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

MINUTES OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 9 2012
01-409, 3:10 to 5:00pm

I. Minutes: minutes of the September 18 and September 20 2012 Executive Committee meetings were approved without change.

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

III. Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair: (Rein) The Chair has been asked whether the Senate will have the opportunity to review the Semester Review Task Force report and provide feedback before President Armstrong makes his decision. The Chair will invite the President to a Senate meeting in late December or early January to discuss the report. (Foroohar) Since moving to a semester system will affect curriculum and curriculum “belongs to the Faculty,” this puts it under the purview of the faculty and needs to come before the Senate for a vote. (Fernflores) A change to semesters affects many constituents: the faculty, students, staff, IT, and the Registrar’s Office all have an important voice in this matter. The report is due December 6 2012 but may not be available until the end of December. (Kinsley) Several campus forums are scheduled in order to receive faculty, staff, and student input as well as alumni and parents.

B. President’s Office: (Kinsley) On October 16 and 17, President Armstrong will be attending the executive presidents task force on semesters. The six campuses not on the semester system will continue to be discussed at the presidents level. The new CSU Chancellor, Timothy White, has been invited to Cal Poly for the May 2 2013 President’s Cabinet meeting. Any questions you would like to have President Armstrong ask the Chancellor, please submit in writing to the President’s Office.

C. Provost: None.

D. Statewide Senate: (LoCascio) On October 11 2012 a “Secure the Funding” conference will be taking place in Los Angeles. Statewide senator LoCascio, Chief of Staff Kinsley, and Provost Enz Finken will all be attending. [Postscript: Academic Senate Chair Rein will also be attending the conference.]

E. CFA Campus President: (Thorncroft) A phone bank has been set up to do faculty calling regarding Proposition 30. Several faculty members who were called were not familiar with the propositions.

F. ASI Representative: (Morrow) A voter registration drive was launched today, which had great turnout. ASI is compiling reports for students to solicit feedback regarding the possible conversion to semesters. We would like to create a campus discussion amongst the students themselves and then receive their feedback.
IV. Consent Agenda: none.

V. Business Item(s):
A. Appointment of Thomas Gutierrez, CSM faculty member, to the Academic Senate for 2012-2014: Thomas Gutierrez was appointed to fill the vacancy in CSM for the 2012-2014 term. M/S/P (unanimous).

B. Appointment of nominees to Academic Senate committee vacancies: The following appointments were made: M/S/P (unanimous):
- CAED Michael Lucas Curriculum Committee (fall quarter only)
- CAED Umut Toker Distinguished Teaching Award Committee
- CAED Jill Nelson Fairness Board
- CAFES Wayne Howard Distinguished Teaching Award Committee
- OCOB Manocher Djassemi Curriculum Committee
- OCOB Stern Neill Research & Professional Development Committee
- PCS Kristi Weddige Curriculum Committee

C. Appointment of nominees to university committees: None.

D. Resolution on "Support of Proposition 30 on the November 2012 Ballot: Temporary Taxes to Fund Education – Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding": (Rein) Although it is late to consider this resolution, if it receives a first and second reading at the October 23 Senate meeting, it will be available for distribution before the November 6 election. M/S/P (unanimous) to agendize for the October 23 2012 Senate meeting.

E. Approval of committee charges for 2012-2013: (Rein) All committee charges to date were summarized and discussed. M/S/P (unanimous) to approve all committee charges.

F. Resolution on Proposed Name Change: "Cal Poly Extended Education": M/S/P (unanimous) to agendize for the October 23 2012 Senate meeting.

VI. Discussion Item(s):
Review of possible amendments to the Academic Senate Constitution of the Faculty: (1) role of Senate Secretary, (2) formula for senators in small units, (3) review of General Faculty membership, (4) voting status for two ASI representatives: Each of these items was discussed briefly. They will return for more extended discussion on future agendas.

VII. Adjournment: 5:02 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Academic Senate