THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE (AS-20)

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Members excused:

Members absent:

In-person attendance: Zoom attendance:

The Academic Senate was called to order by **Chair Hall** at 4:02 p.m. in Library room 2206 and via Zoom video conferencing.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

*Motion to approve agenda*

*Second*

*Vote on motion to approve agenda: approved*

1. Approval of the Minutes 04/15/2024.

**Senator Jones** provided correction to spelling of **Betsy Hays’** name

**Senator Mason** added her name to excused members

*Motion to approve revised minutes*

*Second*

*Vote on motion to approve revised minutes: approved*

1. Communications and Announcements.

Communications from Provost Fu:

The **Provost** reminded senators of routine tasks for end of spring semester, including Provost’s Award and president’s medalist announcements. The **Provost** also noted the action plan on degree-conferring programs and Senate response to GE changes. GE committee in process of electing new members and chair, received funding to help faculty on GE committee to make changes in response to Executive Order. All colleges must have a say in changes. Funding from Chancellor’s Office for this task is not exclusive to Academic Affairs, also goes to tech services to update system and offices for outreach. But faculty are prioritized.

*Questions for Provost Fu:*

**Senator Chowdhury** asked a question for **CIO Johri** about data archiving and management moving off-campus to Google, and how IT changes are happening without communication with faculty. **Senator Chowdhury** expressed concern with forced software updates. **Senator Chowdhury** shared that college IT have noted concerns with data security and hacking, and asked how it is safer to move data to Google. **Senator Chowdhury** asked that faculty be informed of these changes.

**Provost Fu** assured the Senate that these questions will be addressed at next Senate with **Vice Provost** and **CIO Johri**.

**Senator Mulhern** echoed concerns from **Senator Chowdhury** and believes this is an important question in the name of shared governance. **Senator Mulhern** asked for clarification on when GE work will be done, and how to get faculty in touch to participate.

The **Provost** clarified that they are not seeking faculty volunteers, that they are relying on the GE committee. But faculty need to be aware that it is important that all colleges are represented when work goes into the summer, so be prepared to nominate replacements if faculty members cannot serve in the summer.

**Chair Hall** noted that we do not have the clear mandate from the Chancellor’s Office yet, but we should soon. **Chair Hall** shared that AP&P and GE committees reviewed the draft Executive Order and found no actionable concerns with the Executive Order, so we can start preparing.

1. New Business

**Senator Wakabayashi** introduced a resolution regarding Athletics and Academic Affairs funding, “Resolution Against Diversion of Funds to Athletics”

*Motion to add resolution as new business*

*Second*

*Motion to add resolution to agenda immediately after new business*

*Second*

*Vote on motion to add resolution to agenda immediately after new business: approved unanimously*

1. Resolution Against Diversion of Funds to Athletics.

*Discussion on resolution:*

**Senator Wise** requested a correction to a typo.

*Friendly amendment accepted*

**Senator Holyoke** shared that he read The Collegian article and encourages faculty to read The Collegian article. He requested that the **Vice Chair** share the article with Senate documents.

**Senator Fulop** noted that the resolution names that tenure-track faculty receive no assigned time for research, but they do in the first two years. Friendly amendment suggested to clarify that it is true beyond first two years of appointment.

*Friendly amendment accepted*

**Senator Ram** requested that the resolution be shared with the Senate.

**Senator Holyoke** expressed that it would be helpful for the President to attend the next Senate meeting.

**Senator Lent** asked a question about Athletics revenue - has funding Athletics supported revenue?

**Chair Hall** responded that The Collegian article addresses this.

**Senator Wakabayashi** shared that we are among Athletics programs that operate at a loss.

**Senator Mason** noted that marching band has to rely on donations when Athletics receives funding despite attending all major sporting events. **Senator Mason** also noted that athletes get paid.

**Senator Wise** noted that for most programs, the only revenue generating sports are football, basketball, etc. and revenue from those sports funds the other sports to comply with Title IX.

**Chair Hall** noted that the campus has a say in how tuition reserves are spent, and $5 million could fund 4-3 teaching workload.

**Senator Holyoke** noted that these are good questions for **VP Adishian-Astone** at budget presentation.

**Senator Mason** noted that assigned time for administrative duties is being taken away.

**Chair Hall** shared that AP&P and Personnel are working on APM 337 to address workload issues.

**Senator Wise** asked if there is anybody from Athletics who we can invite to join this discussion.

**Chair Hall** responded that we can identify faculty representatives from Athletics board.

**Senator Stillmaker** echoed suggestion that we should have a list of who we should distribute this resolution to - CSUASC, ASI, President, etc. at the end of the resolution.

**Chair Hall** acknowledged **Senator Stillmaker’s** comment and will add list based on past practice.

**Senator Van Camp** noted that resolution acknowledges tenure-track faculty being expected to produce scholarly and creative work but would like to see recognition of tenured faculty expectations to do scholarly work.

*Motion to add “and tenured” faculty to “Whereas” clause on faculty workload*

*Second*

**Senator Ram** suggested language for amendment to rephrase the clause.

**Senator Van Camp** rejected the suggestion, **Chair Hall** suggests a separate amendment.

*Vote on motion to add “and tenured” faculty to Whereas clause on faculty workload: approved*

**Senator Mulhern** proposed amendment to change “expected” to “must”

*Motion to replace “expected” to “must”*

*Second*

*Friendly amendment accepted*

**Senator Kensinger** requested The Collegian be added to the list.

**Senator Lent** expressed concern with how expectation for scholarly activity is phrased with priority given to tenure and promotion.

**Senator Ram** proposed amendment to rephrase Whereas clause on faculty workload.

*Motion to amend Whereas clause*

*Second*

**Senator Wakabyashi** raised concern that only referring to “faculty” would include lecturers who are not expected to do scholarly and creative activity.

**Senator Fulop** clarified that the CBA states that all faculty must do research.

**Senator Pitts** agrees with point that “faculty” refers to lecturers as well and would prefer to go back to previous language. Statewide senate has spent time discussing how part-time faculty do research, and “must” makes it seem as if part-time faculty also are required to do research.

**Senator Panagopoulos** suggested the removal of “must” to remove scholarly activity as a requirement.

**Senator Chowdhury** also suggested that language be changed to “expected”

**Senator Kensinger** read an alternative language to the clause.

**Senator Ram** suggested voting on current amendment before discussing **Senator Kensinger’s** suggestion.

*Vote on motion to amend “whereas” clause on workload: approved*

**Senator Kensinger** proposed an amendment to workload clause that replaces previous language.

*Motion to amend “Whereas” clause on workload*

*Second*

**Senator Ram** requested clarification on removal of student success. **Senator Kensinger** clarified that the language is at the beginning of the clause.

**Senator Mulhern** asked if language was meant to include only “professions” or should include “disciplines”

*Friendly amendment accepted*

**Senator Kensinger** raised issue with reference to no workload assignment, when faculty occasionally receive workload assignment.

**Senator Wakabyashi** suggested referring to “regular” workload assignment.

*Friendly amendment accepted*

*Vote on motion to amend “Whereas” clause on workload: approved*

**Senator Lent** suggested striking reference to “RSCA” and “tenure-track” faculty from following “Whereas” clause.

*Friendly amendment accepted*

**Senator Chowdhury** suggested new Whereas clause to address professional development and travel funding.

**Senator Kensinger** proposed new “resolved” clause to address travel and professional development.

*Motion to add new “resolved” clause to address conference and publishing costs*

*Second*

**Senator Lent** proposed friendly amendment to include publishing costs.

*Friendly amendment accepted*

**Senator Walsh** requested that creative activities be included.

*Friendly amendment accepted*

**Senator Bryant** expressed favor for more general language versus specifying and itemizing types of costs.

**Senator Holyoke** noted that resolved clauses usually start with action and requested that **Senator Kensinger** rephrase amendment for second reading.

**Senator Chowdhury** suggested that resolved clause ask for specific item such as a fund to apply for.

**Senator Ram** agrees with previous statements about restructuring the clause.

**Senator Kensinger** requested to withdraw the motion to allow for more time.

**Chair Hall** responded that we will not withdraw the motion, but rather Senate will discuss it at second reading.

**Senator Kensinger** requested that resolution also recognize students.

**Senator Van Camp** noted that this could happen by recognizing student participation in conference attendance.

**Senator Wakabayashi** noted that there is minimal support for student research, which creates more issues for doing scholarship.

*The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:15 p.m.*

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The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be April 29, 2024.

Submitted by Approved by

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Vice Chair Chair

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