

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Members Present: Michael Caldwell (Chair), Dawn Lewis, Jacinta Amaral, William Covino, Selena Farnesi (student member), Gena Gechter, Thomas Holyoke, O. Harald Schweizer, President John Welty, Lynn Williams

Visitors: V. Baker, S. Brown-Welty, J. Constable, J. Hironaka-Juteau, A. Hoff, A. Lawson

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chair Caldwell in the Senate Conference Room, Thomas Administration 117.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
2. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 9/12/11.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Action Item

A. Memorandum, September 20, 2011, from Marilyn Wilson, Chair, University Graduate Committee, to Michael Caldwell, Chair, Academic Senate re: Policy on Blended Programs – Bachelors/Masters/Master's Certificates/Credentials and Masters/Doctorate. Memo has been received.

Item will be sent to the Academic Policy and Planning Committee.

B. Memorandum from Christopher L. Anderson, the University of Tulsa, to Michael Caldwell, Chair Academic Senate re: Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) Steering Committee Representative. Memo has been received.

Item will be discussed in today's Executive Session.

Communication Item

- C. Selena Farnesi announced the Henry Madden Library will extend its hours on Saturday to 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and remain open until midnight beginning Thanksgiving through final exams week. Associate Students, Inc. (ASI) passed a resolution on the oil severance tax. Community Clean-up day is October 2, 2011; 150 volunteers have signed up.
4. Proposed Doctorate of Nursing Practice–Graduate Committee.

Dean Hoff provided an overview of the DNP, curriculum and progress toward implementation, along with fee information set by the Chancellor's Office. The DNP is not a clinical program and is targeted to administrators, managers and nurse educators. The program will be delivered mostly online with periodic on-campus meetings and will target applicants from Bakersfield to the northern border of California.

John Constable, Chair, University Budget Committee, discussed budgetary concerns related to the program's fee set by the Chancellor's office. Dr. Constable recommended a budget review in three years to examine the program's popularity and viability as a means to justify adjusting its fee.

Provost Covino responded to questions regarding the fee assignment by the Chancellor's office.

Dean Hoff responded to questions regarding concerns about the use of Blackboard for online courses. He also stated he anticipates a depth of Fresno State faculty and other CSU faculty available to teach courses.

MSC to approve the proposed Doctorate of Nursing Practice program and forward to the agenda of the next Academic Senate meeting with a recommendation to approve.

5. Follow-up on APM/MAPP Policies–Office of the Vice President for Administration–Second Reading.

MSC to approve the APM/MAPP changes and forward to the agenda of the next Academic Senate meeting as a consent item.

6. Executive Session.

MSC to move into Executive Session. (3:31 p.m. – 3:49 p.m.)

7. Returned to Open Session. (3:49 p.m.)

MSC to approve the following recommendations:

President’s Committee on Disabilities – Representative for Rehabilitation
Cheryl Hickey, Ph.D. (Physical Therapy), three-year term

President’s Committee on Disabilities – Representative for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Bryan Berrett, Ph.D. (Communicative Disorders and Deaf Studies), term ending June 2012

Nominee for the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) Steering Committee Representative for the Mountain West Conference

David Kinnunen, Ph.D. (Kinesiology), three-year term

8. General Education Writing Requirements–General Education Committee–Second Reading.

A. Lawson, Chair, General Education Committee, stated the purpose of revising the GE Writing Requirements Policy was mainly to clarify the description of the requirements and to recognize “appropriately trained teaching assistants” as qualified to provide feedback on writing assignments.

Vice Chair D. Lewis recommended that a definition of “appropriately trained teaching assistants” be included in the policy.

Senator J. Amaral recommended ‘Teaching Associate’ should be written in title case.

The item will return to the agenda of the next Executive Committee meeting. A strike-out copy will be provided by A. Lawson.

9. APM 204–General Education Committee.

Chair Caldwell noted a department chair’s reluctance to provide data regarding general education (GE) courses to the General Education Committee based on information he interpreted within by APM 204. APM 215 stipulates the General Education Committee will be responsible for assessment of the GE program, including a five year review of all its courses. The GE Committee is requesting resolution on this matter.

MSC APM 204 will be sent to the Academic Policy & Planning (AP&P) Committee. The chair of the GE Committee will consult with AP&P.

10. Documents Which Define Faculty Workload and Research Writing Responsibility–Sean Fulop, Department of Linguistics.

MSC to send the Documents Which Define Faculty Workload and Research Writing Responsibility–Sean Fulop, Department of Linguistics to the Personnel Committee.

MSC to adjourn at 4:22 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be announced. An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Dawn K. Lewis
Vice Chair
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Caldwell
Chair
Academic Senate