

June 9, 2010

**From: Manzar Foroohar
Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee
To: Cal Poly Academic Senate
Re: FAC Annual Report, 2010**

The Faculty Affairs Committee began the new academic year dealing with a new charge from the Senate Chair. The charge was "Set out guidelines for implementing a fair and equitable furlough plan and/or consider developing resolutions pertaining to furloughs."

Following several meetings, the Senate Chair requested that the committee postpone its discussion on furlough implementation and begin working on two new charges:

- 1) to discuss and draft a resolution on program suspension.**
- 2) to review and recommend potential revisions in Cal Poly policy on program elimination.**

The committee completed the first charge and drafted a resolution on program suspension, which was co-sponsored by the Research and Professional Development Committee, and approved by the Senate on 2,09, 2010. (AS-700-10)

The Faculty Affairs committee reviewed Cal Poly Policy on Program Elimination. Following a discussion of different sections of the policy, the Committee decided not to make any recommendations for revision of the policy at this point.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of drafting a general policy for MPP searches. Following a discussion on the administrative procedures to approve/disapprove Senate policies, the committee decided to wait for a more clear direction from the Senate Executive Committee on this charge.

At the request of the Senate, the Committee drafted new procedures for committee work, which were approved by the Executive Committee on May 13, 2010.

Another important issue in the scope of the responsibilities of the Faculty Affairs Committee was the issue of the role of private donors in educational policies. The Executive Committee decided to endorse the ASCSU resolution on this issue, "Resolution on Private Donors' Respect for Academic Freedom" (AS-2936-10/FA), and did not send this issue to the FAC.

The final charge of the Faculty Affairs Committee was to review the "Retention Promotion and Tenure Focus Group Report," and draft recommendations on points 4, 5, 10 and 11 of the report. Following several meetings dedicated to the discussion of the report, the committee drafted a set of recommendations and sent them to the Senate Chair. They will be scheduled for discussion by the Executive Committee in fall of 2010.

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