THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members present: Thomas Holyoke (Chair), Bradley Hart (Vice Chair), Susan Schlievert (State-wide), Demi Wack (ASI), Jennifer Miele (At-large), Loretta Kensinger (At-large), Rebecca Raya Fernandez (At-large), Melanie Ram (At-large), President Joseph I. Castro (Ex-officio)

Members excused: Robert Harper (Ex-officio)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 3:00pm in HML 2108.

1. Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of September 17, 2018

Friendly amendment accepted

MSC approving the Minutes of September 17, 2018, as amended

1. Communications and announcements
   1. Chair Holyoke  
        
      The provost search committee met at 1 p.m. today. The chair will be Brian Tsukimura.
   2. Demi Wack (ASI President)

President Wack announced she will be serving on the provost search committee.

* 1. Senator Raya Fernandez (At-large)

Health Center will be having an open house on Wednesday.

* 1. President Castro

Announced that journalist Robert Costa will be returning to campus on Nov. 27 at approximately 6 p.m.

* 1. Action Items
     1. Memo dated September 19, 2018, from Catherine Nelson, Academic Senate CSU Chair, to Chairs, Campus Academic Senates re: Nominees for 2019-2021 Faculty Trustee. Memo has been received.

Call will be sent by the vice chair.

* + 1. Memo dated September 25, 2018, from Brian Tsukimura, Chair, University Personnel Committee, to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Best Practices for Freedom of Speech. Memo has been received.

Moved to the agenda of the following Executive Committee meeting.

1. APM 320 Policy on the Composition of Search Committees for Designated

Administrative Positions. Second Reading.

President Castro was recognized to introduce the item. The President stated that the current language of the APM suggests that he has five appointees, but in reality it is only four appointees because one nomination is made by the deans. The President welcomed the idea of clarifying that language. The President also stated that his appointments are made to reflect the diversity of our campus community. The president supports the notion of placing the Academic Senate Chair on the committee, but stated that ideally the committee would not be increased too much due to the logistical difficulties involved. Chair Holyoke clarified that the President supports the proposed changes, but would like the selection of the dean listed as a separate item and the president will still have four appointees.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) stated that the Executive Committee had faced challenges making its selections on the current search due to the representation being provided and argued against reducing to four faculty members on the committee. Chair Tsukimura (Personnel Committee, Provost Search Chair) stated that during the last search there were extreme challenges scheduling meetings due to faculty schedules.

Senator Ram (At-large) asked the President to explain his perspective on how he makes appointments to this committee. President Castro stated that he tries to think about strategic areas of the university that need strong support from the Provost and Academic Affairs. In addition, the President tries to ensure that the Board of Governors and Foundation are represented. Senator Ram (At-large) asked specifically about the appointment of the Athletic Director. The President stated that he feels it is important to have the AD’s perspective on candidates to insure close cooperation between Athletics and Academic Affairs.

Senator Raya Fernandez (At-large) asked Senator Kensinger her perspective on adding faculty members to the committee. Senator Kensinger stated that the Academic Senate chair should be seen as representing the entire faculty, and it is essential to add enough seats to ensure adequate representation of campus diversity. In addition, the Senator stated that this is an important search for faculty and they should be well represented on the committee.

Senator Ram (At-large) expressed skepticism toward adding additional members to the committee. Senator Kensinger moved that the dean appointee become a separate line item, and the president’s number be reduced to four. The motion was seconded. The motion passed (1-nay, 1-abstention). Senator Ram stated that she has concerns about faculty having enough say on a provost search. President Wack (ASI) asked what percentage of the provost’s work involves general administration, and what amount involves direct work with faculty. President Castro stated that the provost is ultimately the second in command of the university, and this shapes his perception of the committee’s structure. Senator Ram asked the President about his concerns about the amended search committee list. President Castro stated that he has concerns about adding a fifth faculty member to the search and disrupting the balance between faculty and administration.

Senator Schlievert moved to reduce the number of faculty appointees to four. The motion was seconded. Senator Kensinger spoke against the motion and stated that it is better for faculty to have five seats on the committee because of its importance to Academic Affairs. Senator Ram (At-large) asked what the procedure is after this item passes the Senate. Chair Holyoke stated that the president has line-item veto power over the APM, and there is no override power.

The vote was called. The motion passed: 4-ayes, 3-nays, 1 abstention.

The committee moved on to the Athletic Director search. The committee had previously discussed the role of the Department of Kinesiology. Chair Holyoke stated that Kinesiology and Athletics share facilities. Vice President Astone stated that she had spoken to the department chair about the matter, and much of the relationship is primarily historical rather than currently relevant. There is not a strong programmatic relationship between the department and Athletics.

A motion was made to pass the entire APM to the full Academic Senate. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. APM 110 - Policy on Ancillary Units. Personnel Committee. Second

Reading.

The item was introduced. Vice President Astone stated that the edits discussed at the previous meeting will be made in a redline copy. The edits are expected any day. The item was postponed to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

1. APM 215 New Language. GE Committee.

The item was postponed to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

1. Articles of Governance - Arts and Humanities.

The missing Page 13 was found and distributed to members of the committee. The item was passed unanimously.

1. Faculty Workload Task Force Report.

The item was introduced. Senator Kensinger suggested sending the report to the appropriate sub-committees, along with any concerns. The committee agreed that this was a generally good idea. Senator Kensinger stated specifically that one aspect seemingly missing from the report involves enforcement of caps on course size on GE courses and C/S classifications as an aspect of faculty workload. Faculty have previously recommended caps on GE course size, and those have not been enforced. In addition, C/S caps are not enforced in some courses.

Chair Holyoke suggested he would draft memos and submitting them to the committee for future examination before formally sending them on to the relevant committees.

Senator Kensinger additionally stated that she felt teaching activity is undervalued in the report.

The committee voted unanimously to send the report to the Personnel Committee, AP&P, the Budget Committee and the Office of the Provost. Chair Holyoke will write the memos asking only for general feedback.

1. APM 203 Policy Change. Academic Policy & Planning Committee.

The item was postponed to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

1. APM 241 Policy Changed. Academic Policy & Planning Committee.

The item was postponed to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

1. Executive Session.

The Executive Committee entered Executive Session at 4:42 p.m.

The Executive Committee exited Executive Session at 5:00 p.m.

Following Executive Session, the committee elected Soua Xiong to the President’s Enrollment Management Advisory Group.

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Monday, October 15, 2018.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Bradley Hart Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

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