

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

MINUTES OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015
UU220, 3:10 TO 5:00PM

- I. Minutes: none.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): Laver spoke on the response received by Chancellor White regarding the Resolution Requesting that Chancellor Tim White Undertake a Prompt Review of Cal Poly, SLO Governance. The Chancellor will be on campus on November 3rd and will meet with the Executive Committee.
- III. Reports
 - A. **Academic Senate Chair (Laver):** A brief orientation was given to the new members of the Academic Senate to familiarize them with the procedures of the Senate. The presentation can be found here:
http://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/academicsenate/1/presentations/Senate%20Orientation%202015_1.pdf
 - B. **President's Office (Enz Finken):** The search for a new Chief of Staff is underway. The duties are currently being distributed to multiple individuals. There is also a search for a position in the Office of University Diversity and Inclusivity and should conclude by the end of this quarter. The Provost and Keith Humphrey, Vice President for Student Affairs, spoke to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs at the Chancellor's Office to ask for more input when it comes to strategic issues.
 - C. **Provost:** none.
 - D. **Vice President for Student Affairs (Humphrey):** An open forum is being held for the new Dean of Students candidates. The Cal Poly Cares Program, under the Dean of Students Office, got a one million dollar donation for students in need of financial assistance. This year's Week of Welcome was the largest Cal Poly has ever had, but still saw a drop in alcohol related incidents. Matt Roberts, Director of Administrative Compliance Services, spoke on campus procedures in the event of an emergency. In particular, Roberts was present as part of the Senate's new conversation concerning Cal Poly's policy on campus gunfire episodes.
 - E. **Statewide Senate (Foroohar/LoCascio):** Foroohar reported on the approval of SB707 that forbids anyone with a concealed weapon from bringing it on campus. Statewide Faculty Affairs Committee will discuss the controversial HR2015-08 resolution on background checks in November. LoCascio reported that the statewide Academic Affairs Committee decided that Ethnic Studies should be available, but not required to graduate. They are also discussing the minimum math requirement.
 - F. **CFA:** none.

- G. **ASI Representative (Monteverdi):** ASI is working on a resolution to reduce the use of fossil fuels. They are also working on a mental health awareness week and a voter registration campaign for Cal Poly students.

IV. Consent Agenda

The following courses were approved by consent: AERO 529 Turbulence and Flow Control (4), CRP 425 Biking, Walking and the City (4), POLS 445 Voting Rights and Representation (4).

V. Special Reports:

Possible Long Block Scheduling for First Time Freshmen: Cem Sunata, Registrar, gave a presentation on the Registrar Office's efforts to possibly implement block scheduling for first time freshmen for a whole year.

VI. Business Item(s):

- A. **Resolution on a Revised Cal Poly Statement on Diversity:** Annie Holmes, Executive Director for the Diversity and Inclusivity Office, presented a resolution that asks for Senate approval on the Inclusive Excellence Council's newly written Cal Poly Statement on Diversity and Inclusivity. This resolution was discussed and will return as a first reading.

VII. Adjournment: 5:00 pm

Submitted by,



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