

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
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Members Present: Mike Botwin, Michael Caldwell, Jacinta Amaral, Gena Gechter, Lauren Johnson (student), D. Nef, O. Harald Schweizer, President Welty, Lynn Williams.

Member Absent: Manuel Figueroa (excused).

Visitors: B. Cuellar, S. Hayes, J. Hironaka-Juteau, A. Hoff, N. Nisbett, G. Walhberg.

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 a.m. by Chair Botwin in the University Center, Room #203.

1. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 2/9/09.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as amended to add a new item 5. Policy on Faculty Merit Increase (APM 329) and a new item 6. New Interim Policy on Student Participation in Policy Development.
3. Communications and Announcements. (Anyone wishing a copy of the items distributed or discussed, please contact the Academic Senate Office).

Action Item

- A. A memorandum (9/29/08) from Jeri Echeverria, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to Michael Botwin, Chair, Academic Senate, re: Service Learning Subcommittee Charge, was received.

Next Executive Committee Meeting

- B. A memorandum (12/4/08) from Brian Tsukimura, Chair, Personnel Committee to Michael Botwin, Chair, Academic

Senate, re: Policy on Faculty Merit Increase (APM 329), was received.

Today's new Agenda item 5.

- C. A memorandum (2/9/09) from Dennis L. Nef, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Interim, to Michael Botwin, Chair, Academic Senate, re: Smittcamp Honors College – Search Committee, was received.

Executive Session Today

- D. A memorandum (2/17/09) from John D. Welty, President to Michael Botwin, Chair, Academic Senate, re: New Interim Policy on Student Participation in Policy Development, was received.

Today's new Agenda item 6.

Information Item

- E. President Welty commented on the impact of the state budget resolution on the current and 2009-2010 budgets. There is also clause that calls for an additional \$50m reduction if the state does not receive a specified level of stimulus from the federal government. The system is short \$30m for mandatory costs, and the budget assumes a 10% increase in student fees.

The University has encountered a serious problem with regard to the distribution of electricity to the campus that will require a substantial investigation throughout the evening.

- F. Graham Wahlberg, ASI President, recently attended a meeting of the California State Student Association (CSSA). That group passed a resolution regarding textbook affordability and Mr. Wahlberg briefed the Executive Committee on the major points of that resolution.
- G. Lynn Williams announced that he will continue as the Faculty Representative to Athletics on a per annum basis.

- 4. Proposed Department Status for Recreation Administration and Leisure Studies.

MSC to waive second reading.

MSC to forward the Proposed Department Status for Recreation Administration and Leisure Studies to the Academic Senate for consideration with a recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve the change in status of the program.

5. Policy on Faculty Merit Increase (APM 329)

MSC to waive second reading.

MSC to approve the recommendation to remove the Policy on Faculty Merit Increase (APM 329) from the Academic Policy Manual and forward to the Academic Senate and scheduled on the Consent Calendar. (This policy is no longer used in the Collective Bargaining Agreement).

6. Policy on Student Participation in Policy Development.

MSC to waive second reading.

MSC to forward the Policy on Student Participation in Policy Development to the Academic Senate for consideration with a recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve.

7. Executive Session.

MSC to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. (3:49 p.m. – 4:04 p.m.)

MSC to adjourn at 3:51 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, Marcy 2, 2009. An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Michael Caldwell  
Recording Secretary  
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Botwin  
Chair  
Academic Senate