THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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

Members excused: Joseph Castro (Ex-officio)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate), Frank Lamas (Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management), Melissa Jordine (Director of Assessment), Marsha Baum (Vice President, Faculty Affairs)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 3:02pm in HML 2108.

1. Approval of the agenda

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1. Approval of the amended Minutes 8.26.19

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1. Communications and announcements

Frank Lamas:

Dr. Lamas requested approval of the committee to rename the following centers on campus.

Orientation and Transfer Success Center, Veterans Resource Center

These 2nd floor centers: dream center, orientation center, orientation and transfer center- all being combined.

Approval granted: MSC

**Action Items**

1. Email dated August 26, 2019, from Frank Lamas, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Veterans Space. Email has been received.

Discussed above.

1. Memo dated August 29, 2019, from Orlando Leon, Chief Information Officer and Chair of the Technology Steering Committee, to Thomas Holyoke Chair Academic Senate re: Faculty Representation for Technology Steering Committee. Memo has been received.

Call for Service will be sent to the Faculty Listserv

1. Memo dated September 3, 2019, from Keith Clement, Chair, University Undergraduate Curriculum Subcommittee, to Thomas Holyoke Chair Academic Senate re: Bachelors of Art in Communicative Sciences Degree Program Elevation. Memo has been received.

Concerns the continuing effort of options conversion to majors via EO 1017

Added to consent calendar. MSC

1. Memo dated September 3, 2019, from Keith Clement, Chair, University Undergraduate Curriculum Subcommittee, to Thomas Holyoke Chair Academic Senate re: Bachelors of Art in Deaf Studies Degree Program Elevation. Memo has been received.

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1. Memo dated September 11, 2019, from Venita Baker, Academic Senate Office to Thomas Holyoke Chair Academic Senate re: Faculty recommended to serve on the Nominating/Elections Committee and the Committee for Faculty Equity and Diversity (CFED). Memo has been received.

Suggestion: Pro forma to go to consent calendar.

1. Fresno State Commencement Report Presentation – Provost Jiménez-Sandoval. *(Time certain 3:10)*

Concerning commencement, a possible decision coming down soon.

Main university ceremony will go away- degrees conferred at college ceremony, medals would be awarded at the dinner. Details of attendance of all ceremonies (handout data sheet) indicates that the university ceremony is not well attended.

Chair Holyoke: seems odd and a loss of pomp and circumstance.

Provost: There is a crisis of lack of time and logistics of space in using the Save Mart Center.

Dr. Raya-Fernandez: Timing seems biggest issue, and cancelling the main ceremony would be a loss of where the community/university come together as a whole, and what the university represents.

Provost: It turns out we are one of two in the CSU who still do a university wide ceremony.

Dr. Ram: History of students concerns, said that a personal ceremony is more important.

Chair Holyoke: Perhaps the senate should be the consultative body. (Provost agrees to come to next Senate meeting.)

Dr. Ram: what about colleges at Save Mart, and other celebrations not? Provost: Save Mart center seen as prestigious, and changes like this might get contentious.

Jennifer: personal time and not rushed seems to be most meaningful to the student.

Mr. Hernandez: University wide ceremony is significant for him.

Discussion ended as the Provost had to go to another meeting. Agreed that this will be discussed at the next senate meeting.

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Dr. Schlievert: I will be going to Long Beach. Resolution in the making on required Ethnic Studies courses CSU wide with consultation/meeting with Ethnics Studies council.

1. GE Program Portfolio and Assessment of the Core Competencies - Melissa Jordine, Director of Assessment.

Melissa presented two issues before the committee. First is a report on issues concerning the use of portfolios with GE assessment and problems with vendors, the second is a request for senate action on a

1. How does the portfolio work (not student’s side

GE pathbright- random sample- 50 assignments and we have results. A1,2,3

Cengage bought Pathbright, and many subcomponents for GE assessment no longer supported, problems with customer service.

Pathbright does not recognize students from Bb with conversion with Canvas.

Pathbright out- portfolios now all on Canvas. (JoLynne Blake). Advantages now all tech issues and support integrated (Canvas). Loss of career portfolio option. Cengage- became uncooperative and seemingly in bad faith. Can’t access any of the student submissions to Pathbright.

1. Core competencies assessment (WASC mandate): current structure in place here is five ad hoc committees, and five accolated assessment plans. WASC has conveyed it would prefer one standing committee and has requested a follow up interim report due soon. Althoguh we will keep the five committee structure, we have written one comprehensive plan (instead of five) and will issue one comprehensive report. Dr. Jordan requests senate approval to move to the one comprehensive plan and away for the five plans already approved.

Dr. Ram: Where do assignments come from? Dr. Raya-Fernandez: who is working on reviewing the findings?

Dr. Jordine: The committees decide instrument and rubrics and methods, and I set deadlines, logistics, and write up final reports (which are then vetted by committee).

Dr. Hall: Do we need a standing committee? Dr. Jordine: WASC is uneasy with “ad hoc”, but these committees only meet for a couple years, on 5 year rotation. So it does not make sense in terms to workload to have a standing committee.

Chair Holyoke: Perhaps we should consider the need of a standing committee to manage these non-permanent committees.

Discussion ended with agreement to send the comprehensive plan to the senate.

MSC to consent calendar.

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 4:25 pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Monday, September 30.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Raymond Hall Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

Academic Senate Academic Senate