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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, March 8, 2005
UU220, 3:10 to 4:45 pm

- I. Minutes: None.
- II. Communications and Announcements: None.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: Social Hour, co hosted by the President's Office and the College of Science and Mathematics, will be held Thursday, March 10, 2005 from 4-6 pm at Vista Grande Restaurant.
 - B. President's Office: None.
 - C. Provost's Office: None.
 - D. Statewide Senators: None.
 - E. CFA Campus President: None.
 - F. ASI Representatives: None.
 - G. Other:
 - a. Bob Kitamura, Director of Facilities Planning and Capital Projects and Joel Neel, Associate Director of Facility Planning and Capital Projects: Student Housing North as well as other facility projects on campus will allow the Master Plan to grow into the 21st century. Student Housing North Project has been in planning for a number of years with the site designated specifically for residential apartments and envisioning about 1620 beds. This project, which has undergone some changes since it was approved, will include about 16,000 sq. ft. of retail space, 11 buildings, 867 apartments, and has a budget of \$239 millions. The project will be delivered in three phases; the first phase in 2008 will include 670 beds and a parking structure, followed in 2009 by 1000 beds and a second parking structure with the remaining construction scheduled for completion in 2010. The project will decrease the amount of daily commute to and from campus and it's a much higher density housing facility with many sustainable design features as part of the construction including the collection of all storm drainage and taken to drum reservoir in stead of dumping on the creek, central heating, drought tolerant landscape, covered bike storage, and operable fiber glass windows. It is expected that the project will attain a silver LEEDS certification level.
 - b. ASI and UU Student Fee Referendums: Blake Bolton, ASI President, Tracy Watte, Chair of the University Union Advisory Board, and Greg Van Dyke, Chair of the Board of Directors for ASI. (Bolton) Two student-driven referendums will be taking place in the spring 2005; the first referendum is a University Union Advisory Fee Referendum and the other is the ASI Student Activity Fee Referendum. The University Union Advisory Board sent out a campus wide survey in 2003 asking students what they wanted to see on campus in terms of quality of life, non-academic, facilities. From the results of the survey an ASI Master Plan was created, followed by a choice survey sent out to all students last fall were results indicated that 66% of students were serious about paying a fee to build new projects.

University Union Advisory Fee (Watte) – The first component of this referendum is the renovation and expansion of the existing rec center which will include more dance space, a lounge area, a wellness center, and other amenities. The second part is the renovation of the UU building including the renovation of the plaza. The third component is a new student activity center near Campus Market which will include more lounge space for students, retail space, indoor jogging track, meeting space, etc. The fee will increase by \$21.00 in Fall 2005 and will increase every fall quarter until 2010 when the increase amount will be \$59.00 which will coincide with the major openings. ASI Student Activity Fee (Van Dyke) – Currently students pay about \$40.00 per quarter to ASI for programming services such as events and concerts. With a one-time \$5.00 increase a new process called grant funding will be developed to provide clubs, whose needs are not currently being met, with funding. The second aspect of the fee is a \$3.00 bi-annual increase to ensure the long-term viability of the current programs and to provide the additional programming to fill the new facilities.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Item(s):

- B. Resolution on Proposed Retirement Plan Modification:** Foroohar, chair of Faculty Affairs Committee, second reading. The resolution requests that the Academic Senate of Cal Poly strongly opposed the imposition of any mandatory defined-contribution retirement system and urges the Chancellor of the CSU to oppose any change in the California Public Employees retirement system that would result in lower retirement benefits. M/S/P to approve the resolution as presented.
- C. Resolution on Textbook Pricing:** Executive Committee, second reading. This resolution endorses the principles of ASI Resolution #05-06 entitled *Support for Campus Leadership in Textbook Price Reduction*, which encourages faculty to respond to textbook requisitions in a timely manner. The following amendments were made:
RESOLVED: That department chairs and heads and deans be encouraged to make teaching assignments as early as possible so faculty can order textbooks in a timely manner; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly follow up on the ~~other~~ aspects of textbook and other textbook materials pricing by holding meetings of the Faculty Affairs Committee with representatives of El Corral Bookstore, campus textbook authors, students, representatives of publishing companies, and other knowledgeable parties, with the intent of writing a further resolution on this issues; and be it further
M/S/P to approve resolution as amended.
- E. Resolution on Final Assessments:** Schaffner, chair of the Instruction Committee, second reading. Due to lack of time, this resolution will return as a second reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- F. Resolution on Amendment to the Constitution of the Faculty (Representation for the College of Education):** Greenwald, CSM senator, first reading. Due to lack of time, this resolution will return as a first reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

- A. Monday holidays:** (Hannings) Background: The current procedure for determining the university calendar states that each Fall quarter the Vice Provost presents the Academic Senate Instruction Committee with several calendar proposals for their review and recommendation to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee then makes a recommendation to the Provost and the President who gathers recommendations from a variety of people around campus and then decides on the best calendar. This year a situation regarding late hires developed with the calendar originally recommended to the President. The main concern is the observance of two Monday holidays and the problems that it creates with missing labs scheduled for Mondays, so the Executive Committee recommended that either one of the

Monday holidays be change to a Friday holiday or take a Monday holiday but have another day during the week function as a Monday. The President decided to change one of the Monday holidays to a Friday holiday and even though the catalog has gone to press, it was requested by the Executive Committee that the issue be discussed with the Academic Senate. (Hood) Changing a holiday from a Monday to a Friday is a significant change on the campus and more people should be aware of it since it could impact them in many ways therefore, more input should be provided. (Detweiler) Stated that policy was handled correctly but the issue is complex and creates a dilemma. All recommendations will be looked at without guarantying that any changes will take place. (Hood) Proposed that a policy be adopted which states that there will be no less than 9 offerings of each calendar day scheduled in any given quarter.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Submitted by,

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