

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

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

- I. Minutes: none.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none.
- III. Special Guests:
- Katcho Achadjian, California State Assemblyman: Higher education needs to be affordable and accessible to keep California wealthy and educated. Since the economy is improving, the next budget cycle might include a surplus, which would benefit the schools. Prop 30 passed in the name of education but funds have gone to public safety and the general fund, which should not have been the case. The legislature needs a plan that looks 5 and 10 years out and what is an adequate budget for education, higher education, public safety programs, etc., and makes a case for achieving certain budget levels that protect higher education as a right and not a privilege.
- Bill Monning, California State Senator: Oil tax will be an ongoing conversation in Sacramento since it does not yet have enough support in the California legislature. Higher education is critical to the future of California. Due to the large support from voters, students, faculty, and the passage of Prop 30, this year's budget does not contain any cuts, but it restores some funding to K-12 and higher education. Some of the concerns with online education are that it does not use technology in innovative and empowering ways and undercuts the important role of interaction between faculty and students. Everyone needs to share in the responsibility to address climate changes that threaten the future of our planet. The challenge of legislative intervention in higher education is the potential interference with academic freedom and autonomy.
- IV. Business Item(s):
- A. Resolution in Support of the Quarter System at Cal Poly (Executive Committee):** LoCascio presented the resolution, which requests the approval of a statement reaffirming that Cal Poly remains on the quarter calendar system. Discussion will continue as a first reading item.
- B. Resolution on Graduate Certificate Matriculated Student Requirements (Curriculum Committee):** Savage, Director of Graduate Education, presented the resolution, which states "upon achieving 50% of the units that are applied towards satisfaction of graduate certificate requirements, no further units will be counted towards the graduate certificate for non-matriculated students." Resolution will return as a second reading item.

- V. Reports:
- A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
 - B. President's Office: none.
 - C. Provost: none.
 - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: none.
 - E. Statewide Senate: none.
 - F. CFA Campus President: none.
 - G. ASI Representative: none.

VI. Discussion Item(s): none.

VII. Adjournment: 5:00 pm

Submitted by,



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Academic Senate