Meeting of the Academic Senate
Tuesday, April 27, 2021
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I. Minutes: April 13, 2021 (pp. 2-3)

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):

III. Reports:
   A. Academic Senate Chair:
   B. Provost: None
   C. Vice President for Student Affairs: (p. 4)
   D. Statewide Senate: None
   E. CFA: (p. 5)
   F. ASI: (pp. 6-7)

IV. Consent Agenda:
   A. Department Name Change Approval for WGS Department
   B. 
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   C. Statewide Senate:

V. Special Reports:
   A. [TIME CERTAIN 3:30 p.m.] University Update: President Jeffrey Armstrong

VI. Business Items:
   A. Resolution on Switching to a One-Year Cycle of Catalog Review: Greg Bohr, Chair, Academic Senate Curriculum Committee, first reading (p. 8)
   B. Resolution on Modifications to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate Regarding Chair Membership of Curricular Review Committees: Thomas Gutierrez, Academic Senate Chair, first reading (pp. 9-10)
   C. Resolution on Suspending Credit/No Credit Grading Restrictions for Summer 2021 in Response to Covid-19: Thomas Gutierrez, Academic Senate Chair, first reading (pp. 11-12)

VII. Discussion Item(s):

VIII. Adjournment:

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Meeting of the Academic Senate Minutes
Tuesday, April 13, 2021

I. Minutes: M/S/P to approve the minutes from March 2, 2021 and March 9, 2021.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): None.

III. Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair: No reports.
B. President’s Office: No reports.
C. Provost: Provost, Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore, gave updates on the return to in-person instruction in the Fall. These updates included changes to Schedule Builder that reflected the modality of courses and the preparations Cal Poly is taking to create a safe campus. She also shared that the start date for Fall 2021 had changed to September 20th, 2021.
D. Vice President for Student Affairs: Vice President Keith Humphries shared that the Vice President’s office is making a bigger effort to reach out to students who may be feeling vulnerable and directed the Senate towards resources on the Student Diversity and Belonging website. He shared that the state of SWANA (Southwest Asian, North African) community event will be happening next Thursday at 5pm. He also thanked all of the faculty who participated in Open House and PCW.
E. Statewide Senate: Statewide Senate representative, Gary Laver updated the Senate on the Statewide Senate’s efforts to fill the Statewide Senate Faculty trustee member. He also shared that the CSU’s goal is 50% repopulation in the Fall and their intent to establish a biannual symposium celebrating African American history and achievement. Laver also updated the Senate on the resolutions the Statewide Senate is working on.
F. CFA: Lewis Call, CFA representative, shared that there will be a chapter meeting on bargaining the 29th of April. The CFA has set up a bargaining resource site that include resources on bargaining for faculty. He also shared that the CSU had rejected several of the CFA’s proposals on gender discrimination and anti-racism.
G. ASI: Shayna Lynch, ASI president updated the Senate on resolutions approved by the Board of Directors. They will also be reviewing an ASI Indigenous student scholarship. She also shared that ASI elections will be happening the following week and that the UU Advisory Board is making a package of actionable accessibility items to be passed by their last meeting.

IV. Consent Agenda: The following items were approved by consent:

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V. **Special Reports:**
   A. **Registrar’s Report:** Cem Sunata, Registrar, gave a slide presentation for the Office of the Registrar’s Spring 2021 report. The Registrar’s office shared several updates, including their temporary removal of the Degree Planner use mandate, a change to Fall start date, the 2021-2022 Academic Catalog now being readily available, and that there are three new modalities available for Fall classes. These modalities, synchronous/asynchronous hybrid, in-person synchronous hybrid, and in-person asynchronous hybrid, have been added to the already existing in-person, synchronous, asynchronous modalities. The Registrar also detailed the strenuous effect the CR/NC allowances have had on the functioning of the Registrar’s office. He also shared the current state of degree progress and answered questions from senators.

VI. **Business Items:**

VII. **Discussion Item(s):**

VIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

IX.

Submitted by:

Amelia Solis Macias

Amelia Solis Macias
Student Affairs
Report to Academic Senate
April 27, 2021
Prepared April 20 in advance of meeting

- To date housing has offered 716 students spaces from its continuing student wait list for next academic year. Students have 72 hours from when they are offered a space to complete an application or they lose the space and their spot on the wait list.
- SLO Days (summer orientation) will be hybrid this summer with the first few sessions offered virtually followed by in-person sessions later in the summer.
- In-person commencement activities are optional for students as well as faculty. Eligible graduates who RSVP by the May 15 deadline will receive two tickets for guests. If traditional rates of participation are exceeded, we will need to hold two College of Engineering events (split by major) to ensure capacity is managed according to public health guidelines. All seating in the stadium for guests will be assigned to ensure appropriate distancing. There will be no processional and graduates will be encouraged to exit after they cross the stage to allow for staggered flow of participants in and out of the stadium.
CFA SLO will be hosting a chapter meeting on Thursday, April 29, from 11:10 AM - 1:00 PM. Zoom information will be provided soon.

Chapter leaders will be available at the meeting to address questions and concerns about Fall Quarter campus repopulation.

Two members of CFA’s statewide bargaining team will be speaking about CFA's current contract bargaining campaign:

Meghan O'Donnell teaches humanities and communication at CSU Monterey Bay. Meghan is a Lecturer Representative for her CFA chapter, and she sits on CFA’s Board of Directors as Associate Vice President for Lecturers - North. She is also co-chair of CFA’s Women’s Caucus.

Steven Filling teaches accounting and finance at CSU Stanislaus. He is past president of his CFA chapter, and he currently chairs CFA’s Political Action and Legislative Committee. Steven and Meghan are both members of the CFA Health & Retirement Benefits Committee.

CFA and CSU contract proposals are available here: [https://www.cfabargaining.org/](https://www.cfabargaining.org/)

Faculty who are not yet CFA members are welcome to attend the chapter meeting if they join CFA first: [https://www.calfac.org/join-cfa](https://www.calfac.org/join-cfa)
General Updates:

- ASI Election Results were announced on Thursday, April 22nd. With 9.4% of the student body voting, Tess Loarie from the College of Liberal Arts was elected the 2021-22 ASI President. For a full list of results please visit: [https://www.asi.calpoly.edu/asi-now/asi-blog/asi-election-results-meet-your-2021-22-asi-president-asi-board-of-directors/](https://www.asi.calpoly.edu/asi-now/asi-blog/asi-election-results-meet-your-2021-22-asi-president-asi-board-of-directors/).
- For the Chumash Auditorium:
  - University approved $2.3 million to be spent on the project.
  - Demolition began on March 24th.
  - Target is still completion by Fall Quarter 2021.
- Gender Inclusion Restroom that will be on the first floor of the University Union had demolition begin in early April. The completion targeted is fall 2021.
- SLO County Health has vacated the Recreation Center but has left the facility staged to support re-occupancy if needed. The Memorandum of Understanding with SLO County has been extended to May 30, 2021. SLO County will vacate the Recreation Center by June 30, 2021. SLO County has not indicated any impending need for use.
- Robyn Wallman assumed the role of Interim Director -- University Union on April 17th.
- Both UUAB and the Business and Finance committee have begun to review the proposed UU and ASI (respectively) budgets for the 2021-22 year.

From the Board:

- At the Board of Directors meeting on the 21st, the Board approved a bill to add a student from the ASI Diversity and Inclusion committee onto the committee for the ASI Executive Director Search.
- The Board also passed a proposal from the ASI Officer Team to create the ASI Indigenous Student Scholarship. This scholarship is slated to be designated $15,000 in the ASI Student Government budget. That fund would be divided up into scholarships that range from $2,000 - $5,000 and will be given to students who demonstrate support for Indigenous communities.

University Union Advisory Board Update:

- On April 15th, Alena Robinson was elected as the 2021-22 Chair of the University Union Advisory Board.
- Recruitment for UUAB is ongoing until April 29th. There are positions open for CAFES, CLA, and CAED. Students can apply through the ASI Jobs website.
- UUAB is working on an Accessibility Assessment of ASI facilities. They have met with representatives from the DRC, students with dependents, and Food Pantry to understand the needs of the campus. The ideas gathered from these meetings will be synthesized into a holistic package.

Executive Cabinet:
● Food for Thought is a Campus Dining open forum on April 27th from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. This is an opportunity for students to share feedback about Campus Dining and hear from their staff.
● Buck the Stigma is from May 3rd - 7th. This mental health stigma-reducing campaign is a collaboration with PULSE.
● The Executive Staff has been working on pushing for Ecosia to become the default browser at Cal Poly. We have been engaging in conversations with campus IT to access the feasibility of this. Ecosia is a search engine that plants trees with its ad revenue - it’s a socially conscious company trying to address climate crisis. This switch would help support the mission of planting trees around the world and show that Cal Poly recognizes the need for climate action. It costs us nothing to switch over but could make a world of difference.

Cal State Student Association (CSSA):
● CSSA’s last plenary was at the beginning of April. Here are some highlights from the meeting.
  ○ We hosted a Coffee with Chancellor Castro where he talked about safety during repopulation being the priority. He also shared that expanding Pell Grant eligibility for AB 540 students is a priority.
  ○ CSSA Board of Directors:
    ■ The BOD supported many items including:
      ● Many bills you can find in the agenda packet
        ○ AB 14: Internet for All Act
        ○ AB 99: Longitudinal Data System
        ○ AB 543: CalFresh at Student Orientation
        ○ AB 1456: Cal Grant Reform
        ○ SB 4: Broadband for All Act
      ● Resolution in support of SWANA students
      ● Resolution calling for the CSU to include caste in anti-discrimination policy
      ● The resolution in support of fossil fuel divestment was tabled to next month as we ran out of time.
RESOLUTION ON SWITCHING TO A ONE-YEAR CYCLE OF CATALOG REVIEW

Impact on Existing Policy: none

WHEREAS, Beginning with the 2019-20 Catalog, Cal Poly switched from a two-year cycle of catalog review to a one-year cycle; and

WHEREAS, this switch was initially temporary, necessary to facilitate the implementation of the new General Education template mandated by EO 1100; and

WHEREAS, the one-year cycle of catalog review allows departments and programs to more rapidly propose and implement desired changes, allowing a more fluid and responsive curriculum; and

WHEREAS, programs and departments are not required to edit program curriculum annually except as desire; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the switch to a one-year cycle of catalog review be approved by the Academic Senate.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Curriculum Committee
Date: April 20, 2021
WHEREAS, The curricular review process requires independent levels of review that should be devoid of conflict of interest; and

WHEREAS, To avoid the perception of conflict of interest in the curricular review process, chairs of any Academic Senate Curriculum Committees shall not serve on other levels of review as department or college curriculum committee chair; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be modified as shown on the attached copy.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: April 20, 2021
BYLAWS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

VIII. COMMITTEES

B. MEMBERSHIP

No person shall be assigned concurrent membership on more than one standing committee except for Executive Committee members, who may serve on the Executive Committee and one other Senate committee, and Academic Senate Curriculum Appeals Committee members, who may serve on one other standing committee. Academic Senate Curriculum Appeals Committee members may not serve concurrently as the chair of any curriculum committee in the curricular process relevant to a particular curricular appeal and must recuse themselves from such cases.

C. COMMITTEE CHAIRS

B. Chairs of any of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committees (for example, but not limited to, the Curriculum Committee, General Education Governance Board, and the USCP Review Committee) shall not serve on other levels of review as department or college curriculum committee chair. Other positions must be resigned before assuming the role of the chair of any of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committees.
WHEREAS, the Chancellor's Office, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, issued a communication in Spring of 2020 regarding possible considerations and options regarding Credit/No Credit grading that could be implemented without violating Title 5 requirements or Cal State University Executive Orders, and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly, following the recommendation of the Academic Senate Executive Committee, suspended the 16-unit limit for Credit/No Credit grading as well as the 4-unit limit for General Education Courses in Spring and Summer Quarters 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Cal Poly Academic Senate passed AS-902-20 and AS-906-20, extending the same policy into Fall 2020 through Spring 2021 respectively, and

WHEREAS, colleges, in consultation with academic departments, determined which major and support courses would be exempt from the Credit/No Credit unit limits, and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly's administration has signaled that most courses will be offered virtually in the Summer of 2021 due to COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, faculty and students will likely be in a virtual course environment because of state and local health guidelines and thereby separated from their typical campus settings for learning; therefore, be it

Adopted:

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA
AS-___-20

RESOLUTION ON SUSPENDING CREDIT/NO CREDIT GRADING RESTRICTIONS FOR SUMMER 2021 IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Impact on Existing Policy: Temporary suspension of AS-479-97/CC "Resolution on Credit/No Credit Grading" during Winter 2020 and Spring 2020; extension of AS-906-20 "Resolution On Suspending Credit/No Credit Grading Restrictions for AY 2020-2021 in Response to COVID-19"
RESOLVED: courses taken in the Summer of 2021 will not count toward the 16-unit limit as specified in “Resolution on Credit / No Credit Grading” (AS 479-97), and be it further

RESOLVED: that the 4-unit Credit/No Credit limit for General Education courses be suspended through the Summer of 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED: that any changes to the 4-unit Credit/No Credit limit regarding major or support courses for the Summer of 2021 shall continue to be determined by the individual academic programs, and be it further

RESOLVED: through Summer 2021 Cal Poly allow students to change their grading basis to Credit/No Credit until the last day of instruction, and be it further

RESOLVED: the Executive Committee may re-evaluate this policy in the Summer of 2021, based on the status of the pandemic going into Fall 2021, to determine if it is appropriate to extend it into AY 2021-2022.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: April 20, 2021