THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members excused: I. Basurto, B. DerMugrdechian, P. Durette, J. Giglio, C. Henson, D. Lewis, R. Maldonado, J. Mullooly, J. Peterson, S. Schlievert, J. Slagter, J. Therkelsen, M. Thompson, P. Turnbull

Members absent: P. Cornelio, S. Fulop, A. Hudson, S. Scherchan, J. Whiting

The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 4:10pm in HML 2206.

1. Approval of the agenda

MSC moving item #9 on the agenda (renaming the M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling) to be new item #7 and re-ordering the agenda accordingly.

MSC approving the agenda as amended.

1. Approval of the Minutes of September 28, 2015

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1. Communications and announcements
2. Senator Kensinger (Statewide Academic Senate)

Asked the Academic Senate for a moment of silence in honor of the unexpected passing of Dr. Paulette Fleming and Mr. Edward Lund, both from the Department of Art and Design. A moment of silence was observed.

1. Vice Provost Nef

Noted that WASC is coming next week. As part of their visit the university had to create a set of institutional learning outcomes, which have been developed and are now to be shared with the Academic Senate. Dr. Andrew Lawson (Interim Dean of the College of Science and Math) described the ILOs. Senator Kensinger (Statewide) noted that they were created with enormous faculty input and reflects the university’s values.

1. Brianna Scott and Francis Wiento (Student Involvement Center)

Noted that students are in the process of nominating faculty they feel inspire them for Fresno State Talks. Three faculty members reflecting the university’s values will be chosen to give these talks. This is the fourth year these talks have happened at Fresno State.

1. Senator Raya-Fernandez (Psychological Services)

National Depression Screening Day was last Thursday and over 100 students came. Faculty should be aware that there are many very stressed students and depression and anxiety are taking a terrible toll on many students. Psychological Services made many appointments with students at this event although with current staff levels it will take three to four weeks to meet with each student so a wait list is being considered.. Senator Ram (University-wide) asked if the number of students who attended the screening was higher than in the past and if the office had the capacity to help them all as it would not seem to be good policy if students struggling with depression had to be put on a wait list and could not be seen when they needed help. Senator Raya-Fernandez indicated that there were more students than in the past but there are no walk-in hours at the moment, only appointments. However, if a student is presents in crisis that the student will be seen that day or as is feasibly possible.

1. Senator Benavides (Statewide Academic Senate)

Noted that the Elements of Teaching and Learning process is continuing with two more webinars. Later in the semester there will also be a student panel, and then one with faculty. Six faculty from all 23 CSU campuses will be chosen. Chair Ayotte will be asked to send information on this in case anybody from Fresno State is interested.

1. Dr. Diane Blair (Communication and CFA Chapter President)

Two mediating sessions between the CSU and the CFA have failed to achieve anything on faculty salary, so we are now going to fact finding. CFA is holding a strike vote from October 19th to the 28th. This would authorize CFA to take job actions, including strikes.

1. Senator Williams (Agricultural Business)

Soon after he left Umpqua Community College campus in Oregon where he was visiting a former student, that campus was the site of a deadly shooting. In light of what was just heard from Psychological Services, this is something we have to proactively work to prevent from happening at Fresno State.

Vice Chair Holyoke noted that Governor Brown just signed legislation allowing presidents to prevent students from carrying concealed weapons on campus and hopes that President Castro will do that here.

Senator Akhavan (Educational Research and Administration) noted that her daughter was also within a block of that shooting.

Senator Ram (University-wide) noted that this may be another good reason for enhancing Psychological Services available to students on campus an d not only holding events for students struggling with depression but for any psychological issues if this is not already being done.

Senator Raya-Fernandez (Psychological Services) noted that shootings are adding to the stress of students on our campus. Her office also found that students were more comfortable coming to campus events like the Depression Screening Day which many students attended than initially taking the initiative to come in for a one-on-one appointment.

1. Consent calendar

Consent calendar contains the resolution calling for open presidential searches on all CSU campuses.

MSC approving the consent calendar

1. Installation of new senators

The following new senators were installed:

Dr. William Skuban (History)

Dr. Amanda McKeith (Animal Science)

Dr. Wei Wu (Construction Management)

1. New business

There was no new business for the Academic Senate

1. Name change – M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling to M.S. in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. First reading.

Senator Raheem (Counselor Education and Rehabilitation) explained that his department used to run two separate programs because there were two separate accrediting bodies. Now the two bodies have formed a partnership and offering dual accreditation. The name change of the masters degree at Fresno State is required to gain this dual accreditation, and having it will make students more marketable. He took several questions about structural changes to the program (which had already taken place) and on resources required.

MSC waiving second reading.

MSC approving the change of name.

1. APM 114 Policy on Faculty Consultation and Voting. Second reading.

Vice Chair Holyoke took over as presiding officer.

Senator Kensinger (Statewide) offered a friendly amendment to her amendment already on the floor to strike sub-paragraphs a and b, effectively giving all lecturers a vote regardless of how many courses they taught.

Senator Moreman (Ex-officio for Communication) spoke against having separate tallies for lecturers and tenured / tenure-track faculty votes, arguing that the demographic representation of women and ethnic / racial minorities is such that separate tallies unnecessarily segregate out mostly women faculty and mostly faculty of color.

Senator Garcia (Nursing) spoke in favor of separate vote tallies, noting that lecturers and tenured / tenure-track faculty have different roles. Senator Ram (University-Wide) indicated that a full-time lecturer that teaches every semester might not appreciate having an equal vote to a lecturer who occasionally teaches one class. Senator Chapman (Modern and Classical Languages) made a similar point, noting that the Collective Bargaining Agreement makes distinctions between different categories of lecturers and between lecturers and tenured / tenure-track faculty, so votes should be weighted differently.

Senator Moreman (Ex-officio for Communication) argued that both have an equal interest in the election of department chairs.

Senator Forgacs (Mathematics) recognized Dr. Kathryn Forbes (Women’s Studies and CFA grievance officer) to address the issue. Dr. Forbes provided background information on the grievance leading to the current issue, as well as the rationale used by the arbiter in the decision that led to the agreement reached between CFA and the Office of Faculty Affairs.

Motion to strike sub-paragraphs a and b failed on a voice vote.

The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:21pm.

The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be on October 19, 2015, at 4:00pm in HML 2206.

Submitted by Approved by

Thomas Holyoke Kevin Ayotte

Vice Chair Chair

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