THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members present: Thomas Holyoke (Chair), Raymond Hall (Vice Chair), Melanie Ram (Universitywide), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-Large), Tinneke Van Camp (At-Large), Omar H. Hernandez (ASI), Susan Schlievert (Statewide), Joseph Castro (Ex-officio), Saul Jiménez-Sandoval (Ex-Officio)

Members excused: Jennifer Miele (At-Large)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate), Athanasios Alexandrou (Chair Personnel Committee), Marsha L. Baum (Vice President for Faculty Affairs), Elizabeth Zuniga (Vice President of External Affairs, ASI), Deborah Adishian-Astone (Vice President for Administration and CFO)

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

1. Approval of the agenda

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1. Communications and announcements

President Castro:

Reminded us of the upcoming President’s Lecture: Margaret Brennen from Face the Nation March 17 at 6pm

The President told the committee that he will be creating a temporary MPP positon with end date- outgoing Coach Jeff Tedford will be new MPP and his duties will center on helping with fund raising once recovered from his health issues.

The final update concerned the interim appointment for VP of Student Affairs. Carolyn Coon will hold this position while Dr. Lamas remains on leave.

Provost Jiménez-Sandoval mentioned that the two current searches for Dean (HHS, Kremen) are moving forward and we should expect campus visits in March.

Dr. Schlievert:

1. Potential requirement of a fourth Quantitative Reasoning course (now at three)- chancellor’s office will require a third party to investigate impact, so we are at a two year minimum delay on any potential implementation.

Mr. Hernandez expressed concerned that this would hurt student trying to enroll from valley schools, and Ms. Zuniga mentioned that the California State University Student association recommends against this requirement with the same concern, however the Provost thinks the numbers do not support this concern.

1. Shirley Weber bill and associated Statewide resolution: The resolution going to the Chancellor’s office requires 3 units, with learning outcomes (developed by Susan’s committee, Academic Affairs), to overlay on to existing courses.

The Provost cautioned that legislation of learning content (or the threat of legislation to promote such content) would be a serious and concerning precedent.

Dr. Ram expressed concern about fit with our current MI content (her course on international issues for example) and these potential new learning outcomes.

Mr. Hernandez made a proposal to address the need of communicating student resources to the student body. To this end he proposed making a mandatory addition of a two page flyer to all syllabi.

Dr. Ram suggested that an important place to start would be to update the existing Student Life Fresno State web page, especially to add the multiple links to resources mentioned in the document proposed by Mr. Hernandez. Dr. Van Camp creating a tile on Canvas to all students and the committee agreed this might be the best strategy.

**Action Items**

1. Email dated December 18, 2019, from Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate, to James Mullooly, Chair Academic Policy and Planning re: Online/Blended Subcommittee Ex-Officio. Email has been received.

Suggestion: Advised to include 2 Ex-Officio in the policy. Committee agrees.

1. Online/Blended Education and Multicultural/International Subcommittee Charges.

Suggestion: Placed on next meeting agenda.

1. Memo dated January 15, 2020, from Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, Provost, to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Provost’s Awards Committee 2019-2020. Memo has been received.

Suggestion: Continue standard operating procedure from past years.

1. Memo dated January 21, 2020, from Kathleen Dyer, Chair Student Ratings Task Force, to Academic Senate Executive Committee re: Student Ratings Subcommittee Request. Memo has been received.

Suggestion: Placed on next meeting agenda.

1. Administrative Policy (Interim) on Administration of Student Organizational Funds – B-56. Second Reading. VP Adishian-Astone (time certain 3:10).

Vice President Adishian-Astone gave details on the requested policy changes concerning student groups on campus. The policy adjustment was needed to be in compliance with a recent ICSUAM, specifically that student groups cannot have office campus bank accounts (with some exemptions). This policy document brings us into compliance.

1. APM 332 Policy on Range Elevation for Temporary Faculty. Personnel Committee. Second Reading.

In consultation with Dr. Baum and Dr. Alexandrou, the committee heard that the current policy seems to be serving Lecturers and the University well.

I was decided to not move further on any changes to APM 332 at this time.

1. Discussion of Level B Budget.

Provost Jiménez-Sandoval presented a detailed discussion of the Level B allocation process and how this correlated with the spreadsheet used to do this accounting.

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 5:08 pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Monday, Feb 10 at 3:00 in room HML 2108.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Raymond Hall Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

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