Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

I. Minutes: none.

II. Communications and Announcements: Giberti announced that the official record of meetings will be an abbreviated set of minutes. Academic Senate meetings will be recorded, and Gregory will take notes. Camuso reported that there are 24 vacancies for senators and only six nominations have come in as of today. Deadline is February 2.

III. Reports:
   A. Academic Senate Chair: Giberti reported on the reform of the Academic Senate committees. The Instruction Committee is developing a resolution on the accessibility of instructional material. The Faculty Affairs Committee is continuing its work on a resolution on the MPP hiring policy. At the next Executive meeting, the Executive Committee will discuss a resolution from Senator Craig Russell asking the Academic Senate to take a position on foreign policy.
   B. President’s Office: Howard-Greene reported on the progress of Access to Excellence as well as on the faculty and student diversity of the different colleges on our campus.
   C. Provost’s Office: Unny Menon, on behalf of Provost Durgin, reported on the Access to Excellence activities scheduled for the February 27. In addition, David Conn reported on his participation in a newly created task force to respond to the Spellings report.
   D. Statewide Senate: none.
   E. CFA Campus President: Saenz reported on the CFA and CSU roles in the fact-finding phase of contract negotiations.
   F. ASI Representative: none.
   G. Other: David Hannings reported that CENG and OCOB curriculum proposals will appear as consent items on the agenda of the February 13 Academic Senate meeting.

IV. Consent Agenda: none.

V. Business Items:
   A. Academic Senate/University committee vacancies: The following appointments were made:

   College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
   Grants Review Committee Phil Tong, Dairy Production
   US Cultural Pluralism Leanne Berning, Dairy Science
B. Curriculum proposal for Masters in Agricultural Education (MAE): Hannings explained that this used to be the Masters in Science with a specialization in Agricultural Education. The proposal was agendized and will appear on the February 13 agenda.

C. Resolution on Focus the Nation (Greenwald): The resolution requests the faculty’s endorsement of Cal Poly’s participation on the “Global Warming Solutions for America” symposium on or around January 31, 2008. M/S/P to agendize for February 13.

VI. Discussion Item (s):
Access to Excellence: Giberti discussed the role that Academic Senate would have on the events of February 27. It was decided that the focus of the special session would be Domain 6, System/Campus Identity. The Caucus Chairs should each be prepared to make a statement addressing this issue from the perspective of their colleges.

VII. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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