

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

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 16, 2013**  
**UU220, 3:10 to 5:00pm**

- I. Minutes: The minutes of March 5 and March 12, 2013 were approved as presented.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none.
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: Rein reported that Cal Poly has a plan in place to implement online course evaluations. IT will collaborate with a task force, composed of one faculty member from each college, in evaluating potential software vendors and help construct guidelines for implementation of online evaluations and how such data will be used in conformance with Academic Senate guidelines. Chancellor White will visit Cal Poly on May 1 and 2. The Academic Senate Executive Committee will meet with the chancellor on May 1. Faculty will have the opportunity to meet with Chancellor White and ask questions on May 2 during an open forum from 4-5:30pm in Harman Hall.
  - B. President's Office: Kinsley reported that an open campus reception with Chancellor White will take place on May 2 from 3-4pm in the PAC, followed by an open forum from 4-5:30pm in Harman Hall. Chancellor White is visiting all 23 campuses; he has visited 5 campuses and will visit 2 more before May 1. President Armstrong held campus conversations with faculty, staff, and students during the month of April.
  - C. Provost: Enz Finken provided a summary of the reorganization and changes to Academic Affairs positions. New positions include a Vice Provost for International, Extended, and Graduate Education and a Director of Graduate Education. The area of research, industry, and economic development has been divided. In addition, some positions have been eliminated and duties reconfigured resulting in a salary savings of \$188,000. The review of RPT documents continues with many files demonstrating the fabulous teaching and research taking place. The CSU has chosen Cal Poly for a centers and institutes audit, which will produce reports that will be filed with the Board of Trustees. A committee has been created to address the allocation of funds to reflect the student credit hours that are actually taught in each college with respect to the new incoming freshmen. The desire is to have a formula that allows for the distribution of funds in the colleges where the students take classes.
  - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: Humphrey reported that Student Affairs will be moving to strategic planning process over the summer and fall quarter and will be engaging faculty leadership for input. In addition, Student Affairs is exercising the option to address off-campus violations of student behavior that are chargeable under any federal, state, or local statute. This is an opportunity to conduct educational conversations with students regarding the impact of health and safety choices they make and how it impacts their academic success.
  - E. Statewide Senate: Foroohar reported that the main issue discussed at the last Statewide Academic Senate meeting is the online program and Governor Brown's allocation of \$10 million. There is a major push in Sacramento to extend the offering of online courses and the availability of those courses to students. The CSU faculty is concerned about the quality of online courses and student success. Statewide Academic Senate continues to ask the Long Beach administration if a decision has been made with regards to quarter to semester conversion and the answer continues to be that no decision has been made.

Campuses who believe that their programs will be hurt if they are forced to reduced their units to 180 can submit a petition for exemption which is generated and approved at campus level. The problem is that some campuses are reporting that deans and provosts are not approving the petitions. LoCascio reported that State University Grants (SUGs) were discussed with Judith Heiman of the Legislative Analyst's Office. The process is still not clear except that the CSU does not collect the \$630 million that it calls SUGs. The cost of SUGs is spread out over all the campuses.

- F. CFA Campus President: Thorncroft reported that some of the issues to be discussed at CFA's spring assembly include quarter to semester conversion, 180-unit programs, pay, and health care.
  - G. ASI Representative: none.
- IV. Special Reports: none.
- V. Consent Agenda: CM 317 Sustainability and the Built Environment was approved.
- VI. Business Item(s):
- A. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2013-2014:** Since Rein was the only faculty member who submitted a nomination for Academic Senate Chair and since no additional nominations were received from the floor, Steve Rein was reelected Chair by acclamation. Since Stegner was the only faculty member who submitted a nomination for Academic Senate Vice-Chair and since no additional nominations were received from the floor, Stegner was reelected Vice Chair by acclamation.
  - B. **Resolution on Student Evaluations Policy (Instruction Committee):** Stegner presented a revised resolution, which requests the approval of the Instruction Committee's report, and that the Academic Senate permits colleges, programs, and faculty members to have the ability to design their own student evaluation questions. M/S/P to approve the resolution with the following amendments.  
Line 25: teaching and course effectiveness; and that they may also include (1) college- and/or  
Line 37: university-wide student evaluation questions in the future be subject to Academic Senate approval; and be it further  
Line 52: summary measures that may be calculated, from these questions, is not  
Line 57: may require the inclusion of student's written comments to non-faculty generated questions in a faculty
  - C. **Resolution on Conflict of Interest in the Assignment of Course Materials (Instruction Committee):** Due to lack of time, this resolution was not addressed.
  - C. **Resolution on Proposal for the Establishment of the Cal Poly Cybersecurity Center (Bik/Larson/Vakalis):** Vakalis presented the resolution, which requests that the Academic Senate endorse the proposal for the establishment of the Cybersecurity Center. PowerPoint presentation is available at: [http://www.academicssenat.calpoly.edu/content/meetings\\_calendar](http://www.academicssenat.calpoly.edu/content/meetings_calendar)  
Resolution will return as a second reading item.
- VII. Discussion Item(s): none.
- VIII. Adjournment: 5:05 pm

Submitted by,



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