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Members Absent: M. Arvanigian, A. Avalos (excused), M. Busteded (excused), H. Chapman (excused), J. Daughtry, B. DerMugrdechian (excused), W. Dodd (excused), C. Fowler, S. Fulop, E. Garan, S. Geringer, J. Gilbert (excused), J. Henson (excused), M. Li (excused), K. Magdaleno, M. Mahoney, S. Miller, S. Moreman (excused), P. Popma (excused), M. Sanchez, R. Statham (student)(excused), S. Vandiver, J. Wang, L. Weston, T. Winant.

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Botwin at 4:10 p.m. in the University Center, Room #200.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 4/16/07.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - A. Chair Botwin expressed his regret at not realizing the extent of the tragedy last week at Virginia Tech University when he asked for a moment of silence at the beginning of the Academic Senate meeting. Chief of Police David Huerta visited at the Senate's request to discuss safety issues at Fresno State given that tragedy.

The Chief explained that there are many similarities between Virginia Tech and Fresno State. He also said that he has been invited to a law enforcement briefing that will occur at Virginia Tech, and he will attend that with a campus lieutenant in order to hear what can be learned from what transpired there. He assured the Academic Senate that the Police Department is responding to this in a proactive way in order to be ready if something like this were ever to transpire here.

Additional points included:

-since the robbery incident on campus in August 2006, the Police Department has generated a list of communication tools on campus, and though the list is long and effective, they have determined that a mass cell phone communication system would provide a level of expediency that is not currently available.

-in response to the Virginia Tech tragedy, Lieutenant Governor Garamendi just initiated a bill that would require the State pay for a mass cell phone communication system.

-most members of the police department are trained in Active Shooter scenarios.

-cameras on campus are important in shooter scenarios.

The Chief also suggested that faculty acquaint themselves with the members of the Police Department.

- B. Chair Botwin thanked J.P. Moncayo, Gena Gechter, Paul Oliaro, Provost Echeverria, and President Welty for their participation in the Virginia Tech memorial service on campus this morning.
- C. Albert Valencia, Director of the Mentoring Institute, explained a fundraising endeavor he's undertaking that will include swimming to and from Alcatraz; the money raised will assist students who are facing significant financial obstacles. The primary target will be those students who are having difficulty purchasing textbooks, but a funding committee will also consider applications of students who are experiencing a variety of other financial difficulties. Information about applying for the funds will be available on the Mentoring Institute website:  
[www.csufresno.edu/mentoringinstitute/](http://www.csufresno.edu/mentoringinstitute/)
- D. Denise Blum explained that she has been filling in for Hank Delcore on the Academic Council for International Programs. She distributed flyers regarding the availability of Resident Director positions in other countries. The application deadline is December of this year, and countries include places like Italy and France.
- E. Jacinta Amaral described a "Summary of CSU Campus 'Repeat' Policies" that was distributed. She originally

intended to share this during discussion of Agenda Item 6. Policy on Repeating Classes (APM 233), but introduced it early because she had to leave the Senate meeting before that item was addressed.

- F. J.P. Moncayo provided a brief update on Associated Students (AS) activities. He described a meeting in Sacramento last week that included training of new AS officers and lobbying of state legislators. He also mentioned that AS elections are this week, and encouraged Senators to encourage students to vote. Candidate packets are available in the Collegian Monday and Tuesday this week.

- 4. New Business.  
There was none.

- 5. Consent Calendar.

- A. Proposal to Change Master of Science in Psychology to Educational Specialist Degree – Graduate Committee.

Marilyn Wilson described the main reasons for the proposed changes. She explained that no changes have been made to the current program other than the title change; the title change will simply match titles used in the field, will be more indicative of the rigor of the program, and will help graduates of the program be more competitive in the hiring process.

Since no objection was voiced, the item was approved by consent.

MSC to reverse Agenda Item 6. Policy on Repeating Classes (APM 233) and Item 8. Elections – Nominations.

- 6. Election–Nominations – Nominating/Elections Committee - Bernadette Muscat.

- A. Chair/Vice Chair – Academic Senate: The results were as follows unanimously re-elected/elected by acclamation:

Chair, Academic Senate: Michael Botwin (Psychology),  
a one-year term through April 2008.

Vice Chair, Academic Senate: Michael Caldwell (Music),  
a one-year term through April 2008.

- B. Executive Committee Members-At-Large (Nominations from the floor). The following individual was nominated.

MS to nominate the following Senator for Executive Committee Member-At-Large position:

Manuel Figueroa (Social Sciences)  
A three-year term through 2010

Candidate confirmed his willingness to serve. Ballots will be cast at the next meeting.

Chair Botwin asked the Senate to thank Kathie Reid for her service as Vice Chair, and announced with regrets that she will be leaving the University.

7. Installation of New Senators.

Chair Botwin thanked outgoing Senators for their service. He then welcomed the following new Senators.

New Senator -  
Annaliese Baker  
Theatre Arts

Michael Mahoney  
Rec Admin & Leisure Studies

Craig Fowler  
Communication

Sylvia Miller  
Nursing

Re-elected Senator's -  
Annie Burke-Doe  
Physical Therapy

Janet Slagter  
Women's Studies

Stefaan Delcroix  
Mathematics

K.C. Tseng  
Finance & Business Law

Dennis Ferris  
Food Science & Nutrition

Rosco Vaughn  
Animal Science & Ag  
Education

Sanliang Gu  
Viticulture & Enology

Jia Wang  
Management

Thomas Holyoke  
Political Science

Terry Winant  
Philosophy

H. Otto Schweizer  
Criminology

Ming Xiao  
Civil & Geo Eng &  
Construction

ASCSU Delegate –

Jacinta Amaral

Modern & Classical Languages & Literatures

University-Wide Senator - Vacant

Department Vacancies -

Accountancy

Athletics

Counseling, Special Education & Rehabilitation

8. Policy on Repeating Classes (APM 233) – Academic Policy & Planning Committee - Continued.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed policy. Concerns expressed included that a variety of policies are being considered and revised that all impact this policy and its ramifications, and that perhaps discussion on this policy should be delayed until these other policies are completed. Additionally, it was suggested that preventative measures should also be addressed, as well as the possibility of an appeal process for students.

MSC to send the Policy on Repeating Classes (APM 233) back to Executive Committee for further review.

MSC to adjourn at 5:12 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be announced. An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Kathie Reid  
Chair  
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Botwin  
Vice Chair  
Academic Senate