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Members Absent: A. Dinscore (excused), K. Dyer, A. Espinoza, S. Figlioli, R. Fire, D. Frazier, A. Jassim, T. Johnson, K. Kutural, S. Liu, B. Lyons, D. Magoc (excused), M. Mahoney (excused), R. Rai, R. Raya-Fernandez (excused), D. Sharma (excused), D. Smith, N. Spiro, K. Tenbergen, L. Williams (excused), D. Zhang (excused), M. Zoghi

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Caldwell at 4:12 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, Room 2206.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
2. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 5/2/11.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - A. Chair Caldwell announced Dr. Otto Benavides has been re-elected as Statewide Senator term ending spring 2014. The Senate applauded Dr. Benavides for his continued service to the Academic Senate.
  - B. Statewide Senators J. Amaral and O. Benavides gave a report on Statewide Senate matters. The Senate gave applause of appreciation for the Statewide Senators' continued service.
  - C. Associate Provost Junn gave an update on the Red Balloon event of April 29, 2011. The results of the focus groups have been tabulated and a report will be available to the university community soon.
4. Consent Calendar.
  - A. Added Authorization in Special Education: Autism Spectrum Disorder–University Graduate Committee.

- B. Nomination/Reappointment to the Committee for Faculty Equity and Diversity (CFED).

The items were approved by consent.

- 5. New Business.

There was no New Business.

- 6. Creating a Departmental Policy on Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness (APM 322)–Personnel Committee–Second Reading (continued).

MSC to approve the Creating a Departmental Policy on Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness (APM 322)–Personnel Committee.

- 7. Retention, Tenure, and Promotion (RTP) Process (APM 324, 325, 327)–Personnel Committee.

Ms. P. Popma, Chair of the Personnel Committee, discussed the rationale for the Personnel Committee’s recommendations as stated in an email (March 25, 2011) to Michael Caldwell, Chair of the Academic Senate.

MSC to adopt the Retention, Tenure, and Promotion (RTP) Process (APM 324, 325, 327)–Personnel Committee for discussion.

MSC to replace all mention of termination throughout the APM 325 and APM 327 with “negative or no recommendation” as applicable.

MSC to waive second reading.

MSC to close debate.

MSC to approve the policies as amended.

- 10. Proposed Policy for Undergraduate Majors and Minors–Student Affairs–Second Reading.

MSC to amend the Adding a Minor section of the policy to read as follows, “Students can add a minor only if they can complete both their major and the minor within 144 earned units. Students may

declare a minor by completing the appropriate form and receiving advising and approval if required by the Department. If the student has 90 or more earned units, the request must be signed by the Department offering the minor indicating the student has been advised.”

MS to amend the first sentence of the Administrative Graduation section to read as follows, “Students who accumulate over 144 earned units may be graduated administratively if they have completed any major, whether or not they have declared that major, if they failed to submit and abide by a graduation plan as required above.”

The item will return to the agenda of the next Academic Senate meeting.

11. Policy on the Procedures and Guidelines for the Periodic Review of Academic Programs (APM 220)-Academic Policy & Planning.

The item will return to the agenda of the next Academic Senate meeting.

The Senate adjourned 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