

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
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ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, October 8 2013
UU220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes: none.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
 - A. **Brief Report on Academic Senate CSU Plenary -- Sept 19-20 2013** (document included in agenda).
 - B. **Betsy Kinsley: Key Campus Dates for Fall Quarter** (document distributed at meeting).
- III. Reports:

Presenters will be encouraged to submit written reports for inclusion in the agenda. Senators can then ask questions of the presenter at the meeting.

 - A. **Academic Senate Chair:** (Rein) The chair welcomed new senators to the Academic Senate. A brief Powerpoint presentation was provided to orient new senators to the Senate and explain how the Senate accomplishes its business. Specific attention was given to the parliamentary procedure documents mailed earlier to all senators, which explain how motions are made and their order of precedence according to *Robert's Rules of Order*. Business items are brought to the Senate in the form of a resolution. Resolutions go through a first and second reading process. Once adopted, they are sent to the President for his review and approval.

At the end of the last academic year, two matters were postponed to the beginning of the current year. The first involves general education and curriculum flexibility. Last year the Chancellor's Office mandated that academic programs meet a 180-unit maximum (although higher unit majors could submit a request and justification for an increase in units). The Academic Senate General Education Governance Board responded that Areas D2 and D4 should be given greater flexibility so that majors could bring certain courses into one of these areas thereby allowing said courses to be double-counted.

The second issue involves the election of Dustin Stegner as Vice Chair of the Academic Senate for 2013-2014. At the time of his election to this position, the fact that he had already served a two-term limit was inadvertently overlooked. Dustin is currently serving as a replacement for senator Daniel Dove, who is on leave during fall quarter, as well as Vice Chair. A decision will be needed as to whether to allow Dustin to continue as Vice Chair for winter and spring quarters. This matter will be brought back to the Senate for a decision at a future meeting.
 - B. **President's Office:** Written report submitted by Betsy Kinsley. [See Communications and Announcements above.] Questions directed to the President's Office will be forwarded by the Chair.

- C. **Provost: (Enz Finken)** Base budgets for the colleges have been restored to their 2010 levels. 35 tenure-track positions throughout the University have been approved for hire. A series of campus conversations are being held to provide information and include the campus in decision making. A series of meetings for department chairs/heads, which are open to all campus constituents, have also been scheduled as a venue for getting information out and receiving input regarding department and campus needs. The Honors Program continues to enroll students while the development of a new program is underway. Regarding the quarters-to-semester conversion, the Chancellor has responded unequivocally that Cal Poly will NOT be required to convert by 2016. While he feels that it would be beneficial if all campuses were on the semester system, collegial governance and campus autonomy are important considerations.
- D. **Vice President for Student Affairs: (Humphrey)** The Health and Counseling Center will now be open until 7:00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students who are having financial difficulties can obtain food vouchers from the Dean of Students Office.
- E. **Statewide Senate:** No verbal reports. [See Communications and Announcements above for summary of the last Academic Senate CSU plenary session.]
- F. **CFA Campus President: (Thorncroft)** Equity II was funded for the approximately 150 eligible faculty members. CFA agreed to an \$80/month increase in General Salary Increases for all faculty rather than a 1.34% salary increase offered by the Chancellor. The increase will be retroactive to July 2013 and will be received in December 2013.
- G. **ASI: (Colombini)** ASI will be focusing on developing its student governance role this year. One way it will do this is through a question and answer process, which allows students to submit a question to student government and receive an answer. All questions are saved for future inquiries, so if a question has already been asked the answer will go out immediately. ASI is working on a student survey to gauge student opinion on a variety of issues. A campus vigil will be held for students who have passed away this academic year. The statewide student association, CSSA, will be discussing quarters-to-semester and preparing a one-page response requested by the Chancellor. (Prestininzi) In the future, when a student perspective is requested by the Academic Senate, it will be brought to the ASI Board of Directors for its discussion and response so that the answer represents a broader perspective than just that of the two students that sit on the Academic Senate.

IV. Special Reports:

David Conn: report on "The Great California Shakeout": On October 17 2013 at 10:17am, the campus is encouraged to participate in a practice run of the "Drop, Cover, and Hold" preparedness exercise so individuals will automatically know what to do in the event of an earthquake. This time should also be used to discuss earthquake safety. For more information on earthquake preparedness and safety recommendations go to www.emergency.calpoly.edu and follow the links under "earthquake."

V. Consent Agenda: none.

VI. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on Dissolving the Academic Senate Curriculum Graduate Subcommittee:** Schaffner, chair of the Curriculum Committee, first reading: (Schaffner) In 2011 the Curriculum Graduate Subcommittee was proposed to add more rigor to the review of graduate programs. However, having

this subcommittee in place during last year's review slowed down the process and created much chaos. The Curriculum Committee now has direct participation from Graduate Programs through its Director of Graduate Programs who sits on the Curriculum Committee. Eliminating the subcommittee will streamline the review process.

B. Resolution on Program and Area Name Change for the Industrial Technology Program and

Area of the Orfalea College of Business: Djassemi/Fisher, representatives for OCOB: This resolution has been pulled from the agenda by its representatives. It will return later this year.

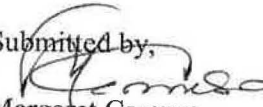
C. Resolution on Proposal for the Establishment of the Kenneth N. Edwards Western Coatings

Technology Center: Ray Fernando, Chemistry & BC Department, first reading: (Fernflores) The polymers area (the science of coatings) has basically been functioning as a center for 13 years. The name of the center has already been approved by the CSU even before its formal establishment on campus. (Fernando) Formalizing this area as a center enhances its relationship to industry in several ways: a larger portion of the industry will come to Cal Poly for research and coatings testing, more faculty and students will be engaged in joint research, more internships will be made available, and while funding from industry has already been generous (\$3 million given to build the center on the third floor of the new Baker Science Building), even greater funding is expected. (Enz Finken) Structurally, the center needs to be in alignment with the policies for centers and institutes so the University can support it in more ways. (Jones) Professor Dane Jones thanked the Senate for its support during the 25 years since he first came to the Senate proposing a polymers/coatings program. Since then, the program has grown into one of the nation's premier undergraduate polymers/coatings programs.

VII. Discussion Item(s): none.

VIII. Adjournment: 5:00pm

Submitted by,


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