

ACADEMIC SENATE  
of  
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

AS-106-80/BC  
November 18, 1980

RESOLUTION ON CONSULTATION IN SPACE ALLOCATION

Background: The amount of space allocated to an instructional program at Cal Poly is determined by state formulas involving FTE (Full Time Equivalent Students) and FTEF (Full Time Equivalent Faculty Members) generated by each school. Figures concerning FTE and FTEF are determined for the campus each March, and are submitted to the Board of Trustees along with campus proposals for major and minor capital outlay programs. These proposals are developed through consultation between the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Academic Affairs, the President's Council, and the Executive Dean. No consultation takes place presently with the Academic Senate or its committees (i.e., Long Range Planning and Budget Committees) concerning space allocation at Cal Poly.

Important decisions affecting the instructional program are made at the University level involving the allocation of space, both in new construction and in renovated buildings on campus. A rank ordered priority list is developed on campus concerning both major and minor (projects costing less than \$100,000.00) capital outlay programs. Also use of renovated space (existing facilities which become vacant due to new construction - (i.e., Dexter Library and Chase Hall) is determined by the University administration.

A current example of the renovation concept can be seen in the allocation of space in the old Dexter Library with the move into the Robert E. Kennedy Library scheduled over quarter break before Winter Quarter begins. Only two general purpose classrooms are planned for this building, a building which the Chancellor's Office statewide restriction against the construction of general classroom facilities (as quoted in AB 74-3) does not apply to. Although, according to Dean Gerard, 'there is no shortage of general classroom facilities at the University, when the whole academic day is considered,' some questions could be asked. Could we replace some of the inadequate general classroom facilities, which are now utilized, by better ones in the Dexter Library complex? Why are only two general classroom facilities being considered for perhaps the only building in the foreseeable future, where a significant number of general purpose classroom facilities could be constructed? The new Engineering South Building, the next major construction project for the campus, will only have two general purpose classrooms built into it. This is only one issue that could be raised, if the Academic Senate, by way of its committees, was consulted in the space allocation decisionmaking process.

The timeliness of the issue is apparent from the impacted status of the University, which makes space allocation an even more important concern. Therefore, the following resolution is presented calling for consultation between the administration and the Academic Senate concerning space and facility allocation at the University.

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- WHEREAS, The allocation of space and facilities on a university campus comprises a significant resource; and
- WHEREAS, This resource becomes even more important when the university campus, like Cal Poly's, faces an impacted status for several years; and
- WHEREAS, Some flexibility and discretion exists at the local campus level in the CSUC system concerning the allocation of this resource; and
- WHEREAS, The allocation of this resource impinges directly upon the quality of the instructional programs at Cal Poly; and
- WHEREAS, Currently the faculty at Cal Poly, who have the primary responsibility for instruction, have minimal input into the space allocation process via the Academic Seante and its committees; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the administration of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo should engage in formal and meaningful consultation with the Academic Senate via the Executive Committee, whenever decisions are being made concerning the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and/or reallocation of existing space on campus.

APPROVED

February 17, 1981