THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 4:05pm in HML 2206.

Members excused: L. Davis, M. Dangi, J. Karr, B. Myers, T. Partin(Maj), M. Thompson

Members absent: N. Akhavan, L. Crask, G. Kriehn, A. Nambiar, J. Wang, L. Williams

1. Approval of the agenda

MSC to approve the agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of October 6, 2014

Frederik Vermote was installed as the senator from the Department of History

1. Communications and announcements
2. President Castro

Noted that ground was broken on the new Armenian Genocide Memorial at Fresno State on Sunday, November 2, 2014, and will be completed next year. A formal public ceremony will be held for the new memorial on April 24, 2015.

He expects that Fresno State’s equity program will go into effect once the CSU system-wise equity package goes into effect, though it will be retroactive to July of 2014. All of this is conditioned on the bargaining agreement being ratified by CFA and the CSU Board of Trustees. In the case of Fresno State, of the $1.2 million equity program, $1 million is for faculty and the remainder is for staff and MPPs.

1. Vice Provost Nef

Noted that while the national search for a new Dean of Undergraduate Studies is about to get underway, only one of three faculty members has been appointed so far by the Senate Executive Committee. Vice Chair Holyoke explained that the Executive Committee was interested in nominating any tenured, full professor who wished to be considered since the APM allows such appointments thirty days after the original call for service (which happened on October 1, 2014). Faculty interested in being considered should email Chair Ayotte and the Executive Committee will make the final appointments.

1. Senator Slagter (Women’s Studies)

Dr. Bernice Sandler will be on campus on Thursday, November 6, 2014, to speak about the involvement of women in academia and the origins of Title IX.

1. New business

There was no new business

1. Presentation on the Food Security Initiative and the new Strategic Plan of the Division of Student Affairs

Vice President Lamas of Student Affairs explained that a large percentage of our students are “food insecure” in that they do not have enough to eat each day. The Division of Student Affairs thus created the Food Security initiative to provide food to these students. The Good Samaritan Fund portion of this is going into effect now and largely involves the creation of a food bank in the old farmers market building, though food boxes will also be available in the Paws and Go Store near the North Gym. Students will also be given a mobile app letting them know when a reception has ended with extra food. More information will be available on the Student Affairs website. Students essentially decide for themselves if they qualify for the program.

There were many questions from the faculty and several recommendations for improving the initiative.

Vice President Lamas also noted that Student Affairs has a new strategic plan, which the Food Security Initiative is a part.

1. APM 627 (second reading)

AVP Armbruster had made several changes to the proposed new policy (and APM 635) based on questions and comments from the Academic Senate meeting of October 20, 2014.

It was clarified that fliers do not have to display the seal or logo of the university, but if they do they must comply with this new policy.

A few friendly amendments were made.

MSC to approve the new APM 627 as amended.

1. APM 635 (second reading)

Questions arose as to why the proposed policy struck language regarding the Athletic Corporation. AVP Armbruster explained that it was because the Athletic Corporation was not subject to the Academic Policy Manuel and should not be mentioned in it. Senator Henson (English) moved to postpone further consideration of APM 635 (seconded by Senator Slagter of Women’s Studies) so Chair Ayotte could check to see if this was correct. The motion passed unanimously.

The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:15pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be on November 17, 2014.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Thomas Holyoke Kevin Ayotte

Vice Chair Chair

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