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ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 24 2013
01-409, 3:10 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes: none.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: Rein reported that the nature of the Executive Committee work is to operate as a screening mechanism, to look at items that will be coming to the full senate, and to verify that they are ready for discussion.
 - B. Special Reports:
 - 1. David Conn: Report on "Shakeout" – For the past 3-4 years, Cal Poly has participated in this activity, which has become a global event. This event, an earthquake drill, will take place on 10/17 (Thursday, October 17) at 10:17 am, under the supervision of Matt Robert, Compliance Officer. The intent is for the earthquake drill to become a teachable moment with everyone expected to drop, cover, and hold on. Research shows that when an earthquake hits, there is no time to think and actions must be done instinctively.
 - 2. Josh Machamer: Report on General Education Governance Board Flexibility – The Academic Senate, in response to President Armstrong's request, charged the GE Governance Board to explore ways to help high-unit programs achieve success in reducing units and find a solution that could be made available to other programs on campus. The GEGB met the last six weeks of spring quarter to discuss ideas of where to find flexibility by allowing programs a way to double count courses in an effort to relieve the pressure of high units. Targeted double counting has the potential to create noticeable unit savings for many programs. Rein added that the President's Office approved E-Memorandum from Josh Machamer, Chair, GE Governance Board, dated 09.24.13 and this report as the Senate's completing the request for finding flexibility and ways to implement savings of four (4) units.
 - C. President's Office: Kinsley reported on three initiatives. (1) CAP – CAP policies are available at <http://policy.calpoly.edu/cap/finalTOC.htm>. Some of the policies that will be discussed this year are more controversial in nature and include topics such as alcohol policy, freedom of expression, etc. If you are interested and want to be added to the distribution list, please notify Betsy Kinsley or Matt Roberts. (2) University Committees – Rachel Fernflores, in her role as Faculty Fellow for the President, is leading the effort of reviewing all university committees since some may not have the same utility they had when first set up. (3) Campus Climate Survey – This is being led by Annie Holmes, Executive Director for the Office of University Diversity and Inclusivity and Rachel Fernflores, Faculty Fellow for the President. The survey will be released in February 2014.
 - D. Provost: Enz Finken introduced Academic Senator Chris Dicus as Faculty Fellow for the Provost. Money has been allocated for the hiring of 32-40 tenure faculty positions for next fall. Almost 10,000 of laboratory space in building 52 will soon be available

through the Office of Research and Economic Development. Proposals submitted by faculty will be reviewed by a committee and assigned accordingly. The Alumni Foundation is working on creating a system that will allow them to maintain contact with students after they graduate in order to build strong relationships. With the passing of Proposition 30 last year and funds from Student Success Fees, all university base budgets have come up to the levels they were at three years ago. The Campus Conversations Series will continue with ten events scheduled for fall quarter. In addition, Academic Affairs is providing weekly meetings for instructional department heads and chairs. Enrollment targets have been set for growth this year partly due to the Chancellor's Office allocation of funds for growth and because students and parents are paying more than 50% of tuition costs.

- E. Statewide Senate: Foroohar reported that a three-day meeting held in Long Beach was dominated by discussions concerning the fact that the Board of Trustees continuous to meet without a Faculty Trustee and bottleneck courses. Two of the resolutions approved include "Concern over Delay in Governor's Appointment of the CSU Faculty Trustee" and "Addressing the Urgent Need for New Tenure Track Faculty in the California State University (CSU)." LoCascio reported that the CSU Academic Affairs Committee had a long discussion about community colleges offering bachelor degrees and the elimination of the college graduate requirement to complete intermediate algebra. The work on SB-1400 continues and the system expects that it will soon see the first students with transfer degrees and that they will have priority. The CSU introduced Inter Campus Enrollment (ICE) in August; this program allows CSU students to enroll in an online course offered by any other campus. An ASCSU committee is forming to investigate MOOCs. He reported that there is also a website to house online teaching information called Quality of Online Teaching (QOLT). There was concern expressed about campus autonomy versus savings money for the system. Currently the campuses are using two different software packages making it difficult to create system wide databases. The Governor has included money for increased enrollment; it was noted that seven campuses are under enrolled. When the Chancellor addressed the body, he expressed his desire to have the six quarter-campus move to semester as soon as possible. He believes that semesters are better for first generation students and with a common calendar; the CSU can have a "common core" curriculum. LoCascio challenged whether these reasons for conversion are applicable to SLO. There was a discussion on the 180/120 unit limits on degrees. It appears that there has been a shift in the review process for requests of exceptions. Instead of a panel of expert faculty, there will be a single faculty member chosen to review these requests.

- F. CFA Campus President: Thorncroft reported that there is some confusion among faculty and administrators, namely that faculty report administrators telling them that they cannot give faculty a raise, because the contract or union would not allow it. Thorncroft quoted Article 30.10 of the contract that specifically states that a campus president may institute a local Equity raise for their faculty. This is just one example of several means by which faculty could get a raise.

- G. ASI Representative: Colombini reported that the ASI's Executive Cabinet, which includes nine students from across campus and from all ethnic backgrounds, meets on Thursdays from 7-8pm and faculty is invited to attend. Prestininzi reported that the ASI Board of Directors meetings are open to the public with the first 15 minutes set up as open forum for anyone to address the board members.

IV. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on Dissolving the Academic Senate Curriculum Graduate Subcommittee (Curriculum Committee):** Schaffner presented this resolution, which requests that the

Academic Senate dissolve the Graduate Programs Subcommittee since the anticipated benefits of having a separate level of review has not been fully realized. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

- B. **Appointments to Academic Senate committee vacancies for 2013-2015:** The following appointments were made:

College of Science and Math

Curriculum Committee

John Walker, Stats

Orfalea College of Business

Distinguished Scholarship Award Committee

Steve Hamilton, Econ

Instruction Committee

Kathryn Marshall, Econ

Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities

Carlos Flores, Econ

Campus Climate Study Working Group

Gary Laver, Psyc&CD

- C. **Appointments to university committees for 2013-2014:** The following appointments were made:

Academic Assessment Council

PCS – Seth Igarta, Career Services

OCOB – Stern Neill, Marketing Area

- D. **Appointment of Academic Senate replacements:** Doris Derelian, FSN was approved to replace Chris Dicus.

- E. **Approval of Procedural Guidelines for the Academic Senate Budget and Long Range Planning Committee:** Rein presented the guidelines and after discussion, it was send back to committee for further modifications.

- F. **Resolution on Program and Area Name Change for the Industrial Technology Program and Area of the Orfalea College of Business (Industrial Technology Area of the Orfalea College of Business):** Manocher presented this resolution, which requests that the name of the Orfalea College of Business Industrial Technology program and area be changed to Industrial & Packaging Technology. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

- G. **Resolution on Proposal for the Establishment of the Kenneth N. Edwards Western Coatings Technology Center (R. Fernando and A. Edwards):** Fernando and Rachel Fernflores presented this resolution, which requests the Academic Senate's endorsement of the proposal for the establishment of the Kenneth N. Edwards Western Coatings Technology Center. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

- VI. Discussion Item(s):

- A. **Continuation of Dustin Stegner as Vice Chair for winter and spring 2014.** Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed.

- VII. Adjournment: 5:17 pm

Submitted by,



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