

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Members Present: Michael Caldwell (Chair), Dawn Lewis, Jacinta Amaral, William Covino, Gena Gechter, Thomas Holyoke, Pedro Ramirez, O. Harald Schweizer.

Members Absent: President John Welty (excused), Michael Botwin (ex-officio)(excused).

Visitors: S. Hayes, M. Russel.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Caldwell in the Library Conference Room 2108.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
2. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 10/4/10.
3. Communications and Announcements. (Anyone wishing a copy of the items distributed or discussed, may contact the Academic Senate Office).

Information Item

- A. Provost Covino discussed a request from Dean Andrew Hoff and Dr. Peggy Trueblood to discontinue the degree in Interdisciplinary Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. Discussion included the rationale for discontinuing the degree, and direction of the Department of Physical Therapy and its degree offering that reflect current trends in the profession.
- B. Provost Covino announced that difficulties continue with student evaluation of online courses, discussed the problems associated with using a rating form for student rating of

online instruction that was designed for face-to-face courses, and discussed interim solutions for the issues.

- C. A memorandum (10/11/10) from J. Constable, Chair University Budget Committee to Dr. Michael Caldwell, Chair Academic Senate re: Ad Hoc Committee Report Regarding Investigation of Student Rating of Faculty Instruments, has been received.

The UBC “believes that selection of a rating instrument should be based solely on the instrument’s reliability and validity for identifying teaching effectiveness and that the differences in costs are not significant.”

Action Item

- D. A memorandum (10/22/10) from John D. Welty, President to Dr. Michael Caldwell, Chair Academic Senate re: Search was received.

Today’s Executive Session.

- E. A memorandum (10/15/10) from Task Force Members, to Executive Committee re: Characteristics of a Fresno State Graduate, Q-DOGS Final Recommendations and Qualities of Graduating Senior (QDOGS) Task Force, was received.

Today’s Agenda Item #5.

- F. A memorandum (10/27/10) from Marilyn Wilson, Chair, Graduate Committee to Dr. Michael Caldwell, Chair Academic Senate re: Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program – Bakersfield Campus, was received.

Today’s Agenda Item #6.

- G. A memorandum (11/1/10) from Marilyn Wilson, Chair, Graduate Committee to Dr. Michael Caldwell, Chair Academic Senate re: Zero Units, was received.

Next Executive Committee Meeting agenda.

- H. A memorandum (11/2/10) from Paula Popma, Chair, Personnel Committee to Dr. Michael Caldwell, Chair Academic Senate re: Interim Policy and Procedures for

Fingerprinting and Conducting Background Checks (APM315), was received.

Next Executive Committee Meeting agenda.

4. Bachelor of Science in Nursing RN-to-BSN, Off-Campus.

Dr. Michael Russel, Chair, Department of Nursing, gave an overview of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing RN-to-BSN, Off-Campus. Michael Russel will adopt additional suggests from the Committee. The item will return to the next Executive Committee agenda.

5. QDOGS.

Dr. Michael Caldwell, Chair, QDOGS Task Force, discussed the Task Force's recommendations.

6. Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program – Bakersfield Campus.

Provost Covino gave an overview of the Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program – Bakersfield Campus. The item will return to the next Executive Committee agenda.

MSC to adjourn at 3:22 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be October 18, 2010. An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Dawn Lewis
Recording Secretary
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Caldwell
Chair
Academic Senate