I. Minutes: none.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): the faculty has been notified that a new earlier application deadline for CSU International Programs has been instituted this year. The new deadline is December 15, 2011.

III. A. Reports:
   A. Academic Senate Chair: (Fernflores) The Chair reported on an editorial change made to Article II.3 of the Constitution of the Faculty. This change added the word or electronic to the following sentence: “A majority of those voting in a mail or electronic ballot is needed to pass an initiative.” An brief Powerpoint presentation was provided to familiarize new senators with the Senate process.

   B. President’s Office: (Kinsley) Cal Poly’s new Chief of Staff invited Executive Committee members to bring suggestions and ideas to her office any time. “The door is always open.” The transcription of the President fall conference address is now available.

   C. Provost: (Koob) It has been agreed that the Senate’s primary role in implementing the new general education (GE) policy will be administrative. Mary Pedersen’s position as Associate Vice Provost for Programs & Planning will have responsibility for both curricular and GE oversight. This year’s enrollment target was 16,000 FTES. Enrollment as of the second week of classes totals 16,041.

   D. Statewide Senate: (Foroohar) Bernadette Cheyne (Humboldt) has been appointed the new Faculty Trustee. The Board of Trustees has passed a resolution making campus visits by presidential candidates optional during the presidential selection process. The reason for this action was to provide greater confidentiality to individuals applying for the position of campus President.

   E. CFA Campus President: (Thorncroft) Meet and Greet invitations have been sent to all colleges. Every Thursday, a different college will be invited to meet at Julian’s for coffee. Thorncroft gave an explanation the status of contract issues dating back to 2008. An informational picketing will occur on this campus on November 8. Campuses will need to decide by November 17 if there should be a faculty strike.

   F. ASI Representative: (Titus) ASI had its fall kickoff this weekend with over 50 student government members. Tomorrow is its first Board of Directors meeting in UU 220 at 5pm for anyone who wishes to attend.
III.B Special Reports:

(1) David Conn, Associate Vice Provost for Inclusive Excellence and Director of Ombuds Services, gave a WASC update. Everyone was invited to a fall conference session to look at the preliminary draft of the report to be submitted to WASC. A revised draft will be available by mid-October, comments will be received during November and December, and the final is due to WASC by January 9, 2012. The WASC visiting team will be on campus April 3 – 6. Please keep these dates open for meetings with the team. More information will be available at a webinar on October 26.

(2) Josh Machamer, chair of the GE Governance Board and Andrew Schaffner, chair of the Curriculum Committee talked about changes to both the GE and curriculum review process. (Machamer) The Governance Board will be looking at core knowledge and transferrable skills and making the GE process smoother. (Schaffner) The Curriculum Committee is actively revising the Curriculum Handbook, looking at aligning individual courses with program learning objectives, eliminating courses that have not been taught in many years, and various modes of delivering instruction. None of these should create a new curriculum requirement for students to graduate.

IV. Consent Agenda: none.

V. Business Item(s):

A. **Resolution on Modification to Bylaws of the Academic Senate, Section III: Election Procedures:** Executive Committee, first reading. Lack of time prevented discussion of this resolution. It will return as a first reading item at the October 25, 2011 meeting.

B. **Resolution on Protecting the “American Institutions” Requirements at Cal Poly:** Lewis Call, senator and assistant professor of History, first reading. Call gave an inclusive history of this issue that resulted in the Chancellor’s Office allowing the “American Institutions” requirement to be waived for a large number of students. It may turn out that this resolution has little impact on Cal Poly or its curriculum; however, it is felt to be important that Cal Poly stand in solidarity with other campuses that are affected and by adopting a resolution as a statement of principle.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Adjournment: 5:00pm

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