MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, May 26, 2009
UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 p.m.

I. Minutes: The minutes of May 5, 2009 were approved as presented.

II. Communications and Announcements: none.

III. Reports:

Regular reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
B. President’s Office: none.
C. Provost: none.
D. Vice President for Student Affairs: none.
E. Statewide Senate: none.
F. CFA Campus President: none.
G. ASI Representative: Kramer reported on Jack O’Connell’s, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, presentation at Cal Poly, which provided a great opportunity for students to hear about the status of California. At the last board meeting, ASI passed a resolution about college-based fee and a document about rejoining CSSA. 2009-2010 ASI President, Kelly Griggs was introduced.

IV. Consent Agenda: Course proposals for ART 370 and GSA 551 were approved.

V. Business Item(s):

A. Resolution on Proposal to Establish CAFES Center for Sustainability (CAFES): Hunter Francis, Program Associate for the Sustainable Agriculture Resource Consortium (SARC), presented this resolution, which requests the establishment of CAFES Center for Sustainability as a replacement for SARC. M/S/P to approve the resolution.

B. Resolution on Revision to Fairness Board Description and Procedures (Fairness Board): Shapiro presented this resolution, which allows the Board to dismiss a case if the grievant student fails to appear at the scheduling hearing. M/S/P to approve the resolution.

C. Resolution on Making Excellence Inclusive at Cal Poly (Executive Committee): Soares presented this resolution, which requests that Making Excellence Inclusive be a goal of the Cal Poly learning community; and its efforts recognized as a component of the Retention, Promotion, and Tenure evaluation. M/S/P to approve the resolution.
D. Resolution on Archiving Senior Projects (Instruction Committee): Phillips presented this resolution, which request that departmental policies on archiving senior projects be available in writing to all students and conform with Kennedy Library requirement, university policies regarding Intellectual Property Rights, and FERPA. M/S/P to approve the resolution.

E. Resolution on Cal Poly Statement on Commitment to Community (Executive Committee): Cornel Morton, Vice President for Student Affairs, presented this resolution, which asks the Academic Senate to endorse the Cal Poly Statement on Commitment to Community. This item was tabled until June 2, 2009.

F. Resolution on Campus Administrative Policies Section 523 (Executive Committee): Soares presented this resolution, which requests that the Memorandum of Understanding between the CSU and Unit 3 Faculty, be the controlling terms and conditions to resolve ambiguity and govern conflicts in the application of section 523 in faculty personnel actions. M/S/P to approve the resolution.

G. Resolution on Sustainability Learning Objectives (Sustainability Committee): Lancaster presented this resolution, which requests its addendum to the University Learning Objectives. Resolution will return as a second reading item.

H. Resolution on Mergers and/or Reorganization of Academic Programs (Executive Committee): Soares presented this resolution, which provides guidelines for the merging and/or reorganization of academic units on campus. Resolution will return as a second reading item.

I. Resolution on Retention Promotion and Tenure Focus Group Report (Research and Professional Development Committee): Kurfess presented this resolution, which requests the endorsement of recommendations number 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 of the Retention Promotion and "Tenure Focus Group Report, dated February 5, 2009. Resolution will return as a second reading item.

J. Resolution on Research and Professional Development (Research and Professional Development Committee): Kurfess presented this resolution, which addresses several ways to improve professional development at Cal Poly such as best practices in balancing teaching with research, scholarship, and creative activities and the use of effective computer-based tools to facilitate collaboration across colleges. Resolution will return as a second reading item.

K. Resolution to Approve a Course to Facilitate Continuous Enrollment of Graduate Students (Curriculum Committee): Hannings presented this resolution, which requires graduate students to be continuously enrolled until graduation. Resolution will return as a second reading item.

L. Resolution on Statement on Academic Freedom (Faculty Affairs Committee): Foroohar presented this resolution, which requests the revision of the Cal Poly’s Statement on Academic Freedom to object to and reject any attempts to circumvent the domain of faculty in determining academic offerings and content. Resolution will return as a second reading item.

VI. Discussion Item(s): none.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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