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

MINUTES OF  
THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
Tuesday, November 16, 1999  
UU 220, 3 – 5pm

Preparatory: the meeting was opened at 3:14pm.

I. Minutes: none.

II. Communications and Announcements:

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: (1) Jolene Koester (former Provost for CSU Sacramento) has been appointed President of CSU Northridge. (2) The revised Accountability Process has been received from the Chancellor’s Office. 50 to 60% of the editorial changes suggested by Cal Poly were incorporated into the document. Concerns were also incorporated: autonomy for each campus in determining accountability measures, and more emphasis on faculty/staff scholarship and research. The Accountability Process document will be placed on the Senate’s web page.

B. President’s Office:

C. Provost’s Office: (Conn) WASC’s preliminary visit was very positive. The compliance (WASC standards) portion of the review was satisfied during this first visit and will be removed from the final visit. The WASC team was excited about the innovative (self-study) portion of the report and will consider how to help Cal Poly achieve its objectives. Faculty are asked to read the report on the web and send comments to Vice Provost Conn.

D. Statewide Senators: (Gooden) The issue of impaction and how to deal with it is presently being discussed at the statewide level. The Chancellor has asked that faculty suggestions and experiences concerning impaction be sent to his office. (Kersten) The issue of workload for faculty is under discussion again. What workload means over the next 10 years is being reviewed.

E. CFA Campus President: (Gooden) Susan Meisenhelder, statewide CFA President will be on campus Wednesday, December 1.

F. ASI Representatives: Student representative Hunt has established a website listing the pros and cons of semesters versus quarters with links to senators for easy feedback. Faculty are encouraged to visit this website at www.calpoly.edu/~aghunt.

G. Other:

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Items:

A. Curriculum proposal for IME 503: second reading. M/S/P (unanimous) to approve IME 503 as a new course.

B. Curriculum proposal for MSC 217: second reading. M/S/P to approve MSC 217 as a new course. The proposal is presently being restructured for inclusion as a US Cultural Pluralism requirement course. It will be submitted for consideration in the 2001 catalog.
C. Resolution on 1998/99 Program Review and Improvement Committee Report of Findings and Recommendations: first reading. M/S/F to move resolution to second reading. No discussion was held. The resolution was forwarded for second reading at the next Senate meeting.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

The Academic Senate meeting scheduled for November 23 was cancelled.

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