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Members Present: Mike Botwin, Michael Caldwell, Jeronima Echeverria, Manuel Figueroa Kathie Reid, Russel Statham (student), President Welty, Lynn Williams.

Member Absent: Jacinta Amaral (excused), Harald Schweizer (excused).

Visitors: S. Hayes, J. Kus, T. McClanahan.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chair Botwin in the University Center, Room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 2/12/07.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements. (Anyone wishing a copy of the items distributed or discussed, please contact the Academic Senate Office).

Action Item

- A. A call (2/12/07) from John D. Welty, President to Michael Botwin, Chair, Academic Senate, re: Representative to Commission on Athletics Finances, was received.

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- B. A memorandum (2/13/07) from John D. Welty, President to Michael Botwin, Chair, Academic Senate, re: Level A Review and Recommendations, was received.

See Item 4. of today's Agenda

- C. A memorandum (2/21/07) from Brian Tsukimura, Chair Personnel Committee to Michael Botwin, Chair, Academic Senate, re: Policy on Promotion (APM 327), was received.

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- D. A memorandum (2/22/07) from Fraka Harmsen, Chair Academic Policy & Planning Committee to Michael Botwin, Chair, Academic Senate, re: Policy on Repeating Classes (APM 233), was received.

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- E. A memorandum (2/22/07) from Elise Rodriguez, Academic Senate Office to Michael Botwin, Chair, Academic Senate, re: Forthcoming Nominating/Elections Committee Vacancies, was received.

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Information Items

- F. President Welty announced the Department of Education called for "rule making", to issue regulations based on legislation. One of the key issues involves a push for the automatic transfer of credit to 4-year institutions from for-profit programs and nationally accredited programs. Traditionally, this has been an institutional decision.
- G. Provost Echeverria announced all four administrative searches are moving along, and announcements are forthcoming as to candidate visits; should be within the next week.
- H. Associate Provost Ken Shipley has requested a professional leave for next year; he will be taking time to complete a book. Bill Fasse has agreed to step into his position on a one-year interim basis. A formal announcement will be out this afternoon.
- I. Russell Statham announced that ASI will be more active in the state level organization, and will also be initiating some student scholarships soon.

- 4. Level A Review and Recommendations – President Welty

Recommendations from the Level A Review Committee were distributed before the meeting. A combination of permanent and temporary allocations are recommended. After feedback from the Executive Committee and the Dean's Council, President Welty will have one more conversation with the Dean's Cabinet to consider the recommendations. Per recommendations in the document, the Budget Committee has offered to do a re-examination of the current model that is used.

Chair Botwin asked for Executive Committee thoughts on the document in writing so he can summarize them and get them to the President.

5. Interim Policies APM 502 Cost Share / Match & APM 504 Effort Reporting for Research and Sponsored Programs – President Welty.

Provost Echeverria introduced the document by indicating that when problems have occurred with grants, they have occurred at these two levels: cost sharing and effort reporting. Efforts are being made to write up more clear cost sharing documenting procedures, as the documentation of that has been a problem. Additionally, there is a lack of an organized way of reporting effort. A "Principle Investigator's Handbook" is in the draft stages to make the process more transparent. Some of this work is a result of Executive Order 890.

MSC to forward the Interim Policies APM 502 Cost Share/Match & APM 504 Effort Reporting for Research and Sponsored Programs to the Research Subcommittee for their review and response.

6. Executive Session.

MSC to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. (4:35 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.)

7. Returned to Open Session. (4:46p.m.)

MSC to forward the following recommendations for committee vacancies:

Representative to Commission on Athletics Finances
Lynnette Zelezny (Science and Mathematics)

Nominating/Elections Committee
Michael Tillman (Library)

Bernadette Muscat (Social Sciences)

MSC to adjourn at 4:48 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be announced and an Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Kathie Reid
Recording Secretary
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Botwin
Chair
Academic Senate