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Members Absent: A. Alexandrou (excused), O. Benavides (excused), T. Bufete, J. Daughtry, C. Du, M. Figueroa (excused), E. Garan, S. Geringer, S. Gu (excused), A. Hamre (excused), A. Heaney, J. Henson, D. Herring, B. Jones, S. Lee, S. Moreman, N. Pewewardy, F. Ringwald, H.O. Schweizer (excused), J. Sharma, T. Skeen, D. Smith (excused), S. Springthrope, R. Statham (student)(excused), K.C. Tseng, R. Vaughn, J. Wang.

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 2/25/08.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - A. President Welty thanked everyone who participated in the budget summit that took place just before Spring Recess.
 - B. Provost Echeverria announced a visit by administrators from UC Merced, and welcomed suggestions with regard to partnering with colleagues on that campus.
 - C. CFA President Lisa Weston made several announcements regarding support for CFA initiatives.
 - D. Rebecca Raya-Fernandez welcomed faculty to refer students to anxiety screening day.
 - E. Chair Botwin announced the nominations procedure for Chair and Vice Chair of the Academic Senate.

Chair Botwin also stated April 7, 2008 is the deadline for the Executive Committee to receive policy proposals.

4. New Business.

There was no new business presented.

5. Proposed Standards for Writing Courses – Academic Policy & Planning Committee – SECOND READING.

Following a discussion regarding the philosophy behind the distribution of the 5000 word requirement and additional questions regarding the availability of writing workshops the following motion was made.

MSC Insert the word “....or equivalent” to #3.

The new wording is:

3. The W course will require one writing textbook *or equivalent* that features strategies for researching.....

MSC to postpone discussion of the policy until a member of the Writing Competency Subcommittee is available.

6. Policy on Cost Share/Match (APM 502) and Interim Policy on Effort Reporting for Research and Sponsored Programs (APM 504) – Research Subcommittee – SECOND READING.

MSC to approve the Policy on Cost Share/Match (APM 502) and Policy on Effort Reporting for Research and Sponsored Programs (APM 504) and forward to the President for approval.

7. Policy on Ordering of Accessible Instructional Materials (APM 237) – Academic Policy & Planning Committee - SECOND READING.

Christine Edmondson and Chair Botwin explained a number of issues relating to the policy. Concerns were voiced regarding the timeline a faculty member would have for having materials prepared. Fred Schreiber noted that the faculty are not responsible for identifying students. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is responsible for working with students to assist students with disabilities in obtaining the appropriate resources.

MSC to approve the Policy on Ordering of Accessible Instructional Materials (APM 237) and forward it to the President for approval.

8. Policy on Course Syllabi and Grading (APM 241) – Student Affairs.

MSC to return the Policy on Course Syllabi and Grading (APM 241) to the Assistative Technology Initiative (ATI) - Instructional Materials Team for further review.

9. Policy on Posting Student Grades (APM 249) – Academic Policy & Planning Committee.

The item will return to the floor for a second reading at the next meeting.

MSC to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

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

Submitted by:

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Vice Chair
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Botwin
Chair
Academic Senate