



## **Minutes of the Academic Senate**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2016**

**UU220, 3:10 to 5:00pm**

- I. Minutes: M/S/P to approve the Academic Senate minutes from May 3, 2016. Changes to the minutes were provided on a supplementary handout.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
  - A. The new 2016-2017 senate members were introduced.
  - B. The Curriculum Appeals Committee turned down the UNIV 100 Appeal due its lack of Memorandums of Understanding (MoU).
- III. Reports:
  - A. **Academic Senate Chair (Laver):** Gary Laver has created a template of correspondence that faculty are welcome to use if they discover that proprietary material has been taken from them and posted on for-profit sites, violating their copyright. This document is available on the FAQ page of the Academic Senate website.
  - B. **President's Office (Darin):** Jessica Darin reported that the President and Provost have finished their college visits and have received robust feedback on the state of the University. Rachel Fernflores, past Interim Chief of Staff, reported that the President's Leadership Council met to discuss the strategic planning and writing of a revised draft by the Fall, as well as gauging campus feedback in the Winter.
  - C. **Provost (Enz Finken):** Kathleen Enz Finken reported that there are no changes to the Governor's May revise and that it is the last year of funding for the tuition freeze. The Governor is focused on the CSU closing the achievement gap offering \$25 million of one-time money if the Board of Directors create a new plan to increase graduation rates. \$1.1 million will be provided to support the student success network to spread effective practices and helping others implement best practices.
  - D. **Vice President for Student Affairs (Humphrey):** The Student Affairs report is available at <http://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/academicsenate/1/images/Student%20Affairs%20Report%20to%20Senate.pdf>
  - E. **Statewide Senate (Foroohar/LoCascio):** Manzar Foroohar reported on several resolutions that were approved at the Statewide Senate 3-day meeting in CSULB, including the support of the increase in Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities (RSCA) funding, grading of basic subject courses, and the role of faculty in campus strategic planning. Chris Miller was elected the new Statewide Senate Chair. Foroohar has stepped down from heading the Statewide Faculty Affairs Committee. Jim LoCascio reported that the requirement of a fourth year of math in high schools to be considered into the CSU system was also discussed.
  - F. **CFA (Archer):** none.
  - G. **ASI (Monteverdi):** Vittorio Monteverdi reported that ASI is looking into drafting a resolution in response to the Chancellor's budget and to endorsing a proposal from Parking Services that would change residential parking spots in the R1 lot into general spots in order to alleviate parking problems.
- IV. Consent Agenda:
  - A. The following courses were approved by consent: BIO 509 Graduate Seminar in Communicating Biology to General Audiences (1) and IME 432 Additive Manufacturing (4).
  - B. Courses to list on SUSCAT were approved.
- V. Special Reports:
  - A. Honors Program Update. Gregg Fiegel, Director of the Honors Program, highlighted the current state of the Honors Program, which has increased in enrollment since 2014. New honors courses and improved changes to the quarter and annual sequence of the program will be implemented

starting in the 2017-2018 academic year. <http://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/academicsenate/1/presentations/2015-2016/Honors%20Program%20-%20Academic%20Senate%20Presentation%20May%2024%202016.pdf>

VI. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on Department Name Change for the Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Administration Department:** second reading. Bill Hendricks, Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Administration Department Head presented a resolution that changes the name of the Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Administration Department to Experience Industry Management Department. M/S/P to move to second reading. M/S/P to approve the Resolution on Department Name Change for the Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Administration Department.
- B. **Resolution on University-Wide Prompts for Student Evaluations of Instruction:** second reading. Ken Brown, Faculty Affairs Committee Chair, and Dustin Stegner, Instruction Committee Chair, proposed that the Academic Senate revise two university-wide evaluation prompts, and for academic personnel to work with colleges and programs to facilitate the inclusion of these two questions into the student evaluations of instructors. M/S/P to move to second reading. M/S/F to approve the following amendments:
1. Add and additional WHEREAS: *The Instruction and Faculty Affairs Committees have found previously recommended university-wide prompts for student evaluation of instructors objectionable.*
  2. Delete all RESOLVED clauses and replace with: *RESOLVED that the Academic Senate request that inclusion of university-wide prompts for student evaluation be postponed until a more comprehensive consultation with faculty in different departments and programs is achieved.*
- This will resume second reading at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- C. **Resolution on Program Name Change: Humanities Program to Interdisciplinary Studies in the Liberal Arts:** first reading. Debra Valencia-Laver, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, on behalf of Jane Lehr, Humanities Program Coordinator, proposed that the Humanities Program in the College of Liberal Arts change its name to Interdisciplinary Studies in the Liberal Arts (ISLA) to better reflect the program, which now offers four Science, Technology, and Society minors. This item will return as a second reading.
- D. **Resolution on Department Name Change: Modern Languages and Literatures Department to World Languages and Cultures Department:** first reading. John Thompson, Modern Languages and Literatures Department Chair, proposed that the Modern Languages and Literatures Department change its name to World Languages and Cultures (WLC), in order to follow suite of name changes in other universities offering a similar program. This item will return as a second reading.
- E. **Resolution on Adding a Sustainability Catalog Option to PASS (Plan a Student Schedule):** David Braun, Sustainability Committee Chair, withdrew the resolution based on the commitment by Cem Sunata, Registrar, to work with the committee and list SUSCAT courses on PASS as requested in the resolution.
- F. **Resolution to Revise Change of Major Policy:** Dustin Stegner, Instruction Committee Chair, first reading. Beth Miller, Assistant Vice Provost University Advising, presented the changes made to the Change of Major Policy, including the prevention of prerequisites that do not count towards an Individualized Change of Major Agreement (ICMA), allowing students on Academic Probation to initiate change of major agreements, and providing a Change of Major portlet to help students begin their process. This item will return as a second reading.
- G. **Resolution on Department Name Change: Computer Science to Computer Science and Software Engineering:** first reading. Ignatios Vakalis, Computer Science Department Chair, proposed that the Computer Science Department change its name to Computer Science and Software Engineering due to the growth of the program and the demand for software engineering students. This item will return as a second reading.

- H. **Resolution on Modifications to the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate*:** first reading. Gary Laver, Academic Senate Chair, proposed a resolution that clarifies the membership and titles of Academic Senate Committees. This item will return as a second reading.

VII. Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Hensley", written over a horizontal line.

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