THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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October 20, 2014

The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 4:08pm in HML 2206.

Members excused: C. Egan, L. Herzig, H. Kubo, D. Lewis, L. Meyer, J. Peterson, S. Schlievert, J. Wakabayashi

Members absent: I. Basurto, L. Crask, S. Lam, K. Madhusudan, A. Nambiar, J. Pausewang, L. Rios, M. Schettler, P. Turnbull, J. Whiting

1. Approval of the agenda

MSC to approve the agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of October 6, 2014

Vice Chair Holyoke noted that there were errors in the minutes relating to the presentation on the Level B budget formula and requested a postponement until they could be fixed.

MSC to postpone approval of the minutes of October 6, 2014, to the next meeting of the Academic Senate.

1. Installation of new senator

Shane Moreman from the Department of Communication was installed as an ex-officio senator.

1. Communications and announcements

Senator Kensinger (State-wide academic senate)

Announced that the Take Back the Night March will be on October 22 from 5:30 to 9:00(ish) at the Free Speech area.

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1. New business

There was no new business.

1. Presentation on the new sexual assault policy by Jan Parten and Brittany Grice

In Executive Order 1095 of June, 2014, the Chancellor’s office created a revised policy on how faculty and staff must respond to revelations of sexual assault from their conversations with students. The policy is system-wide and at this point there are no campus specific policies being developed.

This order, along with other executive orders on sexual harassment, can be found at Fresno State at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/adminserv/hr/title-ix/index.html>.

An extensive presentation was given and many questions were asked by senators.

Essentially, if a student tells any faculty member or staff member they were sexually assaulted, they faculty or staff member *must* report the assault to the campus Title IX office and include the students name and enough information about the assault to allow the university to conduct a full investigation. Merely directing the student to the Title IX office, or the Student Health Center or University Police, is not sufficient. The faculty or staff member is not obligated to report it to the police; the Title IX office will do that. The student is not obligated to reveal the name of the alleged offender.

The California State Auditor has recommended that the legislature pass a law requiring all faculty to complete training on the correct procedures for handling student revelations of sexual assault.

A new Title IX Oversight Team has been created at Fresno State to monitor the university’s efforts to deal with the problem.

5:16pm: MSC to extend the Academic Senate meeting for another 10 minutes.

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The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:26pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be at 4:00pm on November 3, 2014.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Thomas Holyoke Kevin Ayotte

Vice Chair Chair

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