

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

MINUTES OF THE
Academic Senate
Tuesday, April 14, 1998
UU220, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Preparatory: The meeting was opened at 3:10 p.m.

- I. Minutes: No corrections. Minutes approved unanimously.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): Morrobel-Sosa announced that nominations for the positions of Academic Senate Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for the 1998/99 year are being received. If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact the Academic Senate office for an application.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: no report
 - B. President's Office: no report
 - C. Provost's Office: Zingg dispelled rumor of creation of separate GEB college. Admissions will be impacted by Proposition 209. We won't know the true effect of the impact on admissions until the census in October. Domingues reported that applications were up in all areas except "Other Hispanic" and "American Indian". Hanley reported that he met with Joe Grimes today. CETI will be delayed significantly - possibly until September. The scheduled meeting of all campus presidents did not occur. Instead, the Technology Steering Committee (on which President Baker serves) met. Gooden questioned the fact that the state senators were told two weeks ago that all was settled, except the financial details. Hanley indicated that it was probably a problem with GTE.
 - D. Statewide Senators: Gooden reported that the state senators met the new Chancellor for the first time. According to Chancellor Reed, "the new reality is that we all have to tighten up our belts - we should get used to what is happening in corporate America." Hale reported on three statewide items that were being discussed, including: (1) Resolution on Modification of Admissions Requirements for Upper Division Transfer Students, (2) Resolution on Information Competence, and (3) Statewide Commission has identified a lack of skill in high school geometry.
 - E. CFA Campus President: Zetsche reported on a spring assembly held ten days ago. CFA will not accept a PSSSI this year. CFA requested across-the-board salary increases. CSU wants Department Heads removed from the CFA, but CFA opposes this removal.
 - F. Staff Council representative: Cooper reported passage of a Staff Council Diversity Statement.
 - G. ASI representative: Aron DeFerrari will be replacing Mary Ann Bingham as the ASI representative to the Academic Senate for Spring Quarter 1998. DeFerrari reported work on work by faculty, administrators and students at-large to create a better Faculty Evaluation method.
 - H. Other: Spring Quarter changes in Academic Senators as follows:
 - CAGR: John Phillips replacing JoAnn Wheatley
 - CAED: Mike Botwin replacing Hal Johnson as caucus chair
 - Jim Borland replacing Hal Johnson on senate
 - CBUS: Dan Bertozzi replacing Lezlie Labhard

CENG: Laurian Chirica replacing Pat Wheatley
Shan Somayaji replacing Rob Lang
CLA: Pat McKim replacing Jim Coleman
Michael Miller replacing Sky Bergman

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on Integrated Modes of Instruction:** Freberg gave introduction and indicated changes since first reading. Clay proposed a friendly amendment in the third resolved clause, to delete the word "new". Friendly amendment accepted. M/S/P (Harris/Hannings) unanimously, to accept amended resolution.
- B. **Resolution on External Review:** Riener gave introduction and indicated changes. Hood proposed a friendly amendment to the third and fifth resolved clauses, adding that the reports will also go to "program faculty", in addition to those listed in the current resolved clauses. Friendly amendment accepted. M/S/P (Harris/Ruehr) unanimously, to accept amended resolution.
- C. **Resolution to Approve Procedures for External Program Review:** Riener presented item as second reading. Resolution moved and seconded (Ruehr/Coleman). M/S/P (Hannings/Lewis) moved to amend page 16, section 3 to add new item a. to read "a. What is the quality of teaching in the department/program?". This changes all subsequent lettering in section 3. Hood proposed friendly amendment to add the words "and how is it measured". Friendly amendment accepted. Point of Order by Brown. He is uncomfortable with the chair's method of passing motions based on the lack of anyone speaking against the item. Lord and Coleman also agreed. Morrobel-Sosa indicated that she would ask for an official vote on future items. M/S/P (Jacobsen/Hannings) to add new item on page 16, 2.e.i. to read "i. What are the strengths of the program and how can they be maintained?" This changes subsequent lettering in this section. Harris called question. Main motion passes.
- D. **Resolution on Information Competence:** Connely introduced resolution and gave history of its development. It was reported that professors are expecting a greater level of competency from their students. The Information Competence Committee has decided that this should be the responsibility of the university. Incoming students reported that 80% had experience with word processing, 50% had experience with the World Wide Web, and 35% had experience with spreadsheet and databases. Discussion focused on specific requirements for undergraduates to complete for graduation. The definition of "information competence" was explored. Discussion ensued on how information competence fit into curriculum and program review.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Adjournment: M/S/P (Drucker/Ruehr) to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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