Senate meetings and Kempton Huehn will attend Budget Committee meetings. M/S/P (Riedlsperger, Burroughs) to accept.

- B. Survey of Faculty Reaction to General Education and Breadth Outcome Statements (Wenzl)

Approval for initiation of the survey of faculty reaction to General Education and Breadth outcome statements.
Questions: How long would response time be? Suggestion to make it two weeks rather than one month to have decision made while still allowing a reasonable length of time.
M/S/P (Riedlsperger, Shaffer) to accept.

- C. Resolution on Multi-Criteria Admissions for Cal Poly (Kersten)

Background: The university has never largely had control of admissions and selection. This is an attempt to have the most qualified students possible for the open allocations. The use of grade point average was misleading because many curricular patterns are different in difficulty.

A pilot study has been done with the School of Engineering applicants. Two-thousand students have been surveyed, with 1,500 responding. The Engineering School developed the criteria and the weightings with assistance from the Admissions and Records staff. The students indicated that

they supported multi-factor consideration for admission.

Individual schools, departments could program various personalized criteria and loadings with the proposed mechanized system.

Questions: What are existing admissions criteria? How could ethnicity be weighted? Can too many exceptions be made to the admissions criteria such as: athletes, disadvantaged, etc.? Has E.O.P. staff been involved in the development of the programs?

Comments: The proposal should indicate undergraduate admissions. The first Resolved clause should read: The development "with appropriate faculty input" adding the underlined words. Movement toward minority admissions would be possible, but not the targeting of so many individuals with the proposed package. E.O.P. program would be involved in the retention of minorities while the admissions package could facilitate an increase in the selection of minorities. M/S/P (Riedlsperger, Sharp) to make this item a first reading item for the May 5, 1981 Academic Senate meeting.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Senate Representation on the Student Information Systems (Snyder)

Background: At the present time the student records system is mainly a hodge-podge of various programs with archaic sophistication and flexibility. Student Information Systems is a package consisting of various modules which might perform the following functions: class lists, Extension schedules, financial aid allocation, collection of funds, advising checks, alumni listings. The package is an interactive system that has tremendous long-term advantages. The price tag is considerable, but there is not much choice in the matter and this system is much more than a modified canned program which has a very similar price. In late Spring or Summer Quarter of 1982, a portion of the program will be tested.

A users committee that will act as a task force for a few years will be formed. Does the Academic Senate desire to have a member on the initial task force?

Questions: Who will have access to records? Isn't security going to be a problem if records are centralized? Staffing of Admissions and Records will not go down, but individuals will be freed to provide more comprehensive services.

Comments: Possibly the Academic Senate might have two members with overlapping terms, with possibility of the members being selected from the Student Affairs Committee.

M/S/P to adjourn.