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Members Present: J. Prince (Chair), M. Coles, V. Torres, J. Sharma.

Members Absent: S. Geringer (excused) A. Heaney (excused),
D. Nef (excused), S. Lam (excused).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Prince at 11:00 a.m. in the
Science II Room #301.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 4/28/2008.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

None.

4. Election of Chair.

MSC to elect Michael Coles as the new Chair of the
Academic Standards & Grading Subcommittee.

(M. Coles will transition this semester, working with J. Prince. He
will take over in Spring 2009.)

5. Grading in Activity Courses.

Additional discussion took place on this issue, since D. Nef
supplied us with more data on the number of students taking
these courses, the number each student was taking, and the
average grade in these courses. Despite having a large percentage
of very high grades, the committee judged that it was not a
problem worth pursuing, since most students who take an activity
class only take one at a time, and they are generally low in unit
value.

MSC for Chair J. Prince to write a memo to Academic Policy
& Planning (AP&P) stating that this subcommittee does
not see an issue worth pursuing here.

6. Grading System Proposal.

Informational item. Chair Prince's memo to AP&P presented.

7. Student Grade Grievance Petitions.

Tabled since S. Geringer was stuck at LAX. Committee was asked to read the information provided for discussion at the next meeting.

8. New Business.

a. Executive order 1037. Presented as an informational item that may influence what our subcommittee does in the future. Committee was asked to read it. We will discuss it more at our next meeting.

b. New business from committee. Chair J. Prince started the discussion again about increasing admission standards. Admission applications are WAY up at Fresno State (up 100% in two years). Discussed program vs. campus impaction. Committee was asked to look over impaction information provided today for future discussions.

MSC to adjourn at 11:58 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Standards & Grading Subcommittee will be Monday, December 8, 2008 at 11 a.m. in Thomas Administration #117, if it is available.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 10/27/08.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Executive Order 1037.