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Members Absent: M. Arvanigian, O. Benavides (excused), A. Burke-Doe, B. DerMugrdechian, S. Fulop, S. Geringer (excused), J. Gilbert (excused), A. Heaney, J. McDonald, K. McKinley, S. Moreman, S. Omolayo, N. Pewewardy, P. Popma (excused), F. Ringwald, M. Schettler, F. Schreiber, J. Slagter (excused), R. Statham (student)(excused), K.C. Tseng, J. Wang, T. Winant.

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Botwin at 4:06 p.m. in the University Center, Room #200.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 10/22/07.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as amended to change item 6.A. to Item 6.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - A. Chair Botwin presented an update on the deliberations of the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct Panel in the light of several recent incidents involving student-athletes.
  - B. Athletics Director Thomas Boeh presented a progress report on the Athletics Department Strategic Planning. Information included internal evaluation and comparisons to external programs; graduation rates; compliance; Student-Athlete Code of Conduct; and participation and scholarships. Those wishing to receive a copy of the presentation may email Boeh at: [tboeh@csufresno.edu](mailto:tboeh@csufresno.edu). Information will also be posted on [www.gobulldogs.com](http://www.gobulldogs.com).
  - C. Jim Henson (Information Systems and Decision Sciences) commented on a future proposal regarding university-wide grade calculations.

D. Athletic Faculty Representative Lynn Williams thanked Thomas Boeh for his presentation and announced the upcoming bowl game and the need for faculty to comply with NCAA regulations by turning in grades early for bowl participants.

4. Election - Nominations - Nominating/Elections Committee. Executive Committee University-Wide Senator (Nominations from the floor).

Gena Gechter (Student Services Prof-AR) was nominated and elected by acclamation.

5. New Business.

Jim Kus noted concern regarding an advertisement for Kinesiology Activity Courses posted in many campus locations. The advertisement discussed how students may enhance their grade point averages by registering for these courses and earning high grades for attendance. Prof. Kus also noted that 94% of the grades for activity courses offered to student-athletes in the Department of Athletics were "A"s.

Prof. Kus moved that there be an examination of grading practices in activity courses offered on our campus. The Academic Standards and Grading Subcommittee of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee are to report their findings to the Academic Senate during the Spring 2008 semester.

MSC to become Agenda Item 8.

6. Graduate Student Petitions Committee (APM 248) – Graduate Committee - Continued.

MSC to approve the changes made to *section E* of the Graduate Student Petitions Committee Policies and Procedures (APM 248) and forward to the President with the recommendation for approval.

7. Policy and Procedures on Assignment of Grades (APM 242) – Student Affairs Committee.

The item was presented as a first reading and will return at the next full senate meeting for consideration.

8. Grading of Activity Courses.

MSC The Academic Standards and Grading Subcommittee of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee are to investigate grading practices in activity courses offered on our campus that are not part of an academic major. The committee is to make recommendations on the current practice of offering letter grades for these courses. The committee will also examine the appropriateness of alternate grading methods (i.e. credit/no credit) for these courses. The committee is to report their findings to the Academic Senate during the Spring 2008 semester.

MSC to adjourn at 5:06 p.m.

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

Submitted by:

Michael Caldwell  
Vice Chair  
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Botwin  
Chair  
Academic Senate