THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members excused: N. Chowdhury, A. Culbertson, P. Hooshmandrad, D. Lewis, C. Yun

Members absent: P. Adams, T. Botts, C. Cohper, B. DerMugrdechian, M. Ellis, M. Greaves, C. Henson, Y. Luo, K. McBee, S. Teyarachakul, J. Watson

The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 4:05 p.m. in HML 2206.

1. Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda as amended (2 nays on the first motion; unanimous on second motion)

1. Approval of the Minutes of April 22, 2019

MSC approving the Minutes of April 22, 2019 as amended

1. Communications and announcements

	1. Senator Kensinger (Women’s Studies)

Senator Kensinger encouraged Senators to closely review the budget slides presented previously by Vice President Astone.

* 1. Orlando Leon

	CIO Leon was introduced to discuss Spirion, the CSU’s data loss prevention tool, which is now being run on the university’s cloud-based storage systems. An email was sent to the campus on March 29 notifying the campus that all cloud-based storage platforms are now being scanned.

	Senator Ram stated that Spirion has crashed her computer on several occasions, and never completed its scans. CIO Leon stated that he will look into the issue. Senator Ram also stated that there may be better ways to disseminate information than emails sent out under the president’s name.
1. Installation of Senators.

The following senators were installed and introduced:

Brooke Findley

Department of Communicative Sciences and Deaf Studies

Jamie Levitt

Department of Food Science & Nutrition

Jennifer Roos

Department of Physical Therapy

Tanisha Garcia

Department of Public Health

Brandon Taylor

Department of Recreation Administration

Christopher Sullivan

Department of Sociology

Feiyan Chen, Universitywide Senator

The following senators were re-elected:

Fernando Parra

Department of Accountancy

Aly Tawfik

Department of Civic & Geomatics Engineering & Construction

Gil Kim

Department of Economics

Jennifer Miele

Department of Finance & Business Law

Daniel Cady

Department of History

Deify Law

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Ray Hall

Department of Physics

Thomas Holyoke

Department of Political Science

Loretta Kensinger

Department of Women’s Studies

Susan Schlievert, Statewide Senator

Department of Curriculum and Instruction

1. Election – Nominations – Nominating/Elections Committee.

	1. Vice Chair – Academic Senate

	The Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee was recognized to run the elections process.

A nominating petition was received from Senator Hall (Physics). No additional nominations were made from the floor. A motion to elect by commendation was made and seconded. Senator Hall was duly elected and will take office following the last meeting of the semester. Senator Hall’s term will end in April 2022.

* 1. Executive Committee

	Senator Miele (Finance & Business Law) nominated Senator Van Camp (Criminology) for the post. Senator Van Camp was duly elected.

	Senator Kensinger expressed thanks to the outgoing Vice Chair.
1. New Business.

Senator Alexandrou introduced a new item requesting more information about the costs associated with the new student ratings of instruction. The item was added to the bottom of the agenda.
2. Syllabus Template. Student Affairs Committee.

Dr. Marianne Jackson was introduced to discuss the proposed changes to the syllabus template made by the Student Affairs Committee. A number of changes requested by faculty have been made. Dr. Xuanning Fu was additionally introduced to state that he supports the proposed changes, which reduce the length of the document substantially.

Senator Kensinger (Women’s Studies) asked why some policies related to cheating and plagiarism were omitted. Dr. Fu clarified that instructors would still lay out their own classroom policies in the document. Senator Kensinger suggested that a statement encouraging faculty to explicitly clarify their classroom policies on plagiarism. The Senator additionally suggested that more information about Title IX be explicitly provided, especially in regard to pregnancy discrimination. The Senator also suggested adding the Dream Center to the list of campus resources, and an additional diversity-related statement.

Senator Alexandrou (Industrial Technology) suggested adding a link to the recently-passed Principles of Community. Senator Hall (Physics) stated that students needing additional accommodation must identify themselves to the university, and that statement is important to include in the template.

Senator Gillewicz (English) suggested separating university policies from university services to make the difference clear to students. Senator Dangi (Geography and City and Regional Planning) asked why the course schedule can be given as a separate document. Dr. Jackson stated that the change is in response to faculty requests.

Senator Ram suggested adding a reference in the template to the APM section that governs syllabus policies. Senator Kensinger also suggested linking to APM sections related to plagiarism and academic dishonesty to provide resources to faculty.

Senator Tawfik (Civil & Geomatics Engineering) asked whether it would be possible to make the template more visually appealing. Dr. Jackson noted that faculty are able to change the look of syllabi as long as they meet ADA requirements and contain the required information.

Senator Kensinger suggested that ADA compliance information be added as a link to give faculty more information about how they can change the look of their syllabi. Senator Ram noted that there is already a syllabus instruction website and suggested placing all resources in one place.
3. APM 415 Dispute Policy. Academic Policy & Planning Committee. Second Reading.

Senator Kensinger moved to send the item back to AP&P for further review. The motion was seconded. Senator Kensinger suggested the committee explore the possible implications of removing the policy on faculty involvement in the grievance process. AVP Baum (Faculty Affairs) pointed out that there is a gap in the university’s policies when it comes to student complaints that this policy might address. The motion was called to a vote (1 nay, 1 abstention). The item was referred back to AP&P.
4. APM 332 Policy on Range Elevation for Temporary Faculty. Personnel Committee. Second Reading.

Chair Tsukimura (Personnel) was introduced to discuss the item and made a brief presentation laying out the proposed changes. The discussion of the proposed changes will continue at the next Senate meeting.

The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:17 p.m. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Monday, May 6, 2019.

Submitted by Approved by

Bradley Hart Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

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