I. Minutes: The minutes of January 15 were approved as presented.

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

III. Reports:
   A. Academic Senate Chair: Rein announced that President Armstrong is in Long Beach attending the Council of Presidents meeting. Dustin Stegner, chair of the Instruction Committee, reported that the evaluation structure is being reviewed as well as the policy on the maximum number of final exams a student can take in one day. Senator Janzen announced the second annual “feed my starving children” event, which will take place on February 22 and 23.

   B. President’s Office: Kinsley welcomed Vice President for Student Affairs Keith Humphrey, and thanked all faculty and staff that served on this and many other search committees. Kinsley also reported that President Armstrong is attending Chancellor White’s Council of Presidents, previously known as Executive Council under the leadership of Chancellor Reed. Humphrey reported that early Sunday morning Cal Poly lost second-year biology major Brandon Huang. Very little information is available at this time.

   C. Provost: none.

   D. Vice President for Student Affairs: Humphrey reported that he has been meeting with deans and the academic leadership to hear what priorities are important across colleges and how to strengthen the partnerships so students have a positive experience. Humphrey will be holding office hours on Thursdays from 11-noon, students are encouraged to attend if they have questions or need to connect with somebody. Over the weekend, an off-campus apartment complex was deemed unsafe and unhealthy by the city of San Luis Obispo. The city said on Tuesday that San Luis Obispo Fire Inspectors found lofts, originally approved for storage, had been converted into bedrooms. Cal Poly is prepared to support these students, socially, financially, and academically.

   E. Statewide Senate: Foroohar reported that Chancellor White attended a plenary meeting in Long Beach and impressed many senators by emphasizing the importance of shared governance, but at the Board of Trustees meeting, he voted in favor of cutting the number of units required for graduation to 180-units without meaningful faculty consultation. Vice Chancellor Ben Quillian announced the addition of $250 million to the budget because of Prop 30. Governor Brown’s budget proposal provides for a 5% increase for each of the next two years and 4% yearly for 2 additional years. LoCascio reported that
Governor Brown has asked the CSU to pay the interest due on building bonds, which could be $250 million. In addition, Governor Brown stated that the CSU would now be responsible for new retirees. That means that it will cost more to hire new faculty.

F. CFA Campus President: Thorncroft reported that CFA held its Spring Kickoff in Los Angeles on February 2 and discussed conversion from quarters to semesters calendar and student evaluations. The quarters to semesters discussion has been contentious at other campuses and many of them are looking at Cal Poly for leadership. The discussion on student evaluation was centered on the number of evaluations required; the contract states every class, every quarter, by everyone but campus presidents can ask for exceptions.

G. ASI Representative: Harr reported that 43.2% of Cal Poly students voted on the quarters vs. semesters advisory vote on. 89.8% voted in support of remaining on quarters, 8.7% voted in support of converting to semesters, and rest voted undecided. ASI will draft a resolution in support of remaining in quarters. Morrow reported that the search for ASI Executive Directors continues and remains open until filled. Five candidates have been scheduled for video interviews. In addition, CSSA will meet in San Francisco to discuss the development of a set of standards that must be met by legislators before ASI takes a position.

IV. Special Reports: none.

V. Consent Agenda: With the exception of AERO 402, which will be forwarded to the Curriculum Appeals Committee, all other items on consent agenda were approved.

VI. Business Item(s):
A. Resolution on Academic Senate response to the Semesters Review Task Force Report (Executive Committee): Rein presented the resolution, which requests that the Academic Senate endorse the Semester Review Task Force Recommendation Report that Cal Poly not pursue a conversion from a quarter to a semester calendar. M/S/P to approve the resolution.

VII. Discussion Item(s): none.
A. Approval of AERO 402: Eric Mehiel and Diane DeTurris from Aerospace Engineering presented information with regards to the approval of AERO 402. The Academic Senate Curriculum Appeal Committee members were in attendance and will discuss the matter further.

VIII. Adjournment: 5:00 pm

Submitted by,

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