

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MINUTES
February 22 and March 1, 1977

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

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM in AG 241 by Chair Tom Hale.

Members excused: John Hougham.

Substitutes: Mary Lou White for Mary Stallard.

Guests: Jim Conway, Stuart Goldenberg, Grant Venerable.

II. Discussion Item

Tom Hale indicated that Vice Chancellor Wagner would be on campus March 15 and would meet with available senators (and other faculty) from 3 - 5 PM in Vista Grande. Possible questions should be submitted to Tom Hale by February 25.

III. Business Items

A. Budget Committee Resolution - Jim Conway presented the budget information resolution after a discussion of the committee's efforts.

It was M/S/P (Cirovic) to make the Budget Information Resolution an agenda item for the next Academic Senate meeting. Included in the resolution was a friendly amendment to include "division" where appropriate and to make two resolves.

B. Class Scheduling - It was M/S/P (Cirovic) to place the Resolution on Class Scheduling as an agenda item for the next Senate meeting.

C. Student Input on Promotion, Retention, and Tenure - Much discussion on student input occurred including the request from President Kennedy for Academic Senate input.

General agreement included the belief that the Executive Committee as a whole was too large to work on the matter. It was agreed that Chair Hale appoint a committee to immediately begin to bring alternative ideas on student input on PRT into a resolution for the Executive Committee. Those appointed were: Tim Kersten, Luther Hughes, Rex Hutton, Barton Olsen, and Tom Hale (Chair).

It was agreed that Gerry Ellerbrock who chaired a previous Ad Hoc Committee on Student Evaluation of Faculty should be consulted.

The committee agreed to meet on Tuesdays when no Academic Senate or Executive Committee meetings were scheduled.

D. Grant Venerable (Chemistry) presented a Resolution Concerning Abuse of Academic Freedom.

It was MSP (Hutton) to make an amended form (Attachment III-D) of the resolution an agenda item for the next meeting.

Considerable discussion of proper use of one's title (i.e. Professor, Associate Professor, etc.) occurred.

It was MSF (Duarte) to adjourn.

After lengthy discussion, the original motion passed 5 to 4 with 2 abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM

MINUTES OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - March 1, 1977

A special meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Tom Hale in AG 138 Tuesday, March 1 at 3:10 PM.

The meeting was requested by several members of the Executive Committee to discuss rescinding action taken on the Resolution Concerning Abuse of Academic Freedom of Expression as discussed by Del Venerable at the February 22 meeting.

It was M/S (Beecher) to rescind the motion on Academic Freedom and Responsibility as passed at the February 22 meeting.

Much discussion occurred centering on the manner in which the matter was handled.

The motion was passed 12 to 0 with 3 abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ABUSE OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, has a primary concern for protecting and nurturing the indispensable concept of "academic freedom," and recognizes that any member of the academic community must have access to the time-honored rights of freedom of thought, freedom of speech, and freedom of intellectual and pedagogical expression; and

WHEREAS, the Cal Poly Academic Senate also recognizes that the rights of "academic freedom" carry a correspondent "responsibility," shared equally by all members of the academic community, to not abuse academic privilege; and

WHEREAS, any member of the academic community who knowingly or unknowingly uses his/her academic position or title to advance a personal viewpoint or opinion is obligated to do so responsibly, i.e., in a way that does not tend to bring the academic community into disrepute; now, be it therefore

RESOLVED: that the Academic Senate of the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, urge each member of its faculty to consider proper use of academic titles.