MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

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Members Attending: James Mullooly (Chair), Nichole Walsh, Ahmad Borazan, Aaron Stillmaker, Dave Goorahoo, Hisham Ayman Qutob (ASI), Bernadette Muscat (ex officio).

Excused: Kathi Rindahl, Oscar Vega,

A meeting of the Academic Policy & Planning Committee was called to order by Chair Mullooly on Thursday, at 2:02 PM., in ZOOM

1. Approval of the Agenda.

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2. Approval of Minutes for: 4/8/21

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3. Communications and Announcements:

-215 and 218 had first reading on Senate floor 4/12/21

-Question: Is the Writing requirement exit exam being phased out? (Aaron)

-CALPOLY Resolution (Jim).

4. Executive Session: Subcommittee Appointments

5. APM 241 (Syllabus) properly align it to the syllabus template

Add the language from the Student Bill of Rights (from Hisham)

Adjourn 3:16

**AP&P Agenda for 4/22/21**

**Start time: 2:00**

**Not in Attendance: Burn**

1. Approval of the Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes for: 4/15/21

3. Communications and Announcements:

-Congratulations on our 10th meeting of the semester.

-Congratulations to three returning AP&P members Dave, Kathi, and Nichole!

-Big Edu conference this weekend, organized by Nichole

-Chair met with Sustainability Task Force again to discussion policy creation ideas.

-Update on Plus/Minus Grading Resolution (Aaron), approx. 300 survey responses have

been collected, indicating concerns about moving to plus/minus grading. Conversely, approx. 78/82 universities use plus/minus grading (i.e., only 4 campuses do not use it). If enacted, it would ideally be launched for new students and grandfathered in as new policies are.

[Athletics and ASI, scholarship recipients (Smitcamp, etc), Pell Grant recipients would need to be consulted, thought research indicates that they are not effected.]

Is there a means to do this but have it not impact the actual GPA of students?

Rationale: Research on this indicates that it has little effect on GPA (i.e., approximately +/-.06 standard deviation) and that this would align us with the vast majority of campuses in the U.S.

Other models use the lowest passing grade as a moderator of this issue.

4. Annual Report and what remains outstanding

5. Student Bill of Rights

MSC to send a memo to exec about Student and Faculty Rights.

Adjourn 3:34