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Members Absent: S. Figlioli, S. Fulop, L. Hauser, T. Johnson, A. Jones, K. Kurtural, S. Lee (excused), S. Lin, D. Magoc (excused), S. Montana, S. Omolayo, R. Rai, S. Reeves, W. Rice, D. Sharma, N. Spiro, D. Smith, L.T. Tang, K. Tenbergen, C. Won, M. Zoghi.

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Caldwell at 4:06 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, Room 2206.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
2. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 5/10/10.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - A. Provost Covino reported the University still does not have a budget, the limits of the University's funding has been met, the Graduation Rate Initiative begun last year is proving successful, and searches for faculty positions are proceeding.
  - B. Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Karen Carey, as introduced by Senator Otto Benavides, announced the upcoming Technology Petting Zoo and the Tour of Athletics Facilities.
  - C. Chair Caldwell thanked Dr. Corey Whitehead for providing musical prelude to the meeting.
  - D. Chair Caldwell announced the Academic Senate will take a group photo during the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. New Business.

Senator J. Slagter (Women's Studies) inquired about the toxic waste facility on the University's campus. The item will return to the Academic Senate as a communication and announcement.

5. Policy On Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness (APM 322) – Personnel Committee – Second Reading – Continued.

MSC to accept an amendment to change the second paragraph of the Introduction by replacing the last sentence and adding the following:

“Standards for each component shall be established by academic departments. Standards should be based on the principle that the primary purpose of teaching assessment is to provide meaningful feedback to instructors. Assessment for administrative personnel purposes is a secondary goal. Moreover, statistical data must be analyzed with the realization that serious limitations exist relative to the accumulation and analysis of such data. Also, students cannot effectively evaluate all aspects of teaching, especially course content, so departments should use multiple methods of assessment. It is recommended that quantitative student ratings count for between 30 and 50 percent of the assessment of any instructor.”

MSC to adjourn at 5:28 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be announced. An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Dawn Lewis  
Vice Chair  
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Caldwell  
Chair  
Academic Senate