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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, February 7, 2006
UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate meetings of January 17, 2005 were approved.
- II. Communications and Announcements: None.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) Due to some issues with the way attendance is recorded, a new process will be tried today and if this process doesn't work, we will resort to a sign-in sheet. The Provost Search Committee is moving along with its process and has already received 5 applications. Terri Schwartz from Marketing will be the OCOB representative to the Provost Search Committee along with Pat Davidman from COE and Margarita Hill from CAED. Ballots are in the mail for the election of Academic Senate Senators but here are still several vacancies including one for the Statewide Senator. The vacancy problem is also apparent with Academic Senate Committees. Congratulations to Tylor Middlestadt as he was selected a finalist to the Student Trustee Position.
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Grene) President Baker participated over the summer in the National Academy of Sciences which issued a draft report titled "Rising Against the Gathering Storm" This report makes several key points, specially in regards to investing more in science and technology education in order to remain our competitiveness as a nation and also to address critical challenges in the century including the development of sustainable energy resources. President Baker is also involved with a group called Business-Higher Education Forum at the national level. Baker along with Bill Swanson co-chaired a math and science initiative to encourage the federal government to provide additional support for science technology, education, and research. In addition, Baker is working in the Sate of California to promote follow-up to the "Rising Against the Gathering Storm" report by the Governor and other as well as the CSU.
 - C. Provost's Office: (Detweiler) President Baker has approved the recommendation made by the Academic Senate and the Provost in regards to the establishing the Research Scholars and Residents Programs. At this time we have 3 visitors who are primarily retired scholars who have volunteered to help our faculty. Planning allocation to all colleges and all units across campus by mid-March. Budget is very secure and should not change much except for the monies to cover the additional enrollment of approximately 2.5%. Unfortunately there are no restoration monies. The application pool is strong and total applications are up by 12% over previous years and much of the enrollment growth will be accommodated by expanding the summer quarter. We are two weeks away from the student 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. There are four Executive searches underway. The search committee for the Vice-President for Advancement is conducting video interviews. The search committee for the Dean of College of Liberal Arts has identified 4 finalists and interviews begin in early March. The search committee for the Dean of Library Services has identified 3 finalists

and expects them to be on campus by mid-March. All committees are expected to give their recommendation to President Baker by April. The search for the Provost is currently searching for a recruitment firm and should be completed within the next 10 days.

- D. Statewide Senators: (Hood) Passed a resolution reaffirming our support for the AAUP Academic Freedom and Tenure Statement and expressing our concerns of attempts by citizens and legislative groups to try to change or insert ideas into our curriculum. Another resolution passed asks the Chancellor Office to provide adequate and necessary support for new recruited faculty and also reconsider when new faculty received their first paycheck and health insurance coverage. GE is under review and several campus leaders have been asked to fill out an online review. A CSU RPT will be held on February 24 and each campus has been asked to send five people to attend. A lot of work is being done on lower division transfer in order to meet the state legislator mandated deadline. Gary Reichard, previous Provost for Long Beach State, has been assigned Chief Academic Officer for CSU. The Statewide Academic Senate budget is again over budget primarily due to transportation costs; therefore a proposal has been made to cut back on the number of senators per campus. (Foroohar) The Statewide Faculty Affairs Committee, after addressing the issue of low faculty retention, is working on two resolutions. One resolution addresses the issue of salary compression and inversion and asks CSU and CFA to find a solution. The second resolution addresses the problems that junior faculty deal with.
- E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) Bargaining negotiations are going on full force but are getting nowhere. The CFA Executive Board is sponsoring George Diehr, CFA Bargaining Team and PERS Board Member who will be on campus on Thursday, February 23 from 6:15-7:30 pm in Phillips Hall to discuss the future of salary and pension. Please RSVP at CFA 756.2717 or email cfa@calpoly.edu in order to plan refreshments accordingly.
- F. ASI Representatives: (Vaccaro) ASI passed two resolution at its last meeting. The first resolution title "Reinvest in California State Universities." The second resolution urges the Academic Senate to appoint a faculty representative to the ASI Board of directors. UUAB is traveling to other universities this weekend to gain knowledge of how to improve the use of the UU Plaza. ASI is soliciting candidates for its upcoming elections. The closing period for nominations is March 1, 2006. ASI has set a goal of 25% voter turn out where the CSU average is about 8%. Tylor Middlestadt and members of the Executive Staff are investigating and surveying students regarding transit issues.
- G. Other: None.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Item(s):

- A. **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. M/S/P to table indefinitely.

VI. Discussion Item(s): None.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Submitted by,

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