



CAL POLY

Academic Senate

Minutes of the Academic Senate

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

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- I. **Minutes:** M/S/P to approve the minutes from February 9, 2021.
- II. **Communication(s) and Announcement(s):** Senate Chair, Thomas Gutierrez shared that verbal reports are expected to return next week.

III. **Reports:**

All reports were submitted as written reports. These reports can be found here: <https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/academicsenate/1/images/sa030221.pdf>

IV. **Consent Agenda:** The items below were all approved by consent:

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY ACADEMIC SENATE				
Program Name or Course Number, Title	ASCC recommendation/ Other	Academic Senate	Provost	Term Effective
ANT 455 Anthropology-Geography Research Design and Methods (4), 3 lectures, 1 laboratory (existing course proposed to be offered online)	Reviewed and recommended for approval 2/11/21.	On the 3/2/21 consent agenda.		
ISLA 320 Topics and Issues in Values, Media and Culture (4), 4 lectures (existing course proposed to be offered online)	Reviewed and recommended for approval 2/11/21.	On the 3/2/21 consent agenda.		
JOUR 390 Visual Communication for the Mass Media (4), 3 lectures, 1 laboratory (existing course proposed to be offered online)	Reviewed and recommended for approval 2/11/21.	On the 3/2/21 consent agenda.		
UNIV R330 Cal Poly Land: Nature, Technology, and Society (4), 4 lectures, (crosslisted with AG 330/ISLA 330/SCM 330), GE Upper-Division B (GE recertification of an existing course)	Reviewed by GEGB on 1/25/21, additional information requested from department. GEGB recommended for approval 2/8/21. Reviewed by ASCC and recommended for approval 2/11/21.	On the 3/2/21 consent agenda.		
WGS 340 Sexuality Studies (4), 4 seminars, (crosslisted with HNRS 340) GE Upper-Division D (existing course proposed to be offered online)	Reviewed and recommended for approval 2/11/21.	On the 3/2/21 consent agenda.		
WGS 351 Gender, Race, Class, Nation in Global Engineering, Technology & International Development (4), 4 lectures, (crosslisted with ES 351), GE Upper-Division D (existing course proposed to be offered online)	Reviewed and recommended for approval 2/11/21.	On the 3/2/21 consent agenda.		

V. **Special Reports:**

[TIME CERTAIN 3:15 p.m.] **University Update:** President Jeffrey Armstrong gave updates on various issues affecting the university. He expressed his disagreement with AS-911-21 and expressed his belief that returning to as

much in-person instruction as possible for Fall will be the best course of action for the University. He explained that Cal Poly's plans for Fall 2021 are made on the understanding that everyone will be vaccinated. President Armstrong also updated the Senate on Cal Poly's budget. President Armstrong emphasized that although Cal Poly received the greatest amount of budget cuts, the funds will be restored proportional to how they were removed. Cal Poly is in the process of disbursing federal relief. Armstrong updated the Senate on Cal Poly's response to COVID-19. Cal Poly has begun to switch to saliva testing and will soon launch an updated dashboard.

VI. **Business Items:**

A. **Election of 2021-2022 Academic Senate Officers**

Thomas Gutierrez and Jerusha Greenwood were reelected as Chair and Vice Chair by acclamation.

B. **Resolution to Establish Area F in the General Education 2020 Template:**

Gary Laver, Chair of the General Education Governance Board, reintroduced his resolution to establish Area F in the General Education 2020 Template in first reading. M/S/P to second reading with 45 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions. Sarah Bridger introduced an amendment to include "imposed" in the first whereas clause; the amendment M/S/P with 42 yes, 1 no, and 2 abstentions. M/S/P to adopt the resolution with 42 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention.

C. **Resolution on Subject Area Guidelines for General Education Area F: Ethnic Studies:**

Jose Navarro's resolution on behalf of the Ethnic Studies Requirement Curriculum Sub Committee, was reintroduced in first reading. M/S/P to move to second reading with a unanimous vote. M/S/P to adopt the resolution with 46 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention.

D. **Resolution to Set Cal Poly's Carbon Neutrality Target Date:**

David Braun, Academic Senate Sustainability Committee Chair, reintroduced his resolution to set Cal Poly's Carbon Neutrality Target Date in first reading and elaborated on the three existing versions of the resolution. Senators expressed concerns over the verbiage in the whereas clause and the impact it would have on curriculum for classes that use Cal Poly's land for labs. M/S/P for the Pearse Variation to move into second reading with 34 yes, 8 no, 4 abstentions. The Senate was adjourned in the middle of a discussion regarding an amendment to strike the language from the whereas clause that includes land utilized for plant production and scope emissions. This resolution will return at the next Academic Senate meeting in second reading.

VII. **Discussion Item(s):** None.

VIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:05

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