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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Open Forum on Budget and Budget Advocacy
Tuesday, March 4, 2008
UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 p.m.

I. Budget and Budget Advocacy

The following presentations were made:

- a. Larry Kelley, Vice President for Administration and Finance and Bill Durgin, Provost – presentation is available at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/Minutes/2007-2008/08-09BudgetKelley-Durgin.ppt>.
- b. Richard Saenz, CFA Campus President, and Lillian Taiz, CFA President – presentation is available at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/Minutes/2007-2008/ALLCAMPUSMEET.ppt>.
- c. Sandra Ogren, Vice President for University Advancement – presentation is available at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/Minutes/2007-2008/AdvocacyPresentation.ppt>.

President Baker spoke about the development of an alliance campaign to help restore the budget of the CSU system and explained the importance of our graduates to the economy of California. The principal theme of this campaign is that education is the solution, not the problem

II. Jubail University College (JUC) Project

Giberti reviewed the Academic Senate's involvement with the JUC project:

- On November 27, President Baker gave his quarterly report to the Senate. At this time, he answered a question from one of the Senators about the project. After the meeting, Giberti heard from a small number of Senators who still had questions or concerns, which he relayed to the Provost.
- On January 6, the Provost responded in message relayed to the entire Senate.
- On January 8, the Provost reported to the Executive Committee. Only one member expressed any concern.
- On the morning of February 26, Giberti received a resolution opposing the project. He advised the Executive Committee to adopt the agenda as proposed, and a motion to do so passed with one member dissenting.

Ed Sullivan, Associate Dean for the College of Engineering, reported that the work plan entails having a Cal Poly faculty member on site to work with the administrators, hire faculty, develop curriculum, help design lab experiences, equip the labs, and develop relationships with local industry.

Mohammad Noori, Dean for the College of Engineering, explained that Cal Poly should consider this an opportunity to engage in dialog and share our values and culture with others.

President Baker stated that the Provost and the Cal Poly Corporation are making sure that the rights of participants are not violated in this project. In addition, he stated that isolation from countries and cultures that do not share our values is not an effective approach.

Jim LoCascio, College of Engineering and Statewide Senator, stated that the ME Department was told that women, Jews, and homosexuals would not be welcome to participate in the program.

Manzar Foroohar, College of Liberal Arts and Statewide Senator, mentioned that there is nothing in the contract preventing women, Jews, or homosexuals from participating in the program. She also challenged project opponents to apply their standards to all countries and programs that may not live up to our standards.

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