THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members present: Thomas Holyoke (Chair), Bradley Hart (Vice Chair), Susan Schlievert (State-wide), Robert Harper (Ex-officio), Demi Wack (ASI), Jennifer Miele (At-large), Loretta Kensinger (At-large), Rebecca Raya Fernandez (At-large), Melanie Ram (At-large)

Members excused: Joseph Castro (Ex-officio)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate), Melissa Jordine (Director of Assessment), Debbie Adishian-Astone (Vice President), Brian Tsukimura (Personnel Committee)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 3:02 p.m. in HML 2108.

1. Approval of the agenda

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1. Communications and announcements
   1. Interim Provost Harper

The Interim Provost expressed hope that everyone would be able to attend the Free Speech Forum later in the evening. In addition, the Interim Provost announced that he will be working to get some additional funding to colleges, but that no decisions had thus far been made.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) asked whether it would be possible to see a budget presentation laying out where additional money from the State had been allocated. Vice President Astone clarified that much of this money was given as part of the Graduation Initiative 2025, and offered to provide additional information in the future. Most of the money had been allocated to Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, and that the Academic Affairs money had mostly been allocated to tenure track hiring. A full budget presentation will be made to the Senate on November 5 with additional historical data.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) asked about a pending state law related to the status of campus counselors and staffing levels (SB 968). Vice President Astone stated that she would look into the matter.

* 1. Melissa Jordine (Director of Assessment)

Dr. Jordine stated that the current GE Committee composition favors faculty who teach in the GE areas affected, but it is typical to not have more than two members from the same college. Dr. Jordine asked the committee to make an exemption to the usual rule to allow more members from the College of Social Science since those faculty teach in the areas affected by new GE assessment requirements. The one-time exception was moved and seconded.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) spoke in favor of the motion and argued that the intent of the original language was to provide a genuine preference for those who teach in the GE areas affected, and that clearer language could be added in the future to clarify this issue in the future. The motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Action Items
     1. Email dated September 9, 2018, from Melissa Jordine, Chair GE Assessment Subcommittee and Director of Assessment, to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: UGC Assessment Rubrics. Email has been received.

This was deemed to be a purely informational item.

* + 1. Email dated September 13, 2018, from Chadley James, Chair GE Committee, to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Senate Approval of New APM 215 Language. Email has been received.

This item relates to the removal of language concerning M/I from the GE sequence and the double counting of GE units. The item was moved to the agenda of the next Executive Committee meeting.

* + 1. Memo dated September 8, 2018, from Orlando Leon, Chief Information Officer, to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Faculty Representation for Technology Steering Committee 2018-2019. Memo has been received.

The Vice Chair will send a call for service.

* + 1. Email dated September 13, 2018, from James Mullooly, Chair of Academic Policy and Planning Committee, to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 203 Change. Email has been received.

Moved to the next agenda.

* + 1. Email dated September 13, 2018, from James Mullooly, Chair of Academic Policy and Planning Committee, to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 241 Policy Change. Email has been received.

Moved to the next agenda.

* + 1. Nominees for the following Committees:
       1. Athletics Advisory Council
       2. President's Enrollment Management Advisory Group
       3. Water Advisory Committee

Sent to executive session.

1. APM 320 Policy on the Composition of Search Committees for Designated Administrative Positions. Personnel Committee.

Vice President Astone and Personnel Chair Tsukimura were recognized. Vice President Astone laid out the latest changes, which were made following the latest Director of Athletics search. Having a large committee produced some logistical challenges, and therefore additional changes are being proposed while APM 320 has not yet been approved. Faculty and student representation would not be affected by the proposed changes. Senator Ram (At-large) asked whether the academic administrator position was standing in for deans that generally serve on other searches. Vice President Astone stated that traditionally the academic perspective is represented by the president’s appointments.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) expressed concern that faculty representation was being reduced by eliminating the Chair of Kinesiology and suggested adding another tenured faculty member to replace the chair. Vice President Astone stated that faculty schedules during the summer can be challenging, and faculty athletic representatives also generally have more knowledge about the position.

Senator Raya Fernandez (At-large) stated that perhaps the language could state a preference for 3 faculty members, but a minimum of 2. Senator Schlievert (At-large) stated that the new committee composition makes sense. President Wack (ASI) asked whether there was a feeling that a student athlete was needed on the committee. Vice President Astone stated that this was a possibility using ASI’s appointment. Senator Ram (At-large) asked whether the president needs four total appointments, or could be reduced. Vice President Astone stated that four appointments remained because of the removal of the other MPP and administrators and community members. The amendments were unanimously approved.

The committee moved to discussing the entirety of APM 320. Senator Kensinger raised concerns over the composition of the Provost and Vice President of Student Affairs search committee. The Senator proposed a new Item B giving a guaranteed seat to the chair of the Academic Senate or designee. The motion was moved and seconded. Senator Miele (At-large) spoke in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Kensinger then proposed expanding the number of faculty on the committee to five, in addition to the Academic Senate chair. The motion was seconded. Senator Kensinger stated that the change is being made to have more faculty representation on an important committee for Academic Affairs. Personnel Chair Tsukimura stated that there could be scheduling challenges stemming from having so many faculty on the committee. Vice Chair Hart pointed out that the proposal would give faculty a majority of the committee. Senator Miele (At-large) agreed that faculty voices are important. The amendment passed unanimously. Senator Ram (At-large) asked whether it would be better to say “up to five” faculty in case they choose not to apply. Chair Holyoke stated that this flexibility was probably implied by standing precedent.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) moved that references to cancelling the search be struck from section H-6, and modified earlier in the document to specify that the Executive Committee must be consulted in any cancelled search.

The entirety of APM 320 was moved for passage and seconded. The modified document was passed unanimously and moved to the Senate agenda.

1. APM 110 - Policy on Ancillary Units. Academic Policy & Planning Committee.

Chair Holyoke inquired as to why a change had been made to change the reference to a periodic review committee to a standing committee. Vice President Astone stated that this was done to correspond with an executive order. Vice President Astone will send a version back to the Executive Committee with modifications to consider in the future. The item was tabled for now.

1. WASC Graduate Assessments. University Graduate Committee.

Dr. Jordine was recognized by the Chair. This item refers to the creation of new WASC assessment of graduate core competencies. Written communication and disciplinary knowledge were both approved, but methodology is not yet ready for review. The Assesment Committee is asking that these two core competencies with common rubrics are approved so that departments may begin using the rubrics to assess student work. The Graduate Committee has already approved the rubrics and the core competencies. Chair Holyoke stated that the APM does not appear to require a vote. The committee felt that the full Senate should see the rubrics as an informational item, and that Dr. Jordine should be invited to introduce the items. Senator Kensinger (At-large) asked about the process used to develop these rubrics. Dr. Jordine stated that graduate coordinators had been contacted and asked for their feedback on multiple occasions. The graduate rubrics are written somewhat more broadly than those orientated for undergraduate studies because these must be used across all disciplines.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) asked whether the omission of plagiarism is deliberate. Dr. Jordine stated that plagiarized work would result in immediate disqualification regardless.

The item will be presented to the Senate as an informational item.

1. Articles of Governance – Arts and Humanities

Chair Holyoke reminded the Committee that these changes have already been approved by the President and Provost, though they should have been sent previously. Further inspection revealed that Page 13 of the document was missing, and further information will be disseminated by email.

1. Faculty Workload Task Force Report.

Chair Holyoke reminded the Committee that by tradition the Executive Committee refers reports of this type to an appropriate sub-committee. Chair Holyoke suggested breaking up the report and sending the first half to AP&P, and the second half to personnel. In addition, Chair Holyoke requested that the Provost read the report and weigh in at a future time. Senator Kensinger (At-large) expressed concern about the notion of different faculty tracks and asked the concern to be noted to the subcommittees affected.

The item was tabled until the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

1. Executive Session

The Executive Committee entered Executive Session at 4:37 p.m.

The Executive Committee exited Executive Session at 5:09 p.m..

Upon leaving executive session, the Committee voted to appoint the following person to the Athletics Advisory Council:

Tim Cupery

The Committee then voted to appoint the following people to the Water Advisory Committee:

Sharon Benes (Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology)

Maria Briggs (Arts & Humanities)

David Drexler (Library)

Andres Jauregui (Craig School of Business)

Andrew R. Jones (College of Social Science)

Kalyani Maitra (College of Science and Mathematics)

Susan Mirlohi (College of Health and Human Services)

William F. Wright (Lyles College of Engineering)

The President’s Enrollment Management Advisory Group appointment will return to the Executive Committee in the following meeting.

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Monday, October 1, 2018.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Bradley Hart Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

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