THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members Absent: A. Alexandrou, M. Botwin, L. Crask, D. Lewis, U. Müller, A. Nambiar, T. Partin, J. Pausewang, L. Rios, J. Wang, J. Whiting

Members Excused: O. Benavides, M. Gilewicz, G. Kriehn, J. Mullooly

The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 4:03pm in HML 2206.

1. Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of December 1, 2014

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1. Communications and announcements
2. President Castro

Noted that about 100 students came to his open forum. They provided a lot of feedback regarding university services, especially the availability of parking.

The Level A Budget Committee is going to be reconstituted with significant Academic Senate representation. It will not return in time to comment on the 2015-16 budget, but will get to comment on subsequent budgets.

It is also time for a new strategic plan. The administration is starting to work on it and wants lots of input from all stakeholders.

1. Provost Zelezny

There is a new webpage for student success at [www.fresnostate.edu/academics/studentsuccess/](http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/studentsuccess/) and all faculty are encouraged to check it out and provide feedback on what is being done right as well as what is being done wrong. In April there is going to be a summit on student success in conjunction with ASI.

Chancellor White has approved Fresno State’s application to have a “dialogue” about impaction (more students to educate than we have resources to support). It has to take place between now and March, and will have an internal component (discussion with faculty and staff) and an external component (discussion with the community). Vice Provost Nef further explained that the number of applications coming to Fresno State are continuing to grow, and since we are supposed to admit all qualified students in our service area, we may not be able to admit any more students from outside of that area. This dialogue might be able to give us the ability to have more flexibility regarding our admission policies.

Senator Hensen (English) asked why the Chancellor had to approve of us having a dialogue. The response suggested that we need to follow CSU guidelines if we are going to receive some flexibility in our admissions procedures. Senator Chapman (Modern and Classical Languages) noted that we could admit more students if there were more faculty. Senator Kensinger (Statewide) argued that any newly hired faculty should be tenure-track.

1. Senator Kensinger (Statewide Academic Senate)

Gave a report on the last meeting of the Statewide Academic Senate. In particular she noted three resolutions that were passed. The first requested the repeal of regulations regarding teaching training. The second requested that campus senates look at their governing documents to see how non-tenure-track faculty are incorporated into shared governance. The third was a request to update the CSU policy on academic freedom because it currently contains only two or the three principles recommended by the American Association of University Professors (the third regards on-line classes as intellectual property and faculty acting as public intellectuals).

Senator Kensinger also noted that the Statewide Senate is concerned about the current proposals for community colleges to offer bachelor degrees. The CSU is currently taking feedback on these, wanting each CSU to look to see if a proposed community college degree interferes with a CSU or UC degree, as well as whether these programs contain meaningful upper-division general education courses.

1. Moses Menchaca (ASI)

He is seeing to it that there are students on all of the committees and asks to be informed if student vacancies remain.

He also noted that while the CSU Board of Trustees approved a $4 student fee to support the California State Student Association, Fresno State ASI opposed it, and students have the opportunity to opt out of paying the fee.

1. Consent Calendar

Amendments to APM 337, 321, and 361 to bring them into line with the new language in the collective bargaining agreement.

Senator Fulop (Linguistics) requested that APM 337 be removed. It was removed and became item #9 on the agenda.

MSC approving the remainder of the consent calendar.

1. New business

Senator Henson (English) introduced a resolution calling for Fresno State to waive the tuition fee on graduate teaching assistants.

MSC approving the addition of this resolution to the agenda as item #10.

1. Request from the Senate Personnel Committee to remove APM 367, 370, and 393 because they have been superseded by executive orders from the Chancellor’s Office. First reading.

Senator Slagter (Women’s Studies) asked if the older policies, and older executive orders, will remain available so that they can be researched. Brian Tsukimura, Chair of Personnel, indicated that we should just keep the latest executive order on the website to prevent somebody from reading the wrong policy.

1. Request from the Senate Personnel Committee to remove APM 358 regarding the Triad Teaching Improvement Program. First reading.

MSC to waive first reading.

MSC approving the request to remove APM 358.

1. Request from the Senate Personnel Committee to remove APM 321 regarding the Boyer Model for RTP plans. First reading.

Senator Kensinger (Statewide) and Senator Chapman (Modern and Classical Languages) expressed a desire to leave this in the APM so that some history of the RTP process would remain available. Chair Ayotte suggested moving it to an appendix.

A motion was made and seconded to place the Boyer Report under APM 324 on probationary plans. No vote occurred.

1. APM 337 on Faculty Workload. First reading.

Senator Fulop (Linguistics) argued that a lot of APM 337 is out of date and needs to be fully revised.

The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:16pm.

The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be February ##, 2015.

Submitted by Approved by

Thomas Holyoke Kevin Ayotte

Vice Chair Chair

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