

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

MINUTES OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, November 13 2012
UU220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes: the minutes of October 23 were approved as presented.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none.
- III. Regular Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: Rein reported that there is a fair amount of concern on the part of some faculty on the issue of semester review. Starting last year, President Armstrong and the Provost have been meeting with faculty member to discuss this issue. In addition, President Armstrong has been serving on a CSU level task force discussing whether individual campuses on quarters should convert to semesters. The Semester Review Task Force is on track to submit a report by the end of fall quarter. President Armstrong will be attending the January 8 Senate meeting to discuss the report and the senate will have the opportunity to develop a resolution and vote on whether or not to support the report.
 - B. President's Office: none.
 - C. Provost: Enz Finken reported that budget and enrollment planning for next year will begin soon. There is a strong likelihood that Cal Poly will be asked to enroll more students as a result of Prop 30. In addition, Dr. Richard Savage, professor of Materials Engineering, has been named Director of Graduate Education. Dr. Savage will begin his new role on a part-time base during winter quarter and transition to full time summer 2013.
 - D. Vice Provost for Student Affairs: Allen reported that the search for a new Vice President for Student Affairs continues. Please contact Stephan Lamb, chair of the search committee and Al Liddicoat with feedback. University housing is engaged in a study to find out if students are interested in living on campus and what their needs are.
 - E. Statewide Senate: Foroohar reported that she attended a three-day meeting in Long Beach where two issues dominated the discussions. The first issue is tuition and new fees for students who repeat courses and super seniors. A resolution in opposition was passed and CSU leaders postponed a vote on the proposed fees. The second issue is the directive to reduce programs to a maximum of 180-units. The implementation date has been postponed until fall of 2014 instead of January 2013. In addition, a resolution was passed stating that some programs cannot go down to 180 units. LoCascio added that with the passing of Prop 30, the CSU still has a \$7 million deficit every year. The issues of health care cost, the 180-unit programs, and the 1/3 set aside were also discussed.
 - F. CFA Campus President: Thorncroft reported that at the last chapter meeting, the possible conversion to semesters and the role of CFA in the process was discussed at great lengths. Thorncroft added that it is appropriate for the Senate to consider a

resolution that gives faculty time for informed debate and vote before a decision is made.

- G. ASI Representative: Morrow reported that ASI will begin accepting applications for the position of ASI Executive Director on Thursday, November 15. ASI passed a resolution opposing the extra fees proposed by CSU to “super seniors” and students who take an extra heavy course load.
 - H. Caucus Chairs: none.
- IV. Consent Agenda: none.
- V. Business Item(s):
- A. **Resolution on Possible Change to a Semester Calendar (Daval, CENG Senator and Rinzler, CLA Senator):** Rinzler presented the resolution, which request that President Armstrong delay a decision on whether to change from quarters to semesters until after the Senate has completed its consideration of the issue. Resolution will return as a first reading item on November 27, 2012.
 - B. **Resolution on Voting Status for Student Representatives to the Academic Senate (Executive Committee):** Due to lack of time, this resolution was postponed until November 27, 2012.
- VI. Special reports
- A. **Debbie Read, Vice President for University Advancement:** PowerPoint presentation is available at http://www.academicssenate.calpoly.edu/content/meetings_calendar. The presentation is a summary of President Armstrong’s presentation to the Cal Poly’s Foundation at its last board meeting. Feedback should be submitted to Debbie Read, Steve Rein, or Margaret Camuso.
 - B. **Josh Machamer, Chair of the GE Governance Board:** Due to lack of time, this report was postponed until November 27, 2012.
- VII. Discussion Item(s): none.
- VIII. Adjournment: 5:00 pm

Submitted by,



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Academic Senate