Meeting of the Academic Senate Executive Committee

Tuesday, February 18, 2020
01-409, 3:10 to 5:00pm

I. Minutes: M/S/P to approve the February 4, 2020 Academic Senate Executive Committee minutes.

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

III. Reports:
A. Academic Senate Chair: none.
B. President’s Office: Jessica Darin, Chief of Staff, announced that the Year-Round Task Force is preparing a report examining what year-round operations would look like if implemented at Cal Poly. Additionally, Darin reported that progress is being made in the searches for Provost, Corporation Chair and Vice President for Development.
C. Provost: none.
D. Statewide Senate: Gary Laver, Statewide Senator, reported some leaders on campus, including ASI President Mark Borges and Academic Senate Chair Dustin Stegner, are working to draft Cal Poly’s response to the state’s potential ethnic studies requirement.
E. CFA: none.
F. ASI: Mark Borges, ASI President, reported that there will be a polling location on campus in the Recreation Center on Super Tuesday, March 3rd. Borges also announced that Safer’s survey on sexual violence will be open until March 18th and the Campus-Community Liaison Committee has formed a subcommittee to address issues of diversity, equity and inclusion in the San Luis Obispo community in response to the CPX results.

IV. Business Item(s):
A. Substitution of Jerusha Greenwood for Thomas Gutierrez as Academic Senate Vice Chair for spring quarter 2020. Tom Gutierrez, Academic Senate Vice Chair, is set to go on sabbatical during spring quarter 2020, thus leaving the position vacant and requiring reassignment of the duties. M/S/P to approve Jerusha Greenwood, Experience Industry Management, to assume the duties of Academic Senate Vice Chair for spring quarter 2020. M/S/P to present this appointment to the Academic Senate for approval.
B. Resolution on Timely Adoption of Course Materials. John Hagen, Instruction Committee Chair, presented a resolution asking faculty to finalize textbook, course pack and lab manual selections one quarter in advance to improve accessibility of course materials. This resolution will return at a later meeting.
C. Resolution on Discontinuation of M.S. of Printed Electronics and Functional Imaging Degree Program. Colleen Twomey, Graphic Communication Chair, proposed a resolution discontinuing a dormant Master’s program in printed electronics. The faculty in this department have unanimously agreed that the program has proven unsustainable as the industry continues to rapidly grow. M/S/P to agendize this resolution.
D. Resolution on Class Attendance. Ashlee Hernandez, student, introduced a resolution recognizing the unique needs of students with dependents and revising language in the Campus Administrative Policy (CAM) to be more inclusive and representative of these needs. M/S/P to agendize this resolution.
E. Additional Charge to Instruction Committee: Resolution on Poly Access. Dustin Stegner, Academic Senate Chair, introduced a potential new charge asking the Instruction Committee to draft a resolution on Poly Access following a report to the Executive Committee from the Ethics + Emerging Sciences Group. M/S/P to assign the charge to Instruction Committee.
F. 2021-2022 Fall Calendar. Keith Humphrey, Vice President for Student Affairs, reported that the President’s Office has chosen to move forward with a Wednesday, September 15, start date in fall quarter 2021 because this option poses the least risk for student safety, specifically in terms of alcohol poisoning.

V. Discussion Item(s):
A. Possible Resolution on Change to University Housing Requirements. Dustin Stegner, Academic Senate Chair, proposed the possibility of a collaborative resolution between the Academic Senate and ASI regarding changes to university housing requirements. The Executive Committee discussed the pros and cons of drafting a resolution addressing the topic and it was decided that more research has to be done before a decision can be made.

VI. Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.

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