THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members present: Thomas Holyoke (Chair), Bradley Hart (Vice Chair), Susan Schlievert (State-wide), Jennifer Miele (At-large), Robert Harper (Ex-officio), Rebecca Raya Fernandez (At-large), Melanie Ram (At-large), Loretta Kensinger (At-large), Demi Wack (ASI)

Members excused: Joseph Castro (Ex-officio)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate), Brian Tsukimura (Personnel Committee), Rudy Sanchez (AVP for Faculty Affairs)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 3:00pm in HML 2108.

1. Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of November 19, 2018

MSC approving the Minutes of November 19, 2018, as amended

1. Communications and announcements
   1. Action Items
      1. Memo dated November 18, 2018, from Marilyn Wilson, Chair University Graduate Committee, to the Academic Senate re: Elevation of Graduate Applied Behavior Analysis Program from an Option in M.A. in General Psychology to the Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis. Memo has been received.  
           
         The item was sent to the consent calendar of the next senate meeting.
      2. Memo dated December 18, 2018, from Marilyn Wilson, Chair University Graduate Committee, to the Academic Senate re: Elevation from option to Independent Program for Marriage, Family, Child Counseling Option. Memo has been received.

The item was sent to the consent calendar of the next senate meeting.

1. Best Practices with Freedom of Speech for Fresno State. Personnel Committee. Second Reading.

Chair Holyoke announced that some edits had been made to the document at the request of Senator Kensinger relating to the role of controversial speech. A reference to the 1970 AAUP statement on academic freedom has been added as endnote 1.

President Wack (ASI) asked about the reference to “loud speech” referenced on p. 3. Chair Holyoke and Chair Tsukimura (Personnel) clarified that this is a reference to very loud speech taking place outside a classroom that disrupts class activity. Senator Ram proposed changing the statement to read “such as excessively loud speech that disrupts classroom work.”   
  
Chair Holyoke moved that the document be passed for consideration by the senate pending approval by university counsel (1 abstention).

Senator Kensinger thanked the Personnel Committee and Chair Tsukimura for their work on the document.

1. APM 110 Policy on Ancillary Units. Second Reading.  
     
   Chair Holyoke introduced the item. The main document has already been passed by the Senate, but there was still some ambiguity about one sentence toward the end of the document. Vice Provost Nef has proposed striking the second half of the sentence to allow the committee to be formed by the relevant dean or division head. The item was passed without objections and will be placed on the consent calendar of the next Senate meeting by unanimous consent.
2. APM 325 Policy on Retention and Tenure/APM 327 Policy on Promotion. Personnel Committee. Second Reading.

Chair Tsukimura (Personnel) was introduced to discuss the item. The changes to the document are designed to allow colleges to create two different committees to review Assistant Professors and Associate Professors separately, due to the shortage of Professors.   
  
A sentence on p. 15 was changed by unanimous consent to state that departments “shall have no more than one (1) representative on the College Committee”. Senator Ram moved an amendment on p. 15 to specify that any college committee must have a committee of at least 3 faculty. The amendment was accepted by unanimous consent.   
  
Senator Ram (At-large) asked whether FERP faculty are allowed to elect the peer review committee. The committee concluded that the entire department, including FERPers who are on campus during that semester, are allowed to vote.

Vice Chair Hart proposed an amendment to p. 13 specifying that “The department may choose to elect members of other departments to the committee.” Senator Kensinger seconded the motion and asked whether the motion should be restricted to circumstances in which the department does not have a sufficient number of faculty to constitute the committee. Senator Ram asked whether there should be a requirement to include a certain number of members of the home department before external members are added. Senator Kensinger proposed that a requirement be added to communicate the reasons for the decision to the department in advance of any vote. Chair Holyoke suggested adding a footnote specifying “The department chair must justify why it is necessary or advantageous to elect faculty from outside of the department prior to the vote.” Senator Kensinger proposed changing the language to read “The member of the department making the nomination” to clarify the need to justify the decision before the vote taking place. The amendment passed unanimously. The main amendment was called to a vote. The amendment passed unanimously.   
  
A vote on the main document was called. The document was passed to the floor of the Senate by unanimous vote, with the understanding that APM 327 would also have parallel changes made.

1. APM 332 Policy on Range Elevation for Temporary Faculty. Personnel Committee. Second Reading.   
     
   This item was moved to the next meeting of the committee.

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be in the spring semester.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Bradley Hart Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

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