

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 8 2011
38-114, 3:10 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes of October 11, 2011 were approved as presented.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: Fernflores announced that CAED dean, Tom Jones is returning to teaching. A search for a new dean will begin soon.
 - B. President's Office: Kinsley reported that Provost Kathleen Enz Finken, will begin February first.
 - C. Provost: Koob reported that the CSU is revising the enrollment target by including an enrollment floor (16,000 FTES) and a ceiling (16,800 FTES). There are penalties in the form of lost fee and tax support for falling below the floor but no additional funding is available from the state for the 800 FTES above 16,000. Current enrollment is 16,043 FTES. The future enrollment strategy will be to aim below the floor target and use various techniques to reach the target.
 - D. Statewide Senate: Forroohar reported that there is a high level of concern and frustration among statewide senators about top-down initiatives planned by the Chancellor's Office and the Board of Trustees with no meaningful consultation with the faculty. These initiatives including the Graduation Initiative, the Early Start Program, the SB 1440 (Star Act) community college transfer degree, and most recently the CSU on-line initiative. In response to the latest top-down action on the on-line initiative, the statewide senate unanimously approved a resolution "The Faculty Role and Campus Participation in the CSU On-line Initiative," which resolved that "the ASCSU strongly assert that the best on-line programs develop from faculty working in a quality assurance structure which adheres to department, college, and university curricular review procedures" Another resolution "Early Faculty Involvement in California State University (CSU) Initiatives," which was discussed as a first reading item and will return to the senate plenary for voting in January, states that "The pattern of announcing decisions and then asking for faculty help in implementing the initiatives is not what is meant by shared governance."
LoCascio reported that the statewide senate had an extended two-hour meeting to express their concern about the lack of shared governance. The general mood was that faculty were not informed in advance of initiatives already set in motion at the Chancellor's level. The following issues precipitated the discussion: (1) the graduation initiative, which has spurred a discussion on changing the tuition structure of the CSU. (2) The passage of SB1440, which without adequate faculty input, has put the faculty in the position of trying to make an ill-

- conceived law work for students. (3) The “early start” program, which was mandated to begin this summer on each campus with a minimum of a one-unit class in English and Math. (4) The most disturbing issue, CSU on-line initiative.
- E. CFA Campus President: Thorncroft reported that CFA has authorized a one-day strike for Thursday, November 17 at East Bay and Dominguez Hills.
 - F. ASI Representative: Tabrizi reported that the executive committee is considering their travels to DC to lobby on Pell grants successful. Next year tuition will increase by \$498.00.
 - G. Caucus Chairs: none.
 - H. Other: none.
- IV. Consent Agenda: none.
- V. Business Item(s):
- A. **Academic Senate/university committee and task force vacancies for 2011-2013:** The following were approved:

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| On-line Education Task Force Chair | Ken Griggs, OCOB |
| On-line Education Task Force | Gary Laver, CLA |
| Honors Program Task Force | Ken Brown, CLA |
 - B. **Resolution on Course Outcomes/Objectives (WASC/Academic Senate Integrated Student Learning Work Group):** Derelian presented this resolution, which requests that all course learning outcomes/objectives be aligned to the program learning objectives, be approved by program faculty, communicated to students, and “publish” on course syllabus. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.
 - C. **Resolution on Academic Senate Executive Committee Attendance and Voting Provision (Executive Committee):** Fernflores presented this resolution, which requests that the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate* be modified to indicate that Executive Committee members may not assign their vote to a proxy or substitute. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.
 - D. **Review and approval of advertisement for Dean, College of Liberal Arts (Fernflores):** an amendment to clarify the composition of the faculty of the CLA was approved. M/S/P to approve as amended.
- VI. Discussion Item: The advertisement for Dean, College of Architecture and Environmental Design was reviewed and minor recommendations were made to Al Liddicoat, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Personnel.
- VII. Adjournment: 5:05 pm

Submitted by,

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Academic Senate