MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE (REVISED)

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The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 4:04pm in HML 2206.

Members excused: O. Benavides, M. Dangi, M. Jenkins, G. Kriehn, S. Lam, R. Raya-Fernandez

Members absent: L. Crask, B. DerMugrdechian, M. Menchaca, A. Nambiar, J. Pausewang, L. Rios, J. Taylor, M. Thompson, L. Williams

1. Approval of the agenda

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1. Approval of the minutes of September 22, 2014

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1. Installation of new senators

The newly installed senators are:

Lisa A. Bryant, Political Science (ex-officio)

Hollianne Marshall, Criminology

James Mullooly, Anthropology

Paula Sanmartin, Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures

1. Communications and announcements
2. President Castro

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) is giving Fresno State two awards. The first is the Christa McAullife Excellence in Teacher Education Award, which is being awarded to the Kremen School of Education.

The second is the Leadership Development and Diversity Award given to the university’s Regional Education for Achievement in Leadership (REAL) Program which provides leadership training to university staff desiring to move into administrative positions.

The search for a new Athletics Director is beginning and, using a search firm, we now have a pool of really strong candidates. We are

looking for somebody who is not only good on the technical side of the job, but who will also be good at building bridges to the community. From the faculty, Dawn Lewis (Kinneseology) and Juan Carlos Gonzalez (Kremen School) are on the search committee.

There is good progress to report in bargaining between The California State University and the California Faculty Association.

1. Senator Kensinger (Statewide academic senate)

The statewide senate still wants faculty input into the work of the Chancellor’s Task Force on Student Success Fees.

1. New business

There was no new business for the Academic Senate.

1. Policies regarding the use of University seal and logo
2. APM 640

Associate Vice President Shirley Armbruster and Bruce Whitworth presented the revised policies.

Most of the discussion regarded the new electronic template faculty may use for electronic letters on letterhead with the University seal. Templates need to be requested from the University Office of Communications.

In response to questions, AVP Armbruster explained that departments can still get regular stationery with the University seal and the name of their own department on it, just as we always have been able to do. Nobody is required to use the stationery with the University logo on it.

A friendly amendment was made and accepted to clarify the use of the seal on the letterhead. Another friendly amendment was made and accepted to eliminate a sentence regarding the color of the printing on the stationery.

Concern was expressed regarding the amount of white space on the left side of the electronic stationery. Mr. Whitworth promised to look into the problem.

MSC to approve APM 640 as amended.

1. APM 635

Concern was expressed over the right of the Athletics Department to license its logos to vendors outside of the University and the problems this might cause. AVP Armbruster withdrew the proposed policy to clean up the language.

No action taken.

1. APM 627

A question arose as to what kind of publications are actually required to be approved by University Communications, mostly because it was unclear if all four criteria had to be met or if just meeting one of the four criteria triggered the review.

There was also concern that this might apply to academic publications. AVP Armbruster said it was not intended to, but withdrew the proposed policy in order to clean up the language.

No action taken.

5.) Presentation on the new Level B Budget Model by Robert Maldonado, Chair of the University Budget Committee, and Vice Provost Dennis Nef

Level B is the budget distribution of state money to the colleges. Prior to the distribution of state money to the various divisions in the University (Level A), decisions are made about how much to hold and manage centrally, a “Level 0” prior to Level A. The centrally managed pool includes costs such as utilities, benefits, and risk management. The proportion that comes to Academic Affairs (approximately 70% of the post-Level 0 remainder) is then distributed to the colleges via the new Level B allocation model. The University Budget Committee started to re-work this allocation formula about 2 ½ years ago.

The old formula was really more of a recommendation than a tool for allocating the funds. Actually, the new formula figures out what the colleges ought to receive based on identified areas of costs. This is not what they actually receive because the money made available from the state is less than what the formula says each college is entitled to. In the end, the proportion each college is supposed to receive as a result of the formula is the proportion it actually receives from state funds. Thus, the model does not generate money, it distributes it.

The new model begins with the actual cost of classroom instruction in the previous year. This accounts for about 70% of the Level B distribution. The remainder represents an attempt to be more supportive of costs other than classroom instruction, such as the equipment and technician needs of the colleges as well as the number of majors, including second majors, the departments in each college are serving and the number of students enrolled in GE courses. Since it begins with the prior year’s allocations, it also readjusts those based on each college’s new FTE targets.

The model also attempts to deal with the problem of overloaded classes by limiting enrollment to a percentage of the course C factor. Although the model allocates money for all courses, those courses classified C1 through C8 are also tied to the course size classification. If class enrollment exceeds the designated cap by 10%, the excess FTE is not captured. There is a premium added, however, for within the extra 10%. C1 (large lecture) classes capture all FTE up to room capacity.

Although all college deans were invited to present their concerns to the budget committee, the deans of the Lyles College and the College of Social Science did not do so.

UBC Chair Maldonado said this new formula is more transparent than the old one. It gives deans an incentive to reduce class sizes, and perhaps, as a consequence, pushes them to hire more tenure-track faculty, though it is a complicated and rather status-quo-supporting formula. Vice Provost Nef said the new model does a better job at compensating colleges when they grow.

With respect to classroom instruction, the new model allocates only up to 26 WTUs and thus the college cannot receive more than the faculty salary cost per section.

The C factors of courses are related to pedagogical decisions faculty make about curriculum. However, it is in the colleges’ interest to have some C1 classes to help balance lower enrolled classes (in C2-C8). College curriculum committees may actually want to revisit designations and change some of them, making sure they reflect the pedagogical concerns of the course.

The new model will cover up to 12% of assigned time of faculty at the university, but no more.

Detailed tables of data used for the budget model will be presented to the Academic Senate at a later date.

The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:17pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be at 4:00pm on October 20, 2014

Submitted by: Approved by:

Thomas Holyoke Kevin Ayotte

Vice Chair Chair

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