

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Members Present: Mike Botwin, Michael Caldwell, Jacinta Amaral, Manuel Figueroa, Gena Gechter, Lauren Johnson (student), Ellen Junn (Provost designee), O. Harald Schweizer, President Welty.

Members Absent: Jeronima Echeverria (excused), Lynn Williams (excused).

Visitor: S. Hayes.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03p.m. by Chair Botwin in the University Center, Room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 11/03/08.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as amended to add a new item 4. Interim Policy on Allocation of Instructional Administrative Positions and renumber the remaining item accordingly.
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 (10/30/08) from Jeri Echeverria, Vice President for Academic Affairs to Michael Botwin, Chair, Academic Senate, re: CSU Honorary Degree Ad Hoc Subcommittee, was received.

Today's Executive Session

- B. A memorandum (11/14/08) from Dr. James S. Kus, Chair, University Budget Committee to Michael Botwin, Chair, Academic Senate, re: Interim Policy on Allocation of Instructional Administrative Positions (APM 355), was received.

Today's agenda item 4.

Information Item

- C. President Welty discussed the formation of a group called the "Friends of Fresno State" and progress being made regarding public perception of the University, including obtaining a firm to study the relationship between Athletics and Academics and the balance the University achieves with regard to communicating information important for the public. The committee is seeking to obtain direction regarding best practices with regard to this issue. A University committee will be assembled to examine the report and recommendations. Another report, which was produced by a firm for the alumni association, contained additional information regarding public perception. Both reports will be examined by the committee. There will be an effort made to continue engaging the public into the life of the campus beyond entertainment and athletics.

4. Interim Policy on Allocation of Instructional Administrative Positions (APM 355) – University Budget Committee.

MSC to approve the removal of the Interim Policy on Allocation of Instructional Administrative Positions (APM 355) from the Academic Policy Manual and forward to the Academic Senate for approval.

5. Executive Session.

MSC to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. (3:12 p.m. - 3:18 p.m.)

6. Returned to Open Session. (3:18 p.m.)

MSC to forward the following recommendation for the Subcommittee vacancy:

CSU Honorary Degree Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Michael Botwin (Psychology)(Chair, Academic Senate)
Jason Bush (Biology)
Jason C. Immekus (Education Research & Administration)
Andrea Johnson (History)
Tony Mowrer (Music)

MSC to adjourn at 3:19 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