



Academic Senate Retreat Minutes
Friday, September 16, 2016
UU 220, 1:30 to 5:00pm

I. Welcome (Laver):

Gary Laver, Chair of the Academic Senate, welcomed the Senators and attendees, and laid out the agenda for the duration of the retreat.

II. President's Report (Armstrong):

President Armstrong reported on aspects of the Campus Master Plan (which encompasses Vision 2022 and the Academic Plan for Enrollment) with emphasis on the strategic goal to increase the inflow of sustainable revenue. In terms of retention and graduation rates, President Armstrong highlighted national data that show students who live on-campus their freshmen and sophomore years are more likely to be successful in their junior year. The new housing under construction is estimated to add 1,450 beds for freshmen and will free up 1,100 beds for sophomores in the Poly Canyon Village and Cerro Vista Apartments. President Armstrong clarified that after all the other CSU campuses convert to semester system by 2018, data will be analyzed, and Cal Poly will discuss the possibility of converting. Lastly, President Armstrong addressed the importance of diversity at Cal Poly, how to better serve first-generation students, and filling the new position of Vice President and Chief Officer for Diversity and Inclusivity.

III. Provost's Report (Enz Finken):

Provost Enz Finken reported on the push from the Chancellor's Office for Cal Poly to increase its four-year, five-year, six-year, and transfer graduation rates through phase two of the graduation initiative. The Governor approved of \$35 million one-time monies for the CSU to impact graduation rates, with Cal Poly acquiring \$800,000 for projects such as offering more summer classes, paying tuition for summer quarter, and hiring more advisors to support students who are close to graduation. Dean search committees for the Orfalea College of Business and the College of Science and Math will be formed in October.

IV. President & Provost Q&A (Armstrong/Enz Finken):

President Armstrong and Provost Enz Finken took questions on topics such as on-campus housing for students, deferred maintenance, tenure-density, diversity, and investments in sustainability.

V. Discussion of Implementing Electronic Student Evaluations (Brown):

Ken Brown, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported on evaluation metrics and led the Senators and attendees through an activity generating feedback on the faculty evaluation timeline. The results of the activity are available at <http://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/academicsenate/1/images/Activity%201%20Results%20%28Retreat%202016%209.pdf>.

VI. **Discussion of Prioritizing High Level Investments as Funds Become Available (Laver):**

Dr. Laver led the Senators and attendees through an activity asking them to prioritize the needs of the campus. Background data on students, staff, faculty, and facilities were obtained from Vice President of Student Affairs Keith Humphrey, CSUEU President Joan Kennedy, the President's Office, and Associate Vice President of Facilities Management and Development Juanita Holler, respectively. The results of the activity will be reported later in the Fall.

VII. **Adjournment:** 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

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