I. Minutes: The minutes for the January 6, 2009 meeting were approved.

II. Communications and Announcements: none.

III. Regular Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: none.

B. President’s Office: Howard-Greene announced that the CSU Board of Trustees is meeting this week and reviewing the schematics for the expansion of the rec center.

C. Provost: none.

D. Statewide Senate: Foroohar reported that the statewide Academic Senate met on January 22-23 for committee and plenary sessions. In addition to hearing reports from the Senate officers, committee chairs, Chancellor Reed, Vice-Chancellor Reichard and others, several resolutions passed including a resolution on "Protection of Instruction During Times of Budget Crisis," resolution on "Collecting Survey Data Concerning Voluntary Faculty Separations and Declined Offers of Employment From the CSU," and resolution on "Reaffirmation of Campus Faculty Consultation in Budget Decisions." Several resolutions came before the Senate as first reading items and will be back for our March plenary. LoCascio reported that in addition to the passed resolution five resolutions were presented for first reading including “Support for Improved Faculty Development Opportunities for Lecturers,” and “The Right of Faculty to Have a Vote of No Confidence.” In addition, at the request of College of Engineering’s Dean Noori, Vice-Chancellor Reichard was invited to visit Cal Poly on a day when the Academic Senate meets and hold an open meeting for all faculty.

E. CFA Campus President: Saenz announced that contract negotiations between CFA and CSU are at impasse with the possibility being arbitration. Cal Poly has exhausted its money for PPIs but will cover any awards made on appeal.

F. ASI Representative: Christy reported that ASI officers met with California State Student Association but due to problems of unprofessionalism and voting on social issues rather than educational, Cal Poly will most likely pay dues but will not attend their meetings. The Board of Directors is looking at issues regarding college-based fees from each college’s point of view and reaching out to students to get their input. More details will be available after the Campus Fee Advisory Committee meets on Thursday, February 5, 2009.

G. Caucus Chairs: none.
H. Other: Giberti gave a progress report on the student survey that is being developed for the WASC self-study. The survey is available at: http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/documents/wasc_student_survey.pdf

IV. Consent Agenda: none.

V. Business Item(s):

A. Academic Senate and University committee vacancies: The following was approved: John Chen as the CENG representative to the Intellectual Property Review Committee.

B. Resolution to Set Aside the Bylaws of the Academic Senate (Executive Committee): Menon presented this resolution, which would allow John Soares the opportunity to run for re-election as a senator in order to seek re-election as Academic Senate Chair for an additional term. M/S/P to agendize the resolution with the following amendments

WHEREAS: It would require a setting aside of the Bylaws to allow John Soares the opportunity to seek re-election as a senator for an additional term; and

WHEREAS: If re-elected as a senator he would be eligible to seek re-election as Academic Senate Chair for an additional term, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate suspend the aforementioned eligibility requirement for John Soares, Chair of the Academic Senate, for an additional term.

VI. Discussion Item(s): none.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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