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**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate**  
**Tuesday, January 17, 2006**  
**UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 pm**

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate meetings of November 15 and November 29, 2005 were approved.
- II. Communications and Announcements: The Social Hour, co-hosted by the President's Office and the College of Agriculture, will be held Thursday, January 26 from 4-6 pm at Veranda Conference Room. Now is the time to submit nominations for next year Academic Senate senators.
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) President Baker has announced the resignation of Dr. Bill Harris as Provost. Harris withdrew his acceptance after concluding that his experience and aspirations to be involved with major research enterprises are not a good fit with the Provost's position. Bob Detweiler will continue to serve as Interim Provost for another year while the previously established search committee reassumes its charge.
  - B. President's Office: None.
  - C. Provost's Office: (Detweiler) Enrollment for winter quarter is doing well with an enrollment total at slightly above target and a mean course load of 14.2 units. Enrollment for next year will include an increase of 2.5% which is funded by the state. The application pool is strong and total applications are up by 12% over previous years. Many of the applications are for areas where programs are impacted and very few applicants are accepted. Systemwide there are fewer and fewer properly qualified students applying for the science, engineering, and polytechnic programs overall. This lack of qualified students will not affect Cal Poly in the coming year but could have an impact in the next 5 to 10-years. Due to unexpectedly high revenue coming to the state there should be no reductions in the Governor's budget for the coming year and we will receive, from state resources, all funds which would have been received from a student-fee increase. Students are being asked to consider a referendum which will be up for a vote on February 22 and 23, 2006. The referendum calls for an increase in the Instructional Related Activities fees for non-athletics programs. This proposal would increase the fee by \$10.00 per student per quarter. These fees go to programs which are related to academic programs but are beyond the classroom such as symphonies, band, academic teams, Mustang Daily, Rodeo program, etc. Summer quarter schedule is moving to primarily 5 and 8-week sessions which will provide students and faculty with a longer summer break. Classes which require a 10-week session will be treated as exceptions. (Dalton) an extensive survey was conducted after summer of 2005 to see what the issues and suggestions were present and one of them was to provide a longer break. The results led to the idea of 8-week sessions. A conclusion regarding time patterns needs to be finalized in the next couple of weeks to allow for department to submit their schedules.

- D. Statewide Senators: (Menon) Contact Margret Camuso at the Academic Senate Office for nomination form and further information if interested in running for Statewide Academic Senator.
  - E. CFA Campus President: None.
  - F. ASI Representatives: (Vaccaro) ASI successfully completed the “Cal Poly: NEXT” event last week with over 40 clubs participating in two club fairs, a movie screening, and a farmers market street fair. ASI is looking into replicating the event, on a smaller scale, around the ASI election time frame during May in Spring quarter. In partnership with the Athletics Department, ASI has instituted “The Best Seat in the House” program to increase participation and support for athletic teams. This program will be advertised on January 21, 2006 at the game against Santa Barbara. At the last Board of Director’s meeting, resolution number 06-06, titled ASI Supports Cal Poly’s January Theme, “Sustainability: Resolve to Change your World” was passed. The University Union now has six new email workstations with printing workstations coming in the future. ASI will be making a decision on a recommendation from the University Advisory Board to purchase new furniture for the University Union Plaza.
  - G. Other: None.
- IV. Consent Agenda: None.
- V. Business Item(s):
- A. **Resolution on Academic Senate Curriculum PCS Membership:** Will Benedict, Winter quarter Chair of the Curriculum Committee, first reading. This resolution modifies the Academic Senate bylaws section 1.2.a (Academic Senate Curriculum Committee Membership) to require that the PCS member of the committee be a college advisor. M/S/P to move resolution to second reading. M/S/P to approve resolution as presented.
  - B. **Resolution on Academic Senate Description of the Sustainability Committee:** Greenwald, Chair of the Sustainability Committee, first reading. This resolution amends the Bylaws of the Academic Senate to add the membership and responsibilities of the Sustainability Committee. M/S/P to move resolution to second reading. M/S/P to approve resolution as presented.
  - C. **Resolution on Course Syllabi:** Schaffner, Chair of the Instruction Committee, first reading. This resolution requests that the revised Guidelines for a Course Syllabus replace the current guidelines in the catalog and that department heads/chairs verify, on a regular basis, that course syllabi are consistent with Senate approved course proposals. Due to the large number of speakers, first reading discussions will continue at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- VI. Discussion Item(s): None.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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