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May 5, 2008

Members Absent: I. Basurto, T. Bufete, M. Gonsoulin, S. Gu, B. Hays, J. Henson, D. Herring, K. Magdaleno, S. Omolayo, F. Ringwald, J. Slagter (excused), D. Smith, S. Springthorpe, R. Statham (student)(excused), K.C. Tseng, J. Wang, L. Williams (excused), T. Winant.

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Botwin at 4:08 p.m. in the University Center, Room #200.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 4/21/08.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - A. Chair Botwin announced the election of several new and re-elected senators: Sean Fulop (Linguistics)(re-elected), Dawn Lewis (Kinesiology), Sunde` Nesbit (Psychology).
 - B. Tosha Guiffrida, Coordinator of Support Net Learning Center, shared information regarding the Early Warning/Intensive Learning Experience (ILE) Program, which provides a system to which faculty can refer students with poor academic performance or academic disengagement.
 - C. Provost Echeverria commented that she has been gathering data from various sources regarding the recent presentation by the IDEA Center on the topic of faculty teaching evaluations, including a number of important questions to be discussed. She shared that she was interested in creating a more effective avenue for gathering faculty input regarding the process of evaluations.
 - D. Statewide Senator Otto Benavides announced a program on our campus that will provide students the opportunity to become involved with the NASA Educator Resource Center

on Saturday, May 10, ED 172. Information can be obtained at: education.csufresno.edu/NASA/

4. New Business.

There was no new business.

5. Consent Calendar.

At its meeting of May 5, 2008, the Academic Senate received on the Consent Calendar, forwarded by the University Budget Committee, Proposed Changes in the College of Engineering – Recommendation for the Construction Management Program be allowed to operate as a stand-alone Program in the College of Engineering under the name of Construction Management Program and that the existing department of Civil and Geomatics Engineering and Construction change their name to Civil and Geomatics Engineering Department.

Since no objections were voiced, the motion is deemed approved by the Academic Senate.

6. Policy on Faculty Leaves of Absence (APM 361) – Personnel Committee – Second Reading.

MSC to delete from Pg. 1, Paragraph 2: “However, since budgetary and other constraints preclude the granting of paid professional leaves to all deserving faculty, there is necessarily competition for the limited number of such leaves”. The word “therefore” will also be removed from the following sentence.

MSC to approve the Policy on Faculty Leaves of Absence (APM 361) and forward it to the President for final consideration.

7. Standards for Continuation and Procedures for Termination of a Graduate Program (APM 223) – Graduate Committee.

Standards for Continuation and Procedures for Termination of a Graduate Program (APM 223) will return for a second reading in the Fall Semester.

8. Policy on the Administration of Sponsored Programs (APM 501) Research Subcommittee.

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9. Policy on Indirect Cost Recoveries and Allocations (APM 503) – Research Subcommittee.

Policy on Indirect Cost Recoveries and Allocations (APM 503 will be revisited in the Fall Semester.

MSC to adjourn at 4:53 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
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Approved by:

Michael Botwin
Chair
Academic Senate