Meeting of the Academic Senate  
Tuesday, May 3, 2022

I. Minutes: M/S/P to approve the minutes from April 12, 2022.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): Thomas Gutierrez, Academic Senate Chair, announced that, due to the remainder of the quarter’s heavy business load, the May 24th Executive Committee meeting will become a Senate meeting. Additionally, there is a possible meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 2nd. Dustin Stegner, Academic Senate Ad Hoc Semester Conversion Committee Chair, will be reaching out to the Caucuses to clarify Semester Conversion Resolutions.

III. Reports:  
A. Academic Senate Chair: Thomas Gutierrez, Academic Senate Chair, encourages senators to reach out to constituents to inform them about resolutions.  

All other reports were submitted as written reports and can be found here: https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/academicsenate/1/images/sa050322.pdf

IV. Special Reports:  
A. President’s Report: Jeff Armstrong, President, gave a COVID-19 update, reported that there has been a small increase in positive tests, and that there is a 2:1 ratio of symptomatic cases to asymptomatic cases. He also shared that there is research being done that measures the antibody levels in unvaccinated students; individual data will not be reported. President Armstrong also reported that Jolene Koester, former CSUN President, will take on the role of Interim Chancellor for at least the next year. He thanked the WSCUC team and Academic Senate for participation in accreditation visits and preparation. Additionally, President Armstrong reported that, based on preliminary data, the incoming class of 2026 will be the most diverse cohort entering Cal Poly. Cal Poly will be opening a new Latinx Center in the fall quarter. He also acknowledged the implementation of the College-Based Fee, discussed the staff salary survey, mentioned an upcoming faculty salary survey, shared the updated June Commencement schedule, and communicated that summer school will be switching to state side. He gave a brief state/CSU budget update that looks optimistic and outlined several student competitions and awards in academics and athletics. He discussed future dorm upgrades and faculty/staff campus housing. He mentioned ongoing searches for VPs in R-EDGE and OUDI. He mentioned ongoing planning surrounding Diablo Canyon and Swanton Ranch.

V. Consent Agenda:  
A. Department Modification Approval for the B.A. Political Science program with a 3+3 Pre-Law Option
B. Campus Specific Degree Title Change to plant Sciences  
All items have been approved for consent and can be found here: https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/academicsenate/1/images/sa050322.pdf

VI. Business Items:
A. Resolution on New Degree Program for Master of Science in Statistics: Andrew Schaffner, Statistics Department Chair, introduced in first reading a Resolution on New Degree Program for a Master of Science in Statistics. This would be a two-year program but would also be available as a blended program with curriculum consisting of three course categories. M/S/P to move resolution to second reading. M/S/P to adopt Resolution on New Degree Program for Master of Science in Statistics.

B. Resolution on AB 928 and Common GE Pathway: Gary Laver, Academic Senate General Education Governance Board Chair, introduced in first reading a Resolution on AB 928 and Common GE Pathway. AB 9 28 requires a common GE transfer pathway between the UCs, CSU, and community colleges. The resolution makes recommendations on implementing this common pathway. The pathway draft will be released in May 2023. M/S/P to move resolution to second reading. M/S/P to pass Resolution on AB 928 and Common GE Pathway.

C. Resolution on Scheduling of Online Assessments: John Hagen, Academic Senate Instruction Committee Chair, introduced in first reading a Resolution on the Scheduling of Online Assessments. The text of the resolution remains unchanged; however, the text in the attachment for guidelines has changed. The resolution clarifies that it would be fine to have daily assignments for classes that meet on successive days. M/S/P to move resolution to second reading. M/S/P to pass Resolution on Scheduling of Online Assessments.

D. Resolution to Establish Semester Terms: Dustin Stegner, Academic Senate Ad Hoc Semester Conversion Committee Chair, introduced in first reading a Resolution to Establish Semester Terms. This is the first of three resolutions that will be brought to the Senate. This resolution designates two 16-week terms (15 for instruction and 1 for finals) as well as a retention of a summer term. The resolution also calls for an establishment of a winter intersession period and a creation of two 7.5-week modules in both the fall and spring semesters. This resolution will return in first reading at the next Academic Senate meeting.

E. Resolution on AB 928 and CSU Golden Four: Gary Laver, Academic Senate General Education Governance Board Chair, introduced in first reading a Resolution on AB 928 and CSU Golden Four. AB 9 28 requires a common GE transfer pathway between the UCs, CSU, and community colleges. The resolution reaffirms campus commitment to the importance of GE areas and their retention. This resolution will return in first reading at the next Academic Senate Meeting.

VII. Discussion Item(s): None

VIII. Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned at 4:34.

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