I. Minutes: M/S/P to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2016 Academic Senate meeting.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none.

III. Reports:
   A. Academic Senate Chair (Laver): Laver welcomed the Academic Senate back from summer vacation. He asked the Senate to review the current edition of Vision 2022 and provide feedback to the President’s office. Both the Budget and Long Range Planning Committee and Faculty Affairs Committee are scheduled to review and report on Vision 2022. He facilitated a presentation explaining the purpose, roles, and practices of the Senate. The presentation included responsibilities of individuals based on the office they held, as well as an overview of how the Senate operates.

   B. President’s Office (Darin): Darin reiterated Laver’s suggestion to add commentary to Cal Poly’s Vision 2022 plan which can be found on the website at www.vision2022planning.calpoly.edu.

   C. Provost (Liddicoat): Liddicoat mentioned that the 2015-2016 Distinguished Scholarship Award was given to Ronald Den Otter (CLA – Political Science), Peggy Papanthakis (CAFES – Food Science and Nutrition), and William Siembieda (CAED – City and Regional Planning). He relayed to the Senate that the information for the 2016-2017 Distinguished Teaching Award and Distinguished Scholarship Award can be found on the Senate website. Liddicoat encouraged everyone to review the Provost’s monthly report, “Office Hours.” He stated the Baker/Koob Endowment applications are now being accepted, ending November 14th. Liddicoat ended by discussing the changes that are taking place within human resources for staff recruitment.

   D. Student Affairs (Humphrey): Humphrey opened by stating that less than five students were hospitalized for alcohol and drug abuse during Week of Welcome. He made sure students received the necessary information to make smart choices. He also stated that Student Affairs is making a five-year plan, including contributions to Vision 2022.

   E. Statewide Senate (Foroohar/LoCascio): Item was not addressed due to lack of time.

   F. CFA (Archer): Item was not addressed due to lack of time.

   G. ASI (Nilsen): Item was not addressed due to lack of time.
IV. Consent Agenda:
The following items were approved by consent: CRP 428 International Planning and Development (4), GSB 520 Data Management for Business Analytics (4), Entrepreneurship minor with new course proposals: BUS 220 Basics of Business for Entrepreneurs (4), BUS 313 Customer Development (4), BUS 389 Introduction to Business Negotiation for Entrepreneurs (4), ENGR 234 Introduction to Design Thinking (4).

V. Special Reports:
A. Assistant Vice Provost for University Advising Beth Merritt Miller presented on the revised Academic Probation and Disqualification Policy. She stated the old system was not clear to students and needed to be streamlined. The overall goal of the revision is to decrease student disqualification rates and create a system that is easily articulated to students.

B. Chief Diversity Officer Jean DeCosta and Interim Associate Director of the Office of University Diversity and Inclusivity (OUDI) Denise Isom presented on the Diversity Strategic Framework. After reviewing survey responses, the two discussed the current status of diversity across campus. Diversity Officer DeCosta stated that the campus climate survey showed that all types of students and staff have felt left out at one point or another. They stated the need to be organized with the many diversity programs across Cal Poly’s colleges, and generated a list of diversity organizations from each college. The two stressed the importance of the Academic Senate’s involvement by considering drafting a resolution that supports the inclusion of a diversity statements as part of the application/hiring process, creating a diverse and inclusive classroom environment as part of the RPT process, assisting in developing a department-wide college diversity and inclusion plan, and/or considering a campus policy/guideline around partner, opportunity, and targeted hires as a strategy to increase campus diversity.

VI. Business Item(s):
A. Resolution on Proposed New Degree Program for Master of Science in Packaging Value Chain: Professor and Packaging Program Director Jay Singh addressed the Senate about a proposed 100% online Packaging degree. Professor Singh declared the need for individuals with Packaging degrees in the growing packaging industry. The focus target group of the degree would be industry professionals. The degree was already approved by the Academic Senate Curriculum committee and OCOB. M/S/P to approve the proposed new degree program for Masters of Science in Packaging Value Chain.

VII. Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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