

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - AGENDA

November 30, 1976 AG 241 3:00 PM

Chair, Tom Hale
Vice Chair, Bob Sennett
Secretary, Luther Hughes

- I. Minutes - Executive Committee - October 26, 1976.
- II. Business Items
 - A. Senator Replacements
 - B. Parking (Cirovic)(Attachments II-B₁, II-B₂)
 - C. Sponsorship of Events (Cichowski)
 - D. Resolution Regarding Implementation of ACR-70 (Duarte)(Att. II-D)
 - E. Resolution Regarding Class Scheduling
 - F. Resolution Regarding Definition of Grades (Greffenius)(Att. II-F)
- III. Discussion Items
 - A. Bookstore Desk Copy Policy (Jones)
 - B. Instructional Department Heads Representative from the School of Business (Hale)
 - C. Faculty Development (Hale)
- IV. Announcements

NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A FULL SENATE MEETING IN DECEMBER

RESOLUTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE PARKING

- Background: Faculty and staff employees are currently required to pay a fee for parking their automobiles on the Cal Poly campus.
- WHEREAS: The California Legislature in Section 23752 of the Education Code states that the "trustees may prescribe the terms and conditions" of parking and that "varying rates of parking fees may be established for different localities or for different parking facilities," and
- WHEREAS: The Legislature further states in Section 23752 of the Education Code that "In determining rates of parking fees the trustees may consider the rates charged in the same locality by other public agencies and by private employers for employee parking," and
- WHEREAS: Employees of the California Division of Forestry at the San Luis Obispo Ranger Unit Headquarters which is located on land owned by Cal Poly are not required to pay for parking, and
- WHEREAS: Employees of the California Department of Transportation, Cal-Trans, District 5, in San Luis Obispo are provided parking places on state property without payment of a parking fee, and
- WHEREAS: Employees of the California Department of Motor Vehicles at 669 California Boulevard, San Luis Obispo are provided parking places on state property without payment of a parking fee, and
- WHEREAS: Employees of the California Highway Patrol at 675 California Boulevard and 1122 Laurel Lane in San Luis Obispo are provided parking places on property owned or leased by the state without payment of a parking fee, and
- WHEREAS: Employees of the California Department of Corrections, California Mens Colony, at San Luis Obispo are provided parking places on state owned property without payment of a parking fee, and
- WHEREAS: The trustees have given in sections 42200 and 42201 of Title 5 the president authority to regulate parking on the individual campuses, and
- WHEREAS: The practice of charging Cal Poly employees for parking is discriminatory, a source of employee discontent, a needless irritation to employees, and a poor personnel management practice,
- BE IT NOW RESOLVED That President Kennedy take whatever action necessary to grant free parking privileges to faculty and staff employees effective January 1, 1977.

RESOLUTION REGARDING DEFINITION OF GRADES

Background Rationale: In 1972 the Board of Trustees established a Committee on Academic Standards of the California State University and Colleges. The Statewide Academic Senate reviewed the January, 1975 Committee Report and Requested local senates and councils among other things to develop an operational definition of an "A" grade in light of the current trends in grading. The Instruction Committee was instructed to act upon this request by the Executive Committee. We agreed that inasmuch as the grading system at Cal Poly is described on page 50 of the 1975-77 Cal Poly catalog, that we take a more general, low-key approach to the assignment.

The national upward trend in grades is well-known to all of us. For example, percent distribution of "A" grades at Cal Poly has changed from 27 in 1971 to 30.2 in 1975. In the same period, the percent distribution of "C" grades changed from 25.7 to 19.4.

It would be comforting to suggest that we are doing an increasingly better job of teaching, that we are dealing with better students, and that our students are better motivated than they used to be. Research does not seem to bear this out. Average S.A.T. scores changed from 466 to 434 (verbal) and from 492 to 472 (mathematical) from 1966 to 1975.

The Instruction Committee is aware that grading is an exceedingly complex enterprise which is not susceptible to simple or easy modifications, even if necessary and desirable. Nevertheless, the committee believes that if certain steps are taken sincerely and with good faith some improvement can come about. It is there

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate approve the following recommendations for final review and endorsement by the President:

1. That each department and discipline incorporate within the expanded course outlines as they are revised a statement of the relationship between expected outcomes and letter grades.
2. That new faculty members of each department and discipline be oriented concerning current grading practices for the courses offered in the department or discipline.
3. That grade distribution reports be made available for review by the faculty on an annual basis.
4. That grading and grading distributions should consider the type of class, level of student enrollment, and other factors important in student evaluation.
5. That the department and department head/program leader have primary responsibility for monitoring and evaluating grading patterns and trends within the department.

Handout

RESOLUTION ON ENROLLMENT GROWTH

- WHEREAS, a great deal of campus wide discussion and concern was developed in 1975 when the three year enrollment targets were developed, and
- WHEREAS, it was determined that the facilities of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo were not fully adequate to handle an enrollment of 13,800 FTE annual average, and
- WHEREAS, some new faculty office space and classrooms needed to relieve the present overcrowding are only now nearing completion; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: that the Academic Senate is very concerned over the increase in enrollment planned for 1976-77 and regards the completion of further additional office and classroom space as a necessary prerequisite to enrollment increases

Memorandum

Handout

10 : Tom Hale, President
Academic Senate

Date : July 13, 1976

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From : Stuart Goldenberg

Subject: Resolution Regarding Class Scheduling

Whereas: The enrollment at Cal Poly has continued to increase;

whereas: Cal Poly facilities have not kept pace with enrollments;

whereas: many departments are now required to offer classes at 7:00 AM
or after 5:00 PM;

whereas: scheduling of classrooms has been based on possession from prior
years, with little adjustments among departments or schools during
prime hours. (Prime hour is defined as between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM),
therefore,

be it resolved that scheduling of classrooms both during prime hours and
other hours be in approximately the same ratio for all departments,
based on totals for the three quarters, Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Ex.Comm. Att.III-A ;
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