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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, January 18, 2005
UU220, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate meetings of November 16 and 30, 2004 were approved.
- II. Communications and Announcements: **Curriculum Proposals:** Material will be distributed at the February 8, 2005 Academic Senate meeting. More information will be provided in Susan Elrod's report.
- III. Reports:
- A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) Social Hour, co hosted by the President's Office and the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, will be held Thursday, January 27 from 4-6 pm at Vista Grande Restaurant. Dr. Howard Brown, former Dean of the College of Agriculture passed away and a memorial services will take place Monday, January 24, at 1:30 pm at the arboretum. A faculty representative, preferably from the Orfalea College of Business or College of Architecture, is needed to serve on the Academic Council on Student Success. The Cal Poly Alumni Association (CPAA) has a vacancy for a faculty member to serve on their board which meets three times a year. CPAA would prefer a Cal Poly grad but that is not necessary.
- B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) The Governor has come out with a budget that is designed to follow the commitments that were made in last year's compact, including a 4.4% increase in general fund that would cover a 2.5% enrollment growth for next year and a 3.5% compensation increase for faculty and staff. It also includes provisions for and 8% fee increase for undergraduate and students in teacher credential programs and a 10% fee increase for graduate students.
- C. Provost's Office: None.
- D. Statewide Senators: (Menon) Executive Vice Chancellor David Spence has accepted a position with the Southern Regional Education Board in Atlanta, Georgia and will be leaving in June. A CSU statewide senators meeting is scheduled for tomorrow in Long Beach.
- E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) A petition, for faculty only, is being circulated by CFA asking the governor for more money for the CSU. Last year through a letter writing campaign and other means CFA was able to restore \$40 million to the budget. Based on that experience CFA is now asking for an increase in enrollment growth funding, at least a 4.5% increase in base budget, and money to implement ACR 73 (a Bill passed two years ago to increase the number of tenure/tenure track faculty and decrease the class size).
- F. ASI Representatives: (Mednick) The textbook resolution will go to the Board of Directors on Wednesday and once it's approved, it will be presented to the Academic Senate.
- G. Other: **Dee Ann Wells, Evaluations Office: PolyProgress update.** Coding of majors from the 98-99 catalog and forward is now completed for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, Orfalea College of Business, College of Liberal Arts and the College of Engineering. College of Science and Math has all majors coded for the 03-05 catalog. College of Agriculture will be completed by the end of the quarter. This system is only for undergraduate, single-major students at this time.
- Andrew Schaffner, Chair of the Academic Senate Instruction Committee: New registration procedures update.** The Instruction Committee has identified 2 areas of concern, the first one being co-requisite issues – course with co-requisite can't be wait-listed. An immediate solution is not clear at this time. The other area of concern is courses that are open but not filled to capacity

on the first day of class and how to add students with e-permits. Possible compromises being considered include keeping the class open until the second day of class. Educating faculty and students on how to use the system is also an area of concern that needs to be addressed.

Susan Elrod, Chair of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee: Curriculum process.

Process for Academic Senate review of the remaining catalog proposals will be as follows:

Summaries will be posted on the web at

www.calpoly.edu/~acadprog/curriculum/summary_dir2005.html

Any items needing to be discussed must be pulled from the consent agenda and will be treated as second reading items at the next Academic Senate meeting. Please notify Margret Camuso, in writing before Monday, January 31, if you wish to pull any proposals from the consent agenda. The Curriculum Committee voted to “not recommend” a new specialization in the masters degree program in Aerospace Engineering, a proposal to change the name of the masters degree on Forestry and Sciences, and a title change request. Any specific questions should be sent to Susan Elrod.

Cornel Morton, VP for Student Affairs: Report on student use and abuse of alcohol. The vast majority of Cal Poly students use alcohol responsibly; however, students need to take the responsibility for self governance before this problem can be resolved. Administratively, a letter goes out to each student who is arrested as an underage violator and is followed by a letter to the parents after the second offence. Overall, the expectation is to see a 5% reduction on the number of incident related violations. Martin Bragg, Director of Health and Counseling Services, presented data from a web-based survey done on campus. This survey consists of 1,100 responses from a random sample of 2000 students. Some of the data indicated that in the first 8 weeks of school 1 in 5 students missed a class because of drinking and 1 in 4 fell behind in their school work because of drinking. The faculty, who carry a tremendous moral weight with students, is one resource that has been underutilized so over the next year or so materials will be provided to the faculty to assist students who are in a negative trajectory in order to minimize the impact that drinking has on our campus. Sexual assault data is hard to figured out since it can be anything from grabbing to rape but almost no sexual assaults occur without alcohol being involved. Jean DeCosta, Dean of Students presented a preview of what is being done by the city and Cal Poly in regards to Mardi Gras. A clear message is being sent to all students that there will be no Mardi Gras parade and encourages them to behave responsibly and engage in self-governance. This campaign includes posters around town, ads in the Telegram Tribune, radio and TV spots, and door-to-door canvassing.

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on Accessibility to Information Technology Resources:** Bailey/Fryer/Hanley, first reading. This resolution requests the Academic Senate’s endorsement of Cal Poly’s efforts to develop an implementation plan and policy to ensure campus compliance with CSU policy and existing law governing accessibility to campus information technology resources. Due to the large number of speakers and lack of time, this resolution will return as a first reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Submitted by,

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