I. Announcements

A. Eric Seastrand will meet with faculty on Friday, April 12, from 3:00-4:00 in the San Luis Lounge in the Union.

B. Virginia Walter of the Cal Poly Women's Club would like to meet regarding the Avila property/faculty club. Interested faculty should meet April 19 at 3:00 at Vista Grande.

II. Reports

A. Provost's report

There will be a nationwide search for the position of Vice Provost for Academic Programs. A search committee will be set up, and will consist of four (4) faculty members and one department head.

Status of program change proposals: Three systemwide proposals initiated by this campus are:

1. Funding for sabbatical leaves increased so that funding would be available to support a leave every seventh year.

2. Pay for substitute faculty

3. Enrichment of formula for department chair positions across the system.

Local proposals are currently being reviewed in order to select two or three for the campus to put forward.

Status of current Dean searches:

1. Science & Math - approximately 185 applicants, narrowed to six, on-campus interviews in process.

2. Professional Studies and Education - 133 applications currently being reviewed. On-campus interviews expected in May.

The Administration has responded to the request for a shuttle to UCSB Library. It will be tried on a weekly basis.

Clarification of what happens to promotion/tenure packages after they leave the school level (response to letter from Dennis Frye, SOSAM):
1. Proposals are reviewed by Personnel for compliance with contract and university policy, and summarization of any difference in recommendations at school or departmental level.

2. Applications are then reviewed by the Provost, and then ranked by the President and Provost.

The Provost offered a suggestion that in the revision of the Bylaws, the Academic Senate consider making the school deans ex-officio members of the Senate.

III. Business Items

A. Resolution on Strategic Planning (French; LRP) It was recommended that further refinement of Resolved Clause #2, delineating more clearly the process for involvement of faculty and staff in the planning process, be carried out.

MSP (Saenz, Botwin) to refer back to the Long Range Planning Committee so that a specific plan can be developed.

B. Academic Calendar (Gooden for Ryan; Instruction) Of the plans presented, there was much opposition to plan #2. Executive Committee consensus was in favor of plan #1.

C. Resolution on Sabbatical Leaves (Lamouria; Budget)

MSP (Olsen, Clark) to place this resolution on the agenda.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Vice Provost for Academic Programs Search Committee. Discussion was held of method for selecting four (4) faculty members and one (1) department head to serve on the search committee.

It was recommended that open nominations be sought. The Executive Committee will then make recommendations, attempting to achieve a balance with respect to ethnicity, sex, and school.

MSP (Gay, Hallman) that the above recommendation be accepted.

B. Elections

In order to equalize those schools "out of synch" with the Bylaws, the lowest winning vote senator should serve a one-year term.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.