I. Minutes: none.

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

III. Reports:
   A. Academic Senate Chair: Rein reported on the functioning and the rights and responsibility of the Academic Senate. The goal of the Senate is to speak for the faculty and to be a representative of the faculty. In addition, Rein reminded everyone to be respectful of each other and the process.
   B. President’s Office: Kinsley reported that the Semester Review Task Force is meeting under the leadership of Rachel Fernflores. Membership and charge is available at <http://www.president.calpoly.edu/semesterreview> Cal Poly will be accepting applications until November 30. 2013-2014 enrollment target is 16,000 FTUs. The review of CAP policies should be completed by June 2013.
   C. Provost: Ikeda reported on behalf of Enz Finken. Ikeda introduced Deb Larson, dean of CENG who will be the dean representative on the senate. There is a search for a Director of Graduate Education and for an Assistant Vice Provost for Industry Partnership and Sponsored Research. The CSU Board of Trustees will vote on the proposal to reduce the number of units to 180 in November.
   D. Vice Provost for Student Affairs: Allen requested a moment of silence for our students Brett Olson from the College of Liberal Arts and Jacob Van Staarveren from the College of Science and Math. Allen reported that the orientation program is composed of events such as open house, which introduces the campus to new and perspective students and their parents, SOAR, which provides an opportunity to introduce students to the SLO community, and WOW, which connects students with the SLO community and resources. The Enhance Campus Life Group has been charged by the President to provide recommendations that would transform the campus in terms of delivery of services and learning approaches that better meet the needs of today’s students.
   E. Statewide Senate: LoCascio reported that the CSU Board of Trustees is discussing a policy that would require programs to reduce to exactly 120/180 units wherever possible. Additionally, the cost of attending Cal State Online was discussed as well as restructuring fees.
   F. CFA Campus President: Thorncroft reported that CFA is receiving a lot of questions about the possible calendar conversion and the implications to the contract. CFA does not want faculty to base their decision to change or stay on misconceptions. In addition, faculty are sharing with CFA that they think the
decision to convert to semesters has already been made, either by the President or by some mandate from the Chancellor. The most frequent comments include: faculty are outnumbered on the task force, timeliness, and the belief that “the president wants it to happen, so it’s going to happen.” CFA has no position on the calendar change but advocates a decision process that has the confidence of the institution and the vote of the faculty.

G. ASI Representative: Morrow reported that ASI will be conducting a campuswide voter registration drive from October 9-22. Three students, all members of the Board of Directors and from CSM, CLA, and CFENG, have been appointed to serve on the Semester Review Task Force.

H. Other: David Conn reported on the importance of participating on the Great California ShakeOut on October 18, 2012. Additional information is available at <www.earthquakecountry.org>.

IV. Special Reports: Rachel Fernflores, Chair of the Semester Review Task Force. PowerPoint presentation is available at:
<http://www.academessenate.calpoly.edu/content/meetings_calendar>

V. Consent Agenda: The following were approved: FPE 555 Fire Protection Management in the Wildland-Urban Interface and Facilities Management and Operations (graduate certificate program).

VI. Business Item(s):
A. Resolution on the Proposal for the Establishment of the Institute for Advanced Technology and Public Policy (Blakeslee, CA senator/Piirto, CAFES professor): Piirto presented this resolution, which requests the Academic Senate’s approval for the establishment of the Institute for Advanced Technology and Public Policy. PowerPoint presentation by Sam Blakeslee is available at:
<http://www.academessenate.calpoly.edu/content/meetings_calendar>
Resolution will return as a first reading item.

VII. Discussion Item(s): none.

VIII. Adjournment: 5:00 pm

Submitted by,

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