THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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November 2, 2020

Members present: Thomas Holyoke (Chair), Raymond Hall (Vice Chair), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-Large), Tinneke Van Camp (At-Large), Jennifer Miele (At-Large), Lisa Bryant (Universitywide), Susan Schlievert (Statewide), Saul Jiménez-Sandoval (Provost), Elizabeth Zuñiga (ASI Executive President)

Members excused: Joseph Castro (President)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate), Marsha L. Baum (AVP for Faculty Affairs)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 3:00 pm on Zoom.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

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1. Approval of the Minutes 10.19.20 as amended

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1. Communications and Announcements.

Provost Jiménez-Sandoval described his efforts and meeting with AVP Morillo, Dr. Raya-Fernandez, and AVP Coon concerning mental health guidance and self-care outreach that will soon occur for students staff, and faculty. He also discussed the exploration of issues concerning student study space, and that the county has been engaged to see if students might be able study in the Savemart Center. The Sustainability Club’s recent efforts were highlighted and it was mentioned that representatives will be soon be available to discuss ideas on implementation on campus. The Provost strongly advocated for collaboration between faculty and this club citing their passion and energy. His final update concerned the Ethnic Studies forum held last week and that the short term goal is identifying the top two models, and after that to then engage all campus stakeholders. He emphasized that finding balance is key.

Chair Holyoke asked for clarification on the number of Ethnic Studies implementation models, as Dean Muscat was working through at least six options, not two. The Provost indicated that some options seemed unfairly detrimental to some colleges, so not all will be on table, and that the Deans meet Thursday with some stakeholders, and the Taskforce meets again on Friday.

**Action Items**

1. Memo dated October 19, 2020, from Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D., Executive Vice Chancellor, to CSU Presidents, Recommendations for 2020-21 Honorary Degrees Due December 4, 2020. Memo has been received.

Suggestion: Annual Honorary Degree Committee work needed. A committee was formed.

1. Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition Sciences Degree Program Elevation.

Another Option transformation to BS degree per Executive Order 1071. Move to consent calendar.

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1. Recommendation on the use of Cameras in Zoom (virtual) classes.

Clarity on legality of recording with students.

Ms. Zuñiga commented and referred to a Collegian article which articulated some of the issues students are dealing with on this matter, and she emphasized the need for empathy.

1. Student Bill of Rights.

Feedback was offered by the committee. All were in support.

1. Executive Session.

Appointments

Climate Committee:

Brian Cozen (Expert)

Mohan Dangi senta

Carmen Licon (JCAST)

Justin Meyers (COSS)

Steven Payne (Expert)

Sergio Pereyra (Kremen)

Rory Telemeco (CSM)

Lucy Diala (CSB)

Jes Therkelsen (CAH)  
Brian Tune (HHS)

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Technology Steering Committee:

Kathryn Biacindo

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Fresno State Association Board of Directors:

Michael Botwin

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The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 4:11 pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held November 16, at 3:00 PM via Zoom.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Raymond Hall Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

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