I. Minutes: The Academic Senate Executive Committee minutes of October 15, 2013 were approved as presented.

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

III. Reports:

A. Academic Senate Chair: (Rein) We will have an Executive Committee meeting on November 12 to review three resolutions from the Curriculum Committee and to take a formal vote on the recently drafted document reaffirming the quarter calendar as best fit for Cal Poly.

B. President’s Office: (Kinsley) A video of the Baker Forum will be available next week on the President’s website.

C. Provost’s Office: (Dicus) Various ideas are being discussed to incentivize faculty to obtain external funding for scholarly activities. An example might be providing automatic release time when funding is acquired.

(Rein) At a recent COSAM chairs meeting, the need for graduating seniors to get the courses they require was brought up. Are there any special measures being discussed to help seniors get the classes they need to graduate? (Colombini) This was a question on ASI’s survey. (Kinsley) We will be looking into priority registration as a means for this. Whatever is decided will come to the Senate for its deliberation. (Dicus) Poly Planner will allow students to provide information to departments regarding needed courses so these classes can be scheduled. Poly Planner will also help avoid courses offered only once a year being scheduled at the same time.

D. Statewide Senate: (Foroohar) Several resolutions were passed by the Academic Senate CSU last week. One important resolution was supporting the Board of Trustees proposed budget for 2014-2015, which provides $13 million in additional funding to hire tenure-track faculty to teach bottleneck courses. Another resolution would restore funding for research, scholarship, and creative activity. A resolution in its first reading asks for a revision to Title V allowing engineering programs to raise their unit limits from 180 to 198 quarter units.

(LoCascio) Community colleges would like to start offering bachelor degrees, starting with the nursing degree. There wasn’t much favor for this in Long Beach. It was felt this would lower the value of the degree.

E. CFA Campus President: (Thorncroft) The Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow and CFA will be presenting its contract offer. It can be viewed at www.calfac.org. Union membership at Cal Poly is up 15%. (Foroohar) Is there a proposal to change the FERP program? (Thorncroft) No, there are no plans to do so. I don’t think FERP is in danger. (LoCascio) What is the union’s position on the Chancellor’s efforts to consolidate ethnic studies type programs? The CFA Board of Directors has filed a petition asking the Chancellor to consider a moratorium before closing
programs of this nature. CFA’s position is to not close these programs without consultation from the faculty.

F. ASI: (Colombini) We have received 2,450 responses to the ASI survey “Let Your Voice Be Heard.” The survey concludes on November 11. Priorities will be determined by December 1 for next year’s Student Success Fee allocations.

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Item(s):

A. Appointments to Academic Senate committees for 2013-2015:
   - OCOB Grants Review Committee
   - CLA Budget & Long Range Planning Committee

B. Appointment to university committee for 2013-2014:
   - Intellectual Property Review Committee

C. Appointment of Academic Senate replacement:
   - CSM Replacement for Robert Clark 2013-2014

D. Approval of Instruction Committee recommendations for 2015-2016 Academic Calendar: postponed until winter quarter.

E. Approval of assigned time for five Academic Senate committee chairs:
   - Budget and Long Range Planning Committee: 2 WTUs - SAM FRAME, chair
   - Faculty Affairs Committee: 4 WTUs - KEN BROWN, chair
   - Fairness Board: 2 WTUs - JONATHAN SHAPIORO, chair
   - Instruction Committee: 4 WTUs - DUSTIN STEGNER, chair
   - Research, Scholarship, and Creative Actv Com: 2 WTUs - FRANZ KURFEISS, chair

F. Approval of Procedural Guidelines for the Academic Senate Budget and Long Range Planning Committee: M/S/P to approve procedural guidelines as presented.

G. Consideration of Dustin Stegner as Vice Chair for winter and spring quarters 2014:
   Different ideas were offered for resolving this issue—Dustin Stegner was elected Vice Chair for 2013-2014 and later was found to be ineligible to serve during 2013-2014 because his two-term limit ended in June 2013. This matter will be brought to the Academic Senate for its deliberation.

H. CONFIDENTIAL: Closed meeting, Executive Committee members only: Honorary Degrees.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Adjournment: 5:00pm

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