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Members Absent: A. Alexandrou (excused), I. Basurto, O. Benavides (excused), D. Berkey, B. DerMugrdechian, A. Dinscore, A. Espinoza, S. Figlioli, D. Frazier, S. Fulop, L. Hauser, D. Herring (excused), A. Jassim, T. Johnson, K. Kurtural, S. Lee (excused), S. Liu, M. Lowe (excused), K. McCoy, S. Najmi, J. Peterson (excused), R. Rai, S. Reeves, W. Rice, D. Sharma, P. Trueblood (excused), C. Won, D. Zhang, M. Zoghi.

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Caldwell at 4:05 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, Room 2206.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
2. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 9/13/10.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - A. Statewide Senator Jacinta Amaral gave a report on the latest Statewide Senate Plenary meeting. Several motions were passed including the selection of a faculty trustee and a call for sustainable support for the CSU. Meeting discussions included Executive Order 1440 and California legislation AB 2446. Senator Amaral encouraged senators and faculty to visit the statewide academic senate website at <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/>.
  - B. Chair Caldwell announced that the Call for Nomination for university committees has been disseminated. He asked senators to encourage their faculty to run for positions.
  - C. Senator Jan Slagter (Women's Studies) announced the availability of international teaching experiences and stipends. Contact Senator Slagter for more information.
  - D. Pedro Ramirez (Student Member) announced ASI's initiative to register 2,000 students to vote. Mr. Ramirez asked for senators' support by encouraging students in their courses

to register to vote. Mr. Ramirez also asked senators for support at encouraging student involvement in University committees.

E. Chair Caldwell thanked and recognized Pedro Ramirez for getting students involved in University governance.

4. New Business.

There was no new business.

5. Consent Calendar.

A. Proposed Department of Agricultural Economics Name Change.

Senator Lynn Williams (Agricultural Economics) presented the rationale for the name change.

Since no objection was voiced, the item was approved by consent.

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

MSC to accept an amendment to change the first sentence of Section VII.B.2.a to read as follows:

“The department may require that students be given the opportunity to provide comments in conjunction with numerical student ratings.”

MSC to accept an amendment to revise Section VII.A.4.b to read as:

“inform students of the purpose of the questionnaire, which is to enhance teaching effectiveness and to provide information that will contribute to staffing decisions including retention, tenure, and promotion (if any);”

MSC to accept an amendment to add the following statement after the first sentence of the heading Section VII.A.4:

“All proctors will receive standardized written instructions on administering the forms as well as a written statement

about the use and processing of the evaluations to be read to the students.”

7. Policy on Repeating Classes (APM233) –Student Affairs Committee.

The item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

8. Updated Policies and Procedures for Addressing Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation - Janette Redd Williams, Associate Vice President, Academic Personnel.

The item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

MSC to adjourn at 5:30 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