Minutes of the Academic Senate Executive Committee  
Tuesday, January 31, 2017  
1-409, 3:10 to 5:00pm

I. Minutes: M/S/P the approval of the January 10, 2017 minutes of the Academic Senate Executive Committee.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): Cal Poly’s response to the report of the Quantitative Reasoning Task Force. Gary Laver, Academic Senate Chair, presented the campus response to the final report of the Quantitative Reasoning Task Force. M/S/P to endorse the response.

III. Reports:  
A. Academic Senate Chair: none.

B. President’s Office: none.

C. Provost (Enz Finken): Kathleen Enz Finken, Provost, reported on the International Center and the Chancellor’s Office providing support for students abroad facing difficulty returning home due to the Presidential Executive Order on Immigration. RPT files are beginning to come in, with the process getting better and more consistent each year. Enz Finken also presented that the student evaluation process that was fully online last year has generated 67% responses, saving an estimated 225,000 pieces of paper.

D. Statewide Senate: none.

E. CFA: none.

F. ASI (Colombini/Nilsen): Riley Nilsen, ASI Chair of the Board, reported that the ASI Board of Directors have many resolutions in the pipeline. Jana Colombini, ASI President, reported that the City of San Luis Obispo passed a resolution for lighting projects to begin at the core neighborhoods surrounding Cal Poly in an effort to increase pedestrian safety.

IV. Special Reports:  
A. Update on the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar by Cem Sunata, Registrar. The Registrar also presented on Cal Poly’s first year implementing a fall-quarter Thursday start date with a weeklong Thanksgiving break.

B. Changes to Faculty Workstation Project by Jason Williams, Past Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (FACT), Dale Kohler, ITS, Customer and Tech Support, and Kimi Ikeda, ITS. Dale Kohler, ITS, presented on solutions to the faculty workstation program, which include ways to make it more comprehensive, expanding it to all state employees at Cal Poly, and providing support for day-to-day computer issues, labs, and research computing. Cost modeling will be used on the $400,000 budget to share the resources more equitably.

V. Business Item(s):  
A. Approval of Faculty Affairs Committee Charge: Pursue a plan for the implementation of campus wide electronic RPT process. Ken Brown, Faculty Affairs Committee Chair, clarified the process for creating an electronic workflow. M/S/P to approve the charge for the Faculty Affairs Committee.
B. Appointments to University committees for 2016-2017. M/S/P the appointment of Grace Yeh, Ethnic Studies Department, to the University Inclusive Excellence Council for the 2016-2019 term.

C. Appointments to Exceptional Student Service Committee. M/S/P the appointments of the following faculty to the Exceptional Student Service Committee:
   Lei-da Chen, Management Area
   David Mitchell, Physics Department
   Keri Schwab, Experience Industry Management Department

D. Resolution on Academic Standards for Masters Degree. Richard Savage, Dean of Graduate Education, presented on a resolution proposing that the number of units designed for graduate study be raised from 50% to 60% of the units required for the degree. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

E. Resolution on Rescinding Resolution AS-603-03/IC,CC,GEC [Resolution on Credit/No Credit Grading (CR/NC)]. Phil Nico, Senator, presented on adding a resolved clause to the resolution, requesting it to be sent to the Academic Senate Instruction Committee for review. M/S/P to approve adding the following resolve: That the matter of Credit/No Credit be referred to the Academic Senate Instruction Committee for Review. Resolution will return to the Academic Senate as a second reading item.

VI. Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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