

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Members Present: Mike Botwin, Jacinta Amaral, Michael Caldwell,
Manuel Figueroa, Gena Gechter, Harald
Schweizer Russel Statham (student), President
Welty, Lynn Williams.

Member Absent: Jeronima Echeverria, (excused).

Visitors: William Fasse, S. Hayes, M. Perez, F. Schreiber,
P. Chaffe-Stengel, D. Stengel.

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chair Botwin in the
University Center, Room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 1/28/08.
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).

Information Item

The Call for Nominations for elected committee vacancies
will be posted on the Academic Senate Website under News
& Announcements on Tuesday February 5, 2008.

4. Establishment of a Task Force on Graduate Culture – Graduate
Committee.

Miguel Perez, Chair, Graduate Committee, explained the
background of the proposal. A lively and lengthy discussion
included frank and candid exchanges. Some of the following
issues were discussed:

- a. under purpose of this Task Force replace #3. to read, Identify best practices for Graduate Education across programs.
- b. under committee proposes add to #3. Dean or Designee.
- c. consider more than one graduate student on the Task Force.
- d. the Task Force give the Graduate Committee a progress report in the Fall of 2008 and May 2009 and that information forwarded to the Executive Committee.

It was agreed by consensus to send the Establishment of a Task Force on Graduate Culture back to the Graduate Committee to make the suggested changes and return it to the Executive Committee for a second reading.

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

Fred Schreiber, Chair, Academic Policy & Planning (AP&P) Committee explained the rationale and clarification of the policy. There was lengthy and in-depth discussion of the pros and cons of the policy. Discussion will continue next week.

6. Policy on Ordering of Accessible Instructional Materials – Academic Policy & Planning Committee.

Discussion was directed at potential implementation strategies and historical significance as an interim policy.

MSC to approve the Policy on Ordering of Accessible Instructional Materials as a Policy and forward to the Academic Senate approval.

7. CFA Agency Shop Fee Change – Priscilla Chaffe-Stengel and Don Stengel.

Information was presented regarding changes in policies involving an increase in fair share costs for non-union faculty members. Both Dr. Chaffe-Stengel and Dr. Stengel expressed concerns that faculty members that are now paying the agency shop fee for representation to the California Faculty Association will have their fees raised to the same rate as full union members. They noted that to avoid this increase faculty members must respond in writing to the union within thirty calendar days of the notice. They also were quite concerned that it would be onerous to have these funds returned to them and these conditions were near the end of a lengthy document.

8. Executive Session.

MSC to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters (4:25 p.m. – 4:32 p.m.)

9. Returned to Open Session. (4:33 p.m.)

MSC to forward to the Provost ten names of previous recipients of the Provost's Awards to select this year's Award Committee.

MSC to adjourn at 4:33 p.m.

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

Submitted by:

Michael Caldwell
Recording Secretary
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Botwin
Chair
Academic Senate