THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 4:05pm in HML 2206.

1. Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of April 27, 2015

Several friendly amendments were made and accepted

MSC approving the minutes of April 27, 2015 as amended

1. Communications and announcements
2. President Castro

Emphasized to faculty that he wants the budget process to be as transparent as possible as the planning process goes forward. He is interested in hearing any ideas as to how the process can be made more transparent so that everyone feels they understand it and are invested in it.

1. Provost Zelezny

Invited all senators to the Provost’s Reception for Faculty Award Winners on Friday at 3:00 in the North Gym.

She noted that Dr. Xuanning Fu has been appointed as the new Dean for Undergraduate Studies. Also, Dr. Jody Hironaka-Juteau has been appointed as the new Dean of the College of Health and Human Services.

The provost announced that she is going ahead with searches for a new Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities and a new AVP for Faculty Affairs.

1. Senator Dangi (Geography and City and Regional Planning)

Thanked President Castro for quickly moving to hold a vigil for the people of Nepal after the earthquake tragedy, and for donating $5,000 to UNICEF for relief efforts. Anybody else interested in helping out can contact Senator Dangi at [mdangi@csufresno.edu](mailto:mdangi@csufresno.edu).

d.) Budget presentation by Interim VP Astone (Administration) and Interim CFO Moffitt

Many questions were asked about budget allocations, including money for advising centers and how the current budget allocation priorities line up with past budget priorities. CFO Moffitt said that the presentation powerpoint will be available on the budge website at <http://www.fresnostatenews.com/budget-central/>.

VP Lamas (Student Affairs) said that there would be some diversity initiatives supported with the student success priority allocations, as well as the enhancement of the career center. Concern was expressed that some of these initiatives might interfere or undermine programs already active on the campus.

1. Installation of new senators

The following new senator was installed:

Tarek Elarabi, Electrical and Computer Engineering

The following senator was re-appointed:

Ray Hall, Physics

1. Consent Calendar
2. Nomination / Reappointment to the Nominating / Elections Committee
3. Nomination / Reappointment to the Committee for Faculty Equity and Diversity
4. Nomination / Reappointment to the Student Affairs Committee
5. Construction Management – Change Status from Program to Department

Senator Jenkins (Mechanical Engineering) requested that item d regarding Construction Management be removed from the Consent Calendar. The item was removed and became new agenda item #12.

MSC approving the rest of the Consent Calendar.

1. New business

There was no new business.

1. Resolution – Policy on Academic Freedom

MSC waiving second reading

MSC passing the resolution (unanimous support)

1. APM 114 – Policy on Faculty Consultation and Voting

Senator Forgacs (Mathematics) indicated that while his department supports the involvement of part-time faculty, they want a say at the department level on how part-time faculty votes are weighted.

Senator Durette (Art and Design) indicated that her department is opposed to the new policy because they feel that part-time faculty may not have enough knowledge to make decisions regarding the operations of the department.

Senator Slagter (Women’s Studies) moved for a quorum call. A quorum was found to be present.

No further action was taken.

The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:36pm.

The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be in the fall semester of 2015.

Submitted by Approved by

Thomas Holyoke Kevin Ayotte

Vice Chair Chair

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