



Meeting of the Academic Senate Minutes
Tuesday, May 4, 2021

- I. **Minutes:** None
- II. **Communication(s) and Announcement(s):** None.
- III. **Reports:** All reports were submitted as written reports and can be found here: <https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/academic senate/1/images/sa050421.pdf>
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** The following item was approved by consent:
 - A. **University Faculty Personnel Policies Consent Agenda Revision from AS-908-21**
- V. **Special Reports:**
 - A. **Budget Report:** Cindy Villa, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance presented a slide presentation for the University's budget report. The presentation can be found here:
 - B. **MPP Annual Report:** President Armstrong gave the Senate the annual MPP report. President Armstrong explained that they expected to be in a much worse place, but that they must focus on MPPs, particularly those with higher salaries. President Armstrong also expects that the budget efficiency will be increased by the University's optimization and centralization efforts in various areas.
- VI. **Business Items:**
 - A. **Resolution to Divest from Fossil Fuels:** Lisa Swartz and David Braun, on behalf of the Academic Senate Sustainability Committee, introduced a resolution for Cal Poly to divest from fossil fuels in first reading. Swartz informed the Senate of the various universities who have already divested from fossil fuels, explained how investing in fossil fuels can be a risky investment, and described the current situation regarding climate change. This resolution will return to the next Academic Senate meeting in first reading.
 - B. **Resolution on Creation of New Department for Computer Engineering:** Lynne Slivovsky introduced a resolution to create a new department for computer engineering in first reading. The resolution would reorganize the computer engineering program into a computer engineering department which would allow for greater specificity in the curriculum and in interactions with the Computer Science and Software Engineering departments. Faculty members in the Computer Science department shared concerns that this resolution would take faculty, courses, and budget allocation away from them. This resolution will return to the next Academic Senate Meeting in first reading.
- VII. **Discussion Item(s):**
 - A. **Resolution on Suspending Credit/No Credit Grading Restrictions for Summer 2021 in Response to Covid-19:** Senator Greg Starzyk introduced a motion to take the resolution on suspending credit/no credit grading restrictions off the table. The motion passed. The resolution returned to the Senate meeting in first reading. M/S/P to move the resolution to second reading. M/S/P to adopt the Resolution on Suspending Credit/No Credit Grading Restrictions for Summer 2021 in Response to Covid-19.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** 5:00

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