

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
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Members Present: Mike Botwin, Jacinta Amaral, Michael Caldwell, Jeronima Echeverria, Harald Schweizer, Russel Statham (student).

Members Absent: Manuel Figueroa (excused), President Welty (excused), Lynn Williams (excused).

Visitors: S. Hayes, J. Kus, J.P. Moncayo, D. Nef, P. Oliaro.

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 10/1/07.
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).

Information Item

Jacinta Amaral reminded the Executive Committee that the Statewide Academic Senate will meet on October 12, 2007.

4. Draft #3 – Proposed Revision of CSU Academic Policies on Course Credits: Incompletes, Withdrawals, and Repeats.

Dennis Nef, Associate Vice President/Dean of Undergraduate Studies reflected that there are few differences between the current policy and the proposal with the exception of grade substitution issues (students may only repeat a course one time for grade substitution). Paul Oliaro, Vice President for Student Affairs commented that the draft is not in final form and is being

examined by each campus. He also discussed the transfer regulations within the policy. Discussion included faculty roles in the process, implementation suggestions, and enforcement. Russell Statham shared his views from a student perspective. Jim Kus commented on past practices and comparisons from other campuses. Harald Schweizer commented on the effect mandatory advising should have on improving issues regarding the items within this policy. Chair Botwin will summarize a list of the campus concerns on DWIR (drops, withdrawals, incompletes, repeats) issues from the Executive Committee and other senate constituencies. This list will be forwarded to the ASCSU by the October 11, 2007 due date.

5. Early Childhood Degree Program Name Change – Graduate Committee.

MSC to approve the name change from “Early Childhood” to “Early Childhood Education” and forward to the Academic Senate to be placed on the Consent Calendar with a recommendation for approval.

6. Graduate Student Petitions Committee Policies and Procedures (APM 248) – Graduate Committee.

MSC to approve the changes made to section E of the Graduate Student Petitions Committee Policies and Procedures (APM 248) and forward to the Academic Senate to be placed on the Consent Calendar with a recommendation for approval.

7. Community College Governance Initiative – Budget Committee.

Jim Kus, Chair, University Budget Committee reported on that committee’s review of the “Community College Governance Initiative (Proposition 98, February 2008 California ballot initiative. The Committee believed that this would most likely be address from the system level rather than the campus level. If passed, the proposition would have a severe negative impact for the budgets the CSU and UC. The most likely result would be minor decreases in tuition and fees for community college students, while drastically increases the fees paid by students transfers to CSU and UC from the CC system. It would also decrease the number of freshmen entering four-year institutions across the state.

MSC to form a subcommittee of the Executive Committee

charged to develop a resolution to send to the Academic Senate regarding this issue.

8. Special Major for a Bachelor of Arts Degree Policy (APM 203).

MSC to approve the revision to Special Major for a Bachelor of Arts Degree (APM 203) and forward to the Academic Senate to be placed on the Consent Calendar with a recommendation for approval.

9. Executive Session – There was none.

MSC to adjourn at 4:30 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