THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members present: Thomas Holyoke (Chair) Paula Durette (Vice Chair), Loretta Kensinger (At-large), Bradley Hart (At-large), Melanie Ram (University-wide), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large), Susan Schlievert (Statewide Senate), Ahson Haider (substituting for Blake Zante - ASI), and Lynnette Zelezny (Ex-officio).

Excused: Joseph Castro (Ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 3:01pm in HML 2108.

1. Approval of the agenda.

MSC approving the agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of October 16, 2017.

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1. Communications and announcements
   1. Provost Zelezny

Shared the search results of the Associate Vice President of Faculty Affairs. Stated she consulted the chair of the senate, the search committee and President Castro. Related the position is complex and feedback was dualistic from multiple stakeholders. Stated Marsha Baum will begin as AVP for Faculty Affairs January 2019 and Rudy Sanchez will be interim in the meantime. Rudy Sanchez will move to an interim position as AVP for Academic Strategic Initiatives in January 2019 on a year-to-year basis. This will not add an MPP but it will add a line to help with strategic initiatives, which are essential but were not in the search description.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) asked about the Title 9 position and inquired about counsellor staffing with upcoming scheduled leaves.

Provost Zelezny replied they recently had an update on the search and the committee is reviewing candidates. She indicated the search is on track.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) stated she would like to see the universities and campus presidents make an indication of expected standards with regard to the new presidential administration’s approach on sexual assault in higher education.

Provost Zelezny suggested seeing what is on the chancellor’s radar first, as he will initially speak for the CSU system.

Senator Ram (Universitywide) asked about the revised diversity questions for search committees.

Provost Zelezny replied she would look into that.

* 1. Action Items
     1. Email dated October 20, 2017, from Kimberly A. Cubre, Assistant to the VP for University Advancement to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Faculty Representation on the Honorary Doctorate Committee. Email has been received.

Chair Holyoke, Vice Chair Durette, Senator Raya-Fernandez and Senator Schlievert will serve, with Senator Hart as an alternate.

* + 1. Memo dated October 26, 2017, from Orlando Leon, Chief Information Officer to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Faculty Representation for Technology Steering Committee 2017-2019. Email has been received.

A call for service will be issued. Chair Holyoke will contact Orlando Leon (CIO) to inform him of the senate’s appointment process.

* + 1. Nominees:
       1. PCHRE
       2. TARP

These nominations were discussed in the executive session.

1. Graduation Honors for Transfer Students.

This item will be moved to the next Executive Committee meeting to allow Katie Dyer to attend.

1. Executive Session

Entered 3:36pm, exited 3:54pm. MSC Yoshiko Takahashi to the President’s Commission on Human Relations and Equity.

The vote on TARP nominees will occur in a future session due to concerns regarding notification to all faculty members because of a potential problem with the faculty listserv.

1. Senate Meetings

Chair Holyoke suggested either extending the length of the senate meetings to 5:30 or adding an extra senate meeting to the schedule.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) suggested an extra meeting but also reordering the agenda to prioritize items that can be completed. She related concern about extending the time because some senators have evening classes or family obligations.

Chair Holyoke will add an Academic Senate meeting on November 27th.

1. Governing Documents

Chair Holyoke informed the committee the Academic Senate should not review the proposed bylaws until the Academic Assembly approves the constitution. He will remove the bylaws from the next senate agenda.

1. Vice Chair Election

Chair Holyoke mentioned the election for Vice Chair would occur during the next senate meeting, petitions are due on Friday, and depending on the outcome there may be a hole on the executive committee, which will require a vote two weeks later.

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 4:08pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Monday, November 13, 2017.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Paula Durette Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair