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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, April 15, 2008
UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes of March 4 and March 11 were approved as presented.
- II. Communications and Announcements: Giberti announced that President Baker has approved the Resolution Abolishing the Academic Senate Library Committee, the Resolution on new Masters of Science Degree in Biomedical Engineering, and the Resolution on Diversity Learning Objectives.
- III. Regular Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: Giberti announced that Chair-Elect John Soares will undertake some Academic Senate Chair responsibilities this quarter.
 - B. President's Office: Howard-Greene announced the fourth Baker Forum, which will take place May 4, in the Spanos Theater at 4:30 pm. This event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend. The keynote speaker, John Morgridge, Chairman Emeritus of the Board, Cisco Systems, Inc., will address the changing technology landscape and its implications for a polytechnic education. Also, President Baker has published the first in a series of communications regarding diversity at Cal Poly in the Mustang Daily. The series will continue into next year.
 - C. Provost: none.
 - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: Morton announced that a survey on the needs, experiences, and aspirations of off-campus students will take place within the next few weeks. The survey is an attempt to maintain and improve contact with students who live off campus and their needs as part of our University community.
 - E. Statewide Senate: none.
 - F. CFA Campus President: Saenz announced that CFA and CSU continue to work together on the alliance campaign, which asks the legislature to reconsider planned budget cuts.
 - G. ASI Representative: Guntermann reported that ASI passed resolution #08-08 *ASI Supports the Establishment of an Office of Sustainability* at its last ASI Board meeting. He also reported that Dean Noori and the Engineering Student Council held an open forum for engineering students on the Jubail project.

Special Reports:

- A. Dave Hannings: Continuous Curriculum Review Process. The current 2-year cycle for program review is being changed to a continuous program review process. At this point in time, only new course proposals that do not affect other departments will be addressed. The curriculum committee will review new course proposal once a quarter.
- B. Kate Lancaster: Sustainability Charrette. PowerPoint presentation available at http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/Minutes/2007-2008/Sustainability_Charette.ppt

IV. Consent Agenda: none.

V. Business Item(s):

- A. Resolution on *Report to the Provost: Task Group on the Future of the Library* (Library Committee): Michael Miller, Library Dean, presented the resolution, which requests the Academic Senate's endorsement of the recommendations presented in the report. The following amendment failed:
Resolved: That the Academic Senate ~~endorse~~ acknowledges the recommendations presented in the attached *Report to the Provost: Task Group on the Future of the Library* (summary of recommendations provided on page 2 of the report).
M/S/P to adopt the resolution as presented.
- B. Resolution on Evaluation of Teaching Associates (Faculty Affairs Committee): Foroohar presented the resolution, which requests the formation of an ad-hoc committee to develop a University-wide policy regarding the employment and evaluation of Teaching Associates. M/S/P to adopt the resolution.
- C. Resolution on New Masters of Sciences Degree in Polymers and Coatings Science (Curriculum Committee): Hannings presented the resolution, which will return as a second reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- D. Resolution on WU Grade (Instruction Committee): Schaffner presented the resolution, which proposes that AS-449-95/IC Resolution on "U" Grades be repealed, that grading policies be disseminated quarterly to all faculty prior to grade entry, and that grade definitions be made easily available for reference during grade entry. This resolution will continue as a first reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.

VI. Discussion Item(s): none.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by

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