

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, March 5 2013
UU220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes of February 12, 2013 were approved as presented.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): Academic Senate election results for 2013-2014 included on agenda.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: Rein reminded everyone that the Academic Senate is accepting nominations for Academic Senate and University committees. Information is available at <http://www.academicssenate.calpoly.edu/content/documents> The following four items were discussed at the Statewide Academic Senate Chairs meeting in Long Beach. (1) As of January 1, there is a new state law called the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act. This change in the law was adopted by the state legislature in Sacramento, and requires all CSU employees to report suspected incidents of child abuse or neglect. If you suspect child abuse, you must call campus police immediately and then file a report with Human Resources. (2) Four names have been moved forward to the governor for consideration to serve as faculty trustees. (3) The discussion on 180-units centered on the approval process for requesting an exception. It is not clear if that is a local- or Chancellor-level decision. There is an expectation that the Academic Senate will be involved in the process of approving the exceptions. (4) The CSU Online program does not seem to be large enough to be viable; however, because the governor and others in Sacramento are pushing to have additional online offerings, they will be requiring individual campuses to donate another \$50,000 to get a million dollars to continue CSU Online and to develop the program. There is an admission that the CSU Online degrees will be priced at about 40% higher per degree than enrolling in a regular institution through the CSU. The belief is that students who cannot attend a regular university are going to other online institutions and paying considerably more than what the CSU Online degree will cost. San Jose State, in conjunction with Udacity, is offering MOOCs "Massive Online Open Courses" which will be open to everyone allowing a large number of students to enroll for a relative nominal price. At San Jose State, Udacity subsidized the cost to \$150 per unit.
 - B. President's Office: none.
 - C. Provost: none.
 - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: Allen announced that the Cal Poly will be celebrating its 20th open house on April 18-20.
 - E. Statewide Senate: Foroohar reported that as part of its three-day meeting, Statewide Academic Senate will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. Celebration activities include presentations on shared governance and the history of the Academic Senate

by former Academic Senate chairs. LoCascio announced that legislation is being proposed, but not expected to be approved, that would establish a fourth higher-learning system in California.

- F. CFA Campus President: Thorncroft reported that the CSU campus presidents and Chancellor White met to discuss equity II raises which are contingent on the governor's budget.
- G. ASI Representative: Morrow reported that the Mustang Way Committee has been meeting regularly and will be launching a website soon. In the coming months ASI will be focusing on the personal safety of students by providing outreach, education, and self-defense classes. In Addition, 62 candidates have filed for ASI Board of Director positions and 4 have filed for the ASI president position.

IV. Special Reports: none.

V. Consent Agenda: none.

VI. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on Proposed New Degree Program for Master's of Professional Studies in Dairy Products Technology (Curriculum Committee):** Pedersen and Golden presented the resolution, which requests that the Academic Senate approve the proposal and that the proposal be sent to the Chancellor's Office for final approval. Resolution will return as a second reading item.
- B. **Resolution on Policy on Student Evaluations (Instruction Committee):** Stegner presented the resolution, which requests the approval of the Instruction Committee's report, and that the Academic Senate approve that colleges and programs and faculty members have the ability to design their own student evaluation questions. Resolution will return as a second reading item.

VII. Discussion Item(s): none.

VIII. Adjournment: 5:00 pm

Submitted by,



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