MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 27 2009
01-409, 3:10 to 5:00pm

I. Minutes:
   Approval of Executive Committee minutes for January 6 2009 (pp. 2-3).

II. Communications and Announcements:

III. Reports:
   A. Academic Senate Chair:
   B. President’s Office:
   C. Provost:
   D. Statewide Senate:
   E. CFA Campus President:
   F. ASI Representative:
   G. Caucus Chairs:
   H. Other:
      Conn/Giberti: WASC update.

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Item(s):
   A. Academic Senate committee vacancies: (pp. 4-5).
      
   B. Resolution to Set Aside the Bylaws of the Academic Senate: Executive
      Committee (p. 6).

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Adjournment
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MINUTES OF
The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
Tuesday, January 6, 2009
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I. Minutes: The minutes for the November 25, 2008 meeting were approved.

II. Communications and Announcements: none.

III. Regular Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: Soares requested that due to the length of reports and in the interest of efficiency and executing the agenda, questions following the reports should pertain to the content of the report. Questions of a more general nature will be entertained, if time permits, at the end of the agendized business.

B. President’s Office: Howard-Greene announced that Greek activities are separate from the University but legally, there are some connections.

C. Provost: Koob announced that all college deans have agreed to follow the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, in educating all faculty and staff on civil behavior on campus.

D. Statewide Senate: Foroohar reported that the statewide Academic Senate meeting was cancelled due to budget crisis. LoCascio reported that the Academic Affairs committee spent the majority of its time on the following resolutions: (1) Quality Assurance in On-Line/Distance Learning/Technology Mediated Course Offerings resolution: the essence of this resolution is that the course instructor is responsible for the quality of their on line courses. (2) Acknowledgement of Faculty Involvement in the Access to Excellence Accountability Plan: the faculty wants to inform the Chancellor’s office that the faculty must drive the accountability of the CSU. (3) Support of the Give Students a Compass Project resolution: this is a nation wide effort to help minority students succeed in college.

E. CFA Campus President: Saenz announced that The CFA has signed onto an initiative to fund higher education as part of the Economic stimulus package. See more at http://www.calfac.org/newdeal.html

F. ASI Representative: Kramer announced that Cal Poly may be joining the Cal State Student Association (CSAA) if a proposal for restructuring of the organization is approved.

G. Caucus Chairs: none.

H. Other: Erling Smith – Vice Provost Smith summarized and outlined the strategic planning activity to date, presented the proposed strategic goals, and outlined the process and time-line for campus dialog. A draft copy of the strategic plan is available at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/presentations стратегический план_010609.ppt>
IV. Consent Agenda: none.

V. Business Item(s):

A. Academic Senate and University committee vacancies: The following were approved: Jeanine Scaramozzino as the PCS representative to the Grants Review Committee.

B. Approval of Instruction Committee recommendations on Academic Calendar 2010-2011 (Instruction Committee): Phillips recommended the approval of proposal #1 for Winter Term 2011. M/S/P to accept the recommendation.

C. Resolution on Academic Calendar Religious Holiday Observance (Instruction Committee): Phillips presented this resolution, which repeals resolution AS-511-98/IC and recommends that beginning fall quarter 2010, Cal Poly avoids scheduling the first day of classes in conflict with major religious or cultural holidays as stated in the Academic Calendar Guidelines. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

D. Resolution on U.S. Cultural Pluralism (USCP) Criteria (Curriculum Committee): Hannings presented this resolution, which request that the Academic Senate adopt the “Criteria for United States Cultural Pluralism (USCP) Courses” as a replacement for the current criteria, effective immediately. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

E. Approval of internal reviewers for CAFES and CLA program reviews: the following were approved: CAFES - Walt Bremer, Natural Resources Management. CLA – Lynn Metcalf, Journalism.

VI. Discussion Item(s):
Agenda reports: Soares requested that when possible, reporting members should provide the Academic Senate Office with a couple of bullet points capturing the essence of their report.

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

Submitted by

Gladys Gregory
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Academic Senate
STATEMENTS OF INTEREST RECEIVED FOR
ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEE VACANCIES FOR 2008-2010

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
Curriculum Committee (2008-2009)
Distinguished Teaching Award (2009-2010)
Instruction Committee

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
Faculty Affairs Committee (2008-2009)
Research & Professional Development Committee

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Distinguished Teaching Award (2008-2009)
Fairness Board
Sustainability Committee (2008-2009)

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATIVE SERVICES
Budget and Long Range Planning Committee (2008-2009)
Distinguished Teaching Award (2008-2009)
Fairness Board

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WORKPLACE VIOLENCE - 1 Vacancy, 2008-2010 term
CAL POLY PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE - 1 Vacancy, 2008-2009 term
CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE - 1 Vacancy, 2008-2010 term
COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON AIDS AND HIV INFECTION - 1 Vacancy, 2008-2010 term
DEANS ADMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 1 Vacancy – must be a member of the Academic Senate
Budget and Long Range Planning Committee, 2008-2009 term
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE – 1 Vacancy each CSM and CENG, 2008-2011 term
John Chen, Mechanical Engineering (Tenured track) 1 year at Cal Poly

I am looking to contribute to the University beyond my department and College, and I feel I can effectively contribute to the work of this committee. I have previous experience with intellectual property matters within an academic setting. At my former institution, I served on a similar committee to review applications from students and faculty to disclose claims of intellectual property, and to recommend changes to the university's intellectual property policies.

I have been a professor of mechanical engineering for 14 years and for the past 10 years I was at Rowan University in N.J. Rowan's College of Engineering is a relatively new entity, having been founded in 1994 and having graduated its first class in 2000. The founding of the College of Engineering also ushered in a spirit of entrepreneurialism from both the students and faculty. We actively encouraged students to pursue ideas, innovation and invention through courses and projects, and we even developed a 'venture capital fund' from which students may apply for seed money to pursue an idea. Through my involvement with these activities, I have come to appreciate the role that entrepreneurialism can play in higher education, and how it can be used to motivate and excite students about their field of study.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 1 Vacancy, 2008-2010 term

UNIVERSITY PLANNING & BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 1 Vacancy – must be a member of the Academic Senate Budget and Long Range Planning Committee, 2008-2009 term
Adopted:

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
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RESOLUTION ON
SETTING ASIDE THE BYLAWS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

WHEREAS, Article II. B of the current Bylaws of the Academic Senate states that the “elected
term of office [for senators] shall be two years. A senator can serve a maximum of
two consecutive, elected terms and shall not again be eligible for election until one
year has elapsed”; and

WHEREAS, The current Chair of the Academic Senate, John Soares, is completing his second
two-year term in June 2009; and

WHEREAS, There are ongoing issues which would benefit by having the continuity of
leadership provided by the current Academic Senate Chair; and

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 year; and

WHEREAS, If re-elected as a senator he would be eligible to seek re-election as Academic
Senate Chair for 2009-2010; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate suspend the aforementioned eligibility requirement for
John Soares, Chair of the Academic Senate, for 2009-2010.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: January 27, 2009