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Members Absent: I. Basurto, O. Benavides, D. Berkey, J. Bradshaw, B. DerMugrdechian, A. Dinscore, C. Du, K. Dyer, S. Figlioli, C. Fowler, D. Frazier, M. Golden, J. Henson (excused), T. Johnson, M. Katti, S. Lewis, S. Liu, K. McCoy, S. Miller (excused), H. Miltiades, S. Montana, J. Peterson (excused), R. Rai, R. Raya-FernsndeZ (excused), B. Rice, F. Schreiber, D. Smith, J. Sweeten (student)(excused), P. Trueblood, K.C. Tseng, J. Wang, C. Won.

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Botwin at 4:09 p.m. in the University Center, Room 200.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 10/5/09.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as amended to add a new item #8. Parking Policy.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - A. J. Slagter (Women's Studies Program) announced that a memorial account has been set-up in the memory of Desiree Lowe-Johnson, the wife of Hasan T. Johnson (Africana and American Indian Studies Program), who recently passed away at the age of 32.

J. Slagter also read a letter from a group of activist students with regard to a recent dialogue with President John Welty and their concerns as expressed to legislators and CSU administrators. A copy of the letter is available upon request from J. Slagter.
 - B. Statewide Senator Jacinta Amaral (Modern & Classical Languages & Literatures) discussed two resolutions passed by the Statewide Senate. Printed copies of the resolutions are available upon request from Dr. Amaral. She also commented on a report made by Benjamin F. Quillian, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer for the CSU. A major concern has arisen with regard to the directive that calls for the CSU to cover payroll for the months of February and March, which will result in the loss of a substantial amount of interest money.

4. New Business.

J. Daniel Herring (Theatre Arts) presented a motion regarding the formation of a committee to investigate the current Parking Policy. The item was added as new agenda item #8.

5. Consent Calendar.

- a. Master of Arts (MA) in Kinesiology Sports Administration Option – Budget Committee.

J. McMillen, (Kinesiology) made a brief presentation regarding the Option.

Consent Calendar: Since no objections were voiced, the Master of Arts (MA) in Kinesiology Sports Administration Option is deemed approved by the Academic Senate and forward to the President for his approval.

6. Graduate Culture at Fresno State - Graduate Culture Task Force – First Reading.

Marianne Jones, Chair Graduate Culture Task Force (Child, Family & Consumer Sciences) presented information regarding the document, which will return for a second reading at the next meeting.

7. Policy on Retention and Tenure (APM 325)-Personnel Committee - First Reading.

Following the proposal of two friendly amendments to Section IV. A.1., considerable discussion ensued, it was moved by consensus to return the document for a second reading.

Section IV.A.1. Probationary faculty members hired without service credit shall submit a probationary plan in the first year, and an RTP File for evaluation in the second, fourth, and sixth probationary years. Those hired with one year of service credit shall submit a probationary plan in the first year and an RTP file for evaluation in the second, fourth, and fifth probationary years. Those hired with two years of service credit shall submit a probationary plan in the first and an RTP file for evaluation in the second and fourth probationary years. For purposes of this provision, probationary years are to be counted starting with the first year of the faculty member's tenure-track appointment, regardless of service credit.¹⁸

8. Parking Policy.

E. Emanuel (Theatre Arts) presented information regarding a motion to form a committee to investigate the current parking policy and its impact on campus programs and events. Several senators expressed support for the motion. Provost Covino shared information garnered from recent meeting on the issue. Associate Provost Junn added the University Budget Committee is also discussing the issue.

MSC to waive second reading.

MSC to pass the motion with friendly amendments.

The Academic Senate request that the Facilities and Campus Environment Liaison Committee (FACEL) be charged to revisit current and proposed parking policies and to initiate hearings to consider the impact on the quality of education at California State University, Fresno, our public relations with the Fresno community and their financial impact on departments that depend on community participation in their programs.

Furthermore, we propose that the committee:

- (a) Be instructed to gather information from faculty, administrators and students regarding their feelings about this current plan.
- (b) Discuss the proposal from both Vice President Matson and Chief Huerta that programs and departments [may](#) rent parking lots on our campus for their respective events to avoid the execution of the current parking plan.

MSC to forward the Parking Policy to the Executive Committee for review.

MSC to adjourn at 5:11 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
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Botwin
Chair
Academic Senate