I. Minutes: The minutes of February 19 were approved as presented.

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

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: Rein reported that the issue of online courses and how Cal Poly should position itself continues to be a challenge since studies are not conclusive and all seem to have deficiencies. On the Governor’s proposed budget, $10 million has been targeted to developing online-related material for courses that cause bottlenecks. Sacramento would like to increase the efficiency of students transferring from junior college to the CSU and is discussing the idea of common core courses or a common numbering system. The Chair discussed resolutions related to department merger and reorganization that have not been formally approved by the President.

B. President’s Office: Kinsley reported that Chancellor White will visit Cal Poly on May 1 and 2. An open forum will be held on May 2. In addition, three listening sessions with President Armstrong and other key campus leaders have been scheduled for April.

C. Provost: none.

D. Statewide Senate: Foroohar reported that the main issue discussed at Statewide Academic Senate meetings is the online program. The CSU wants to create an online program that is based on quality and student success. In addition, the amendment to academic freedom to the constitution will go to the Board of Trustees in May for a final vote. LoCascio reported that State University Grants (SUGs) were discussed and the process is still not clear except that the CSU does not collect the $630 million that it calls SUGs. The cost of SUGs is spread out over all the campuses.

E. CFA Campus President: Thorncroft reported that CFA is working on the Governor’s budget for the May revise.

F. ASI Representative: none.

IV. Consent Agenda: none.
V. Business Item(s):

A. Resolution on Proposal for the Establishment of the Cal Poly Cybersecurity Center (Bik/Larson/Vakalis): Vakalis presented the resolution, which requests that the Academic Senate endorse the proposal for the establishment of the Cybersecurity Center. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

B. Resolution on Conflict of Interest in the Assignment of Course Materials (Instruction Committee): Stegner presented the resolution, which requests that the Campus Administrative Policies address the possible conflict of interest in the assignment of self-authored course material and that faculty members do not personally profit from the sale of self-authored course materials to Cal Poly students. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

C. Approval of Academic Senate Calendar of Meetings for 2013-2014: M/S/P to approve the 2013-2014 Academic Senate calendar of meetings as presented.

D. Appointment to Academic Senate vacancies for 2014-2015: Due to lack of time this item was not addressed and will return at the next Executive Committee meeting.

E. Appointment of nominees to Academic Senate committees for 2013-2015: Due to lack of time this item was not addressed and will return at the next Executive Committee meeting.

F. Appointment of nominees to university committee for 2013-2015: Due to lack of time this item was not addressed and will return at the next Executive Committee meeting.

G. Appointment of Academic Senate Committee Chair to Graduate Programs Subcommittee, spring quarter 2013: M/S/P to approve Cornelius Nuworsoo as chair of the Graduate Programs Subcommittee for spring quarter 2013.

VI. Discussion Item(s): none.

VII. Adjournment: 5:00 pm

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