Meeting of the Academic Senate  
Tuesday, November 13 2012  
UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

I. Minutes: Approval of minutes for Academic Senate meeting of October 23 2012 (pp. 2-3).

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

III. Regular Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair:
B. President’s Office:
C. Provost:
D. Vice President for Student Affairs:
E. Statewide Senate:
F. CFA:
G. ASI:

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Items(s):
A. Resolution on Possible Change to a Semester Calendar: Davol, CENG senator, and Rinzler, CLA senator, first reading (p. 4).
B. Resolution on Voting Status for Student Representatives to the Academic Senate: Executive Committee, first reading (pp. 5-7).

VI. Special Reports:
A. [4:30 time certain] Debbie Read, Vice President for University Advancement: report on Advancement.

VII. Discussion Item(s):

VIII. Adjournment:
I. Minutes: The minutes of October 2 were approved as presented.

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

III. Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair: Rein reported that the renaming of International Education Programs to the Center for International Education has been discussed by many bodies and conforms to our current policy.

B. President’s Office: Kinsley reported that the search for Vice President for Student Affairs continues and CVs from the finalists will be available soon. Finalists for the Executive Director for Campus Inclusivity and Diversity will be on campus around mid-November. The Semester Review Task Force continues its work. The Academic Senate has been involved with the task force since its inception. President Armstrong is committed to attend a Senate meeting in January before a decision is made on the recommendations of the task force. Campus outreach will continue with workshops, meetings, and additional materials available on the web.

C. Provost: Enz Finken reported that Academic Affairs has been working on the 180-unit cap issue that came from the Chancellor’s Office recently. Many departments have done some work already and have reached the 180-unit requirement or have significantly reduced the unit load. In addition, a better process for accessing space needs and prioritizing projects is being developed. A national search is underway for a Director for International Education. Also, a search continues for a Graduate Education Director and Associate VP for Industry Partnership and Sponsored Research.

D. Vice President for Student Affairs: Allen reported that the latest career fair was a success. Cal Poly graduates are positioned very well and are high on the list of many employers.

E. Statewide Senate: LoCascio reported that the Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee has been charged with addressing the Chancellor’s report card on legislators where 28 of them failed and the lack of Senate consultation on the 120-180 unit issue.

F. CFA Campus President: Thorncroft reported that there has been a lot of questions and confusion about the new contact language on student evaluations. It has been decided that there will be no change for fall quarter 2012 but beginning with winter quarter 2013, the new contract language applies, namely, “every class, every quarter, everybody.” This issue is out of CFA’s purview but is in the hands of the faculty and its Senate. The Provost has called for the Academic
Senate to do a comprehensive review of student evaluation policies and procedures.

G. ASI Representative: Morrow reported that the voter registration drive was a huge success. ASI was able to register 987 students on paper and at least as many more registered online. The Mustang Way Committee continues to discuss the guidelines for the use of the Mustang Way around campus.


IV. Special Reports: none.

V. Consent Agenda: PSY 303 Intergroup Dialogues was approved.

VI. Business Item(s):
A. Resolution on the Proposal for the Establishment of the Institute for Advanced Technology and Public Policy (Blakeslee, CA senator/Piirto CAFES professor): Provost Enz Finken discussed this resolution, which requests the Academic Senate’s approval for the establishment of the Institute for Advanced Technology and Public Policy. M/S/P to move to a second reading. M/S/P to approve the resolution.

B. Resolution on Proposed Name Change: “Cal Poly Extended Education” (VP of International, Graduate and Extended Education): Tietje presented this resolution which request a name change to more accurately reflect the role of the unit to extend the reach and scope of Cal Poly’s educational programs. M/S/P to move to a second reading. M/S/P to approve the resolution.

C. Resolution on Support of Academic Senate CSU Resolution AS-3090-12/EX “Support of Proposition 30 on the November 2012 Ballot: Temporary Taxes to Fund Education - Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding” (Executive Committee): Rein presented this resolution request that the Academic Senate go on record as supporting of CSU resolution AS-3090-12/EX . M/S/P to move to a second reading. M/S/P to approve the resolution.

VII. Discussion Item(s): none.

VIII. Adjournment: 4:55 pm

Submitted by,

Gladys Gregory
Academic Senate
WHEREAS, The Academic Senate has the responsibility to address all matters regarding the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Changing from quarters to semesters will have a significant impact on the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, The presence or absence of other campus groups examining the change from quarters to semesters, including the President’s Semester Review Task Force, does not release the Academic Senate from its responsibility to examine that issue; and

WHEREAS, The presence of faculty on the Semester Review Task Force does not necessarily release the Academic Senate from its responsibility to independently examine the issue of changing from quarters to semesters; and

WHEREAS, As indicated in the recent report to the Academic Senate from the Semester Review Task Force, the President currently plans to base his decision on the report of his Semester Review Task Force; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate and the faculty as a whole will have great difficulty making an informed judgment about the change from quarters to semesters without adequate time to consider the report of the Semester Review Task Force, which is due at the end of fall quarter 2012; and

WHEREAS, A reasonable deadline for the Academic Senate to complete its consideration of the report of the Semester Review Task Force is February 12 2013 or six weeks after the release of the report, whichever is later; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate request that the President delay a decision on whether to change from quarters to semesters until after the Senate has completed its consideration of the issue.

Proposed by: Andrew Davol, CENG senator and Paul Rinzler, CLA senator
Date: October 24 2012
Revised: October 30 2012
WHEREAS, The President of the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) and the Chair of the ASI Board of Directors are nonvoting student representatives to the Academic Senate and the Academic Senate Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Students are greatly affected by the decisions and policies adopted by the Academic Senate of Cal Poly; and

WHEREAS, Students comprise the largest constituency at Cal Poly and are the end beneficiaries of its curriculum and all other academic matters; and

WHEREAS, Student input has proved valuable and has informed the Academic Senate of student opinion on matters affecting Cal Poly; and

WHEREAS, 19 of the 23 CSU campus Senates have acknowledged the value of student input by granting their student representatives voting status; and

WHEREAS, the granting of voting status to students on the Academic Senate recognizes their role as co-creators of their academic environment and increases their accountability for said environment; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly send to the General Faculty a proposed revision of Article III.1."d" and "c" of the current Constitution of the Faculty to include the President of the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) and the Chair of the ASI Board of Directors, or designees thereof, as ex officio voting student representatives on the Academic Senate.

Proposed by: The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: October 31 2012
ARTICLE III. THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Section 1. Membership

(a) Colleges with fewer than 30 faculty members shall elect two senators. All other colleges shall elect three senators, plus one senator for each 30 faculty members or major fraction thereof.

(b) Designated personnel in Professional Consultative Services (excepting directors) shall be represented in the Academic Senate by the formula of one senator per each fifteen members or major fraction thereof:

(1) Full-time probationary or permanent Librarians; and

(2) Full-time probationary or permanent (a) counselors; (b) student services professionals [SSP]: SSP I-academically related, SSP II-academically related, and SSP III-academically related; (c) SSPs III and IV; (d) Cooperative Education lecturers; and (e) physicians.

(3) Full-time coaches holding a current faculty appointment of at least one year.

(c) Part-time lecturers in an academic department/teaching area and part-time employees in Professional Consultative Services, other than those who are members of the General Faculty as defined in Article I, will be represented by one voting member in the Senate.

(d) Senators acting in an at-large capacity are the current Academic Senate Chair, the immediate Past Academic Senate Chair, and the CSU academic senators. All at-large positions shall be voting positions except for the Academic Senate Chair which is a nonvoting position except when the Chair’s vote is needed to break a tie. The ASI President and the Chair of the ASI Board of Directors are voting positions.

(e) Ex officio, nonvoting members are (1) the President of the University or designee, (2) the Provost or designee, (3) one representative from among the academic deans, (4) the ASI President, (5) the Chair of the ASI Board of Directors, and (6) the Vice President for Student Affairs.
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