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ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 24 2012
01-409, 3:10 to 5:00pm

I. Minutes: The minutes of January 3, 2012 were approved as presented.

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

III. Reports:
   A. Academic Senate Chair: Fernflores announced that Ruth Black, Director for the new CSU On-line Initiative, is scheduled to attend the February 28 Academic Senate meeting. In addition, details are being worked out for possible visits from Faculty Trustee Bernadette Cheyne and Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom.
   B. President’s Office: Kinsley reported that CSU Trustee Margaret Fortune will be visiting Cal Poly on April 10, 2012. The CSU Student Trustee will be attending the CSSA meeting in May. On February 29, all students will be asked to vote on the student success fee in a referendum. More information and the schedule of forum dates is available at www.my.calpoly.edu.
   C. Provost: Koob announced that the Academic Senate Budget and Long Range Planning Committee met with staff from the Provost’s Office to discuss and identify elements of a new budget model. In addition, Provost Koob thanked everyone for their commitment and civility in which Academic Senate business is conducted and reiterated what a pleasure it has been to serve on the Academic Senate.
   D. Statewide Senate: Foroohar reported that due to a reduction in assigned time of the statewide senators, two statewide senators have resigned and several others have chosen to reduce their participation in standing committees. There has been an ongoing debate between the CSU and the Chancellor’s Office on the role of faculty in initiatives with major impact over curricular issues. The majority of senators have voiced frustration with top-down management style and lack of consultation with faculty over curricular issues. The Chancellor’s advocacy for more secrecy in the selection process of campus presidents, despite ASCSU opposition; and his refusal to accept the ASCSU constitutional amendment to strengthen the protection of academic freedom, are other issues adding to the frustration. The CSU Faculty Affairs Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee had drafted resolutions of vote-of-no-confidence on the Chancellor’s leadership. The ongoing debate in standing committees and the senate plenary resulted in several developments:
      (1) The Chancellor agreed on a base budget for the ASCU for 2012-13 that fully supports two senators from each campus. (2) The Chancellor and two of the vice-chancellors admitted their responsibility in mishandling ASCSU constitutional amendment on academic freedom, and all apologized for the mistakes. (3) The Chancellor’s Office legal counsel, Christine Helwick, met with the Faculty Affairs Committee and offered to work with the members to rectify the problems in handling the constitutional amendment and to work with them to propose a language acceptable to both the faculty and the Board of Trustees. (4) The newly hired Executive Director of Cal State On-line, Ruth Black, met with the senators at the plenary and expressed her intention to look to faculty to provide leadership on the curriculum, and work closely with the online initiative’s board of
directors, which includes three statewide senators, to develop the program. (5) The ASCSU met in a Meeting of the Committee of the Whole and decided to form a subcommittee to discuss the future of shared governance in the CSU and make recommendations to the senate. The next ASCSU plenary is scheduled for March 15 and 16.

LoCascio announced that the statewide Academic Affairs Committee has finished a white paper on the on-line initiative. Full report of the January 18-20 meeting is available at: http://academicsenate.wcms.calpoly.edu/sites/academicsenate.wcms.calpoly.edu/files/minutes/11-12_minutes/statewide_senator_012412.pdf

E. CFA Campus President: Thorncroft reported that contract negotiations continue without a timeline. A meeting will be schedule with George Deiehr, Vice President CalPERS Board of Administration, to discuss retirement and benefits.

F. ASI Representative: Titus reported that ASI is working with various student groups on a document that explains the principles and values that guide decisions and actions of Cal Poly Mustangs. The ASI Alumni Association is holding its First Annual ASI Leadership Forum on February 25 and 26 to present the new ASI Alumni Association, Mentorship Program, and Leadership Fund. President Armstrong will be attending a portion of the event. ASI has created the Find Your Connection Campaign with the hope to educate students on all that ASI has to offer and how to become involved in different areas of ASI, including Student Government since every student is a member of ASI.

G. Caucus Chairs: none.

H. Other: Fernflores reviewed the report from the Instruction Committee on its charge to discuss the merit of grade inflation and the implementation of student ranking is available at http://academicsenate.wcms.calpoly.edu/sites/academicsenate.wcms.calpoly.edu/files/minutes/11-12_minutes/grade_inflation.pdf

IV. Consent Agenda: none.

V. Business Item(s):

A. Academic Senate/university committees and task force vacancies for 2011-2013: The following appointment was approved:
   GE Governance Board
   Bruno Giberti, Architecture

B. Resolution on General Education C5 Elective (General Education Governance Board): Machamer presented this resolution, which requests that the Academic Senate approve the proposal for a defined C5 Elective Area for majors within CAFES, CAED, CSM, and OCOB allowing students to receive GE credit for intermediate courses in language other than English that have a substantial cultural component. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

C. Resolution on Academic Senate Executive Committee Attendance and Voting Provision (Executive Committee): Fernflores presented this resolution, which allows the college caucus to designate a substitute to serve on the Executive Committee. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.

D. Resolution on Corporate Relations in the Classroom (Instruction Committee): Lertwachara presented this resolution, which request that instructors ensure that guest speaker’s presentations are pertinent to the course content and that students are communicated that the presence of the guest speaker does not imply endorsement by the instructor or Cal Poly of the guest speaker’s opinions, views, or affiliation. M/S/F to agendize the resolution.
VI. Discussion Item(s):
A. Report by the Disbanding Policies Task Force: Greenwald reported that the task force was charged with the development of a resolution that sets out a process for disbanding polices put in place by the Academic Senate that the university no longer abides by. The charge was broken down into three areas: (1) consultation, (2) implementation of approved resolutions, and (3) faculty code. Neill reported that developing a faculty code would build awareness for faculty and could be a resource for faculty to consult when ambiguous situations arise. It was decided that the task force would continue to work on the issue of faculty code. The report is available on pages 31-35 of the January 24 agenda.

VII. Adjournment: 5:04 pm

Submitted by,

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