MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
Tuesday, October 5 2010
UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

I. Minutes: None.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): None.

III. Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair: (Fernflores) The Chair gave a PowerPoint presentation as introduction to new senators re Senate processes: duties of Senate officers, staff, caucus chairs, and senators; first and second readings of resolutions; Senate attendance requirements; etc. She also reviewed new procedures for curriculum appeals. The Chair summarized several matters that will come before the Senate this academic year.

B. President’s Office: (Howard-Greene) The search for a new President is underway. Campus forums with the finalists are anticipated for the week of November 29. Appointment of a new President is expected to be made before the end of the calendar year. Dan Howard-Greene announced his retirement at the end of December. He will be greatly missed.

C. Provost: (Koob) The budget news is good. $106m was received in one-time restoration funds; however, there is an expectation by the Chancellor’s Office that the money will be used to increase admissions. We have received about 500 transfer student applications. About 25% are eligible. About 50 new students will be admitted at the beginning of winter quarter.


E. Statewide Senate: (Foroohar) Several resolutions are already before the Academic Senate CSU this academic year. (LoCascio) The statewide Academic Affairs Committee is looking at two issues: [1] dual degrees, and [2] on-campus mental health assistance for returning veteran students.

F. CFA Campus President: (Thorncroft) Governor Schwarzenegger has vetoed SB 330. This bill would have required foundations and other auxiliary non-profits connected with the State's public universities and colleges to make their handling of money and other operations more transparent and accountable to the public.

G. ASI Representative: (Storelli) ASI President, Sarah Storelli, introduced herself and ASI Board of Director Chair, Natalia Walicki. ASI is close to its goal of registering 10% of students to vote. The deadline is October 18. Cal Poly is well ahead of other campuses.

H. Committee and Caucus Chairs: None.

IV. Special Report(s):
Jim Keese, Academic Senate representative to the Academic Council for International Programs (ACIP), gave a PowerPoint presentation on CSU International Programs (IP). This is a one year program for students to study abroad in one of 16 countries. Cal Poly has 69 students enrolled for 2010-2011, the third largest enrollment in the CSU. Programs are available for students in all majors.
Consent Agenda:
The following curriculum proposals were approved by consent:
ASCI/BIO/BMED 593 Stem Cell Research Internship (5) supv
ASCI/BIO/BMED 594 Applications in Stem Cell Research (2) 1 sem, and supv
BIO 534 Principles of Stem Cell Biology (2) 2 sem
CPE/EE 133 Digital Design (4) 3 lec, 1 lab
CPE/EE 233 Computer Design and Assembly Language Programming (4) 3 lec, 1 lab
GSB 573 Marketing Research (4) 4 lec
Stem Cell Research Specialization, MS Biomedical Engineering
Stem Cell Research Specialization, MS Biological Sciences

VI. Business Item(s):
A. Resolution on Clarifying Academic Program and Institutional Assessment: First reading. The Chair introduced the resolution and summarized its recommendations. The Academic Senate will oversee university-level assessment. Faculty involved in assessment activities may report such service as an appropriate form of teaching, scholarship, or service. Resolution will return as a second reading item.
B. Resolution on Academic Senate Operating Procedures for Its Committees: First reading. The current operating procedures for Academic Senate committees are outdated. In addition, there is no bylaws provision allowing electronic communications for committee deliberations. This resolution recommends procedures for physical and electronic meetings. Resolution will return as a second reading item.
C. Resolution on Modification to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate to Allow for Electronic Voting: First reading. This resolution allows both paper and electronic elections to be used by the Academic Senate. Resolution will return as a second reading item.
D. Resolution on Modification to Academic Program Review Procedures: First reading. When program review moved from the Academic Senate to Academic Programs, the Executive Committee retained its position as final approver for a program’s internal reviewer. This step has not provided value-added oversight and often delays the start of a review. The resolution eliminates the Executive Committee’s role of approving internal reviewers but adds a provision for annual summaries to the Academic Senate on the findings of academic programs that underwent review in that year. Resolution will return as a second reading item.

VII. Discussion Item(s):

VIII. Adjournment: 4:43pm

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