THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members present: Raymond Hall (Chair), Amber Crowell (Vice Chair), Jennifer Miele (At-Large), Susan Schlievert (Statewide), Lisa Bryant (At-Large), Xuanning Fu (Provost), Aaron Stillmaker (University-wide), Jim Schmidtke (AVP of Faculty Affairs), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-Large), Karen Carrillo (ASI rep)

Members excused: Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval (President)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate), Nichole Walsh (Chair of Academic Policy and Planning Committee)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall at 3:01 pm.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

*Motion to approve amended agenda*

*Second*

*Approved*

1. Approval of the Minutes of 10.2.23.

*Motion to approve minutes*

*Second*

*Approved*

1. Communications and Announcements.

Communication from Provost:

Dean of Library search has submitted recommendation, which is to let the search continue. Not satisfied with any of the finalists. Agree with their recommendation. Might bring in search firm. Search will likely relaunch towards end of fall, use Winter Break to receive applications. Committee will resume work in early 2024. Hiring must go with caution.

WASC Vice President visited and per her recommendation we are revising themes, making them simpler. There will be thorough constituent outreach to revise new themes and make them fit with strategic plan. She will review our draft report before it is submitted. Plan is still to submit formal request towards end of November. Spring 2024 will be spent on WASC report preparation, review, and feedback to be submitted in early 2025. Campus visit in Fall 2025.

**L. Bryant**: Same committee?

**Provost**: Hopefully, have asked them to continue.

**Action Items**

1. Nominations for Faculty Representative on the AVP for Compliance Search Committee.

Suggestion: Go to executive session.

1. Memo dated April 13, 2023, from Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, President, to Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: Faculty Representation – Athletics Advisory Council. Memo has been received.

Suggestion: Send out a call for service

1. Email dated October 9, 2023, from Emily Roos, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for University Advancement, to Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: Honorary Doctorate Selection Committee 2023-24. Email has been received.

Suggestion: Susan Schlievert, Jennifer Miele, Aaron Stillmaker will join the committee.

**Chair Hall**: Laura Yager is not present, so we will move quickly through agenda.

1. New Business.

**N. Walsh**: Feedback on APM 510 and legal counsel, and feedback on calendar?

**Chair Hall**: These are agenda items.

**Chair Hall**: VP Astone joining next EC meeting to discuss AVP of Compliance and answer questions about purpose of the position and other outstanding questions about task force and O’Conner report. Because VP Astone is chairing the body, we have questions.

**AVP Schmidtke**: Relocation reimbursement policy has changed. Reimbursement was $5000 up until this year, system policy was $7500. Raised limit to be $7500 to be in line with system policy. Anything over $5000 had to get approval, but because of raising prices, this helps reocation process.

**Chair Hall**: This policy is not in APM?

**AVP Schmidtke**: No it’s not.

**Chair Hall**: Is there another collection of policies where people can search for things like this?

**AVP Schmidtke**: This is campus policy. Also applies to staff and MPP relocation.

**Chair Hall**: Are those campus policies easily accessible?

**AVP Schmidtke**: Yes, through HR website.

**L. Bryant**: Does this go into effect for searches happening now?

**AVP Schmidtke**: Yes.

1. Academic Calendar Proposal 2024-25 and 2025-26. Second Reading.

**N. Walsh**: Discussed calendar and importance of two consultation days. ASI President Carrillo noted that students use the consultation days to study and do not want to lose both days. Room for discussion if there is only one. Spoke of importance of Thanksgiving and Fall Break. Noted that school districts have weeklong break, which creates childcare challenges. In favor of Fall Break. Noted equivalent instructional hours across semesters is not big concern.

**Chair Hall**: None of the alternate scenarios took away consultation day, and some have weeklong Fall breaks. Scenario #3 is not too different from existing format, but we get weeklong Fall break. Main concern was that consultation days overlap with pedagogy that would need faculty input. But not concerned that faculty see Fall break as pedagogical concern. Decided to pull back discussion on consultation days because it is not being implemented on next round. Discussion on whether consultation days have value for students should be discussed, because some campuses do not have any. Plan to tell Dean Muscat to proceed with proposal, but expect further discussion about consultation days.

**N. Walsh**: Consultation days were not a hot button issue for faculty.

**L. Bryant**: Scenario #3 was strongest calendar for balancing academic and service needs in addition to full week of Fall break. Less work days before instruction starts, but better than scenarios where work days start same day as instructional days. We can return in the Spring to do faculty survey on consultation days.

**A. Stillmaker**: Agree with this plan, good compromise. Faculty feedback was that they don’t want any consultation days, and also want to extend finals week to five days instead of four. Makes it easier when there are labs.

**L. Bryant**: Would they start the Friday before? Because commencement is on Fridays.

**A. Stillmaker**: Faculty suggested either one, with commencement possibly getting pushed back.

**Chair Hall**: We can include that when we gather faculty input.

*Motion to adopt Scenario #3 from academic calendar options*

*Second*

*Approved*

1. Priority Registration – Information item.
2. APM 510 – Research Misconduct (Honor Code) Updates and Revisions. Second Reading.

**N. Walsh**: Changes language regarding deceptive journals. Committee discussed how to create list of deceptive journals. Committee agreed that lists should be kept internally within schools/colleges and library serves as consultant on list. Committee recommends checking with legal counsel about creating list, even if the list is unpublished. Concerns that personnel issues affected by the deceptive journal list could lead to lawsuits. Dean Muscat advised that legal should be consulted. Dean Goto does not want the list to be in the DRGS.

**Vice Chair Crowell**: Should it go through legal before it goes to Senate?

**AVP Schmidtke**: Don’t see issue with going to Senate first.

**Chair Hall**: Anytime somebody is denied tenure, they can grieve it.

**AVP Schmidtke**: Tenure no, promotion yes.

**Chair Hall**: All criteria we use for promotion are at risk of being litigated. Does AVP Schmidtke have thoughts on published or unpublished list?

**AVP Schmidtke**: Unpublished list, because it can change.

**Vice Chair Crowell**: Princeton has a list and it’s pretty outdated.

**A. Stillmaker**: Has this changed since we last saw it?

**Vice Chair Crowell**: The crossed out language about library maintaining the list was deleted in 2022.

**A. Stillmaker**: Like J. Miele’s idea from CSB that there is a list of journals that are accepted rather than not accepted.

**Chair Hall**: I like that idea because faculty can request that journals be added.

**L. Bryant**: In colleges with several different disciplines, the list can get very long. Political Science has at least 100 journals, and there are subfields. It would be easier to flag journals that are a concern.

**A. Stillmaker**: Could push it down to departments. At previous institution, each department had a list with point system for journals.

**N. Walsh**: The idea is that the process should live with the college.

**A. Stillmaker**: Proposal would be to move it down to department. Add language to C.1.e.

**Vice Chair Crowell**: The college could have a process and each department could follow process. That way subject experts make the list.

**Chair Hall**: It does not have to be so prescriptive. We could amend this as a committee.

**A. Stillmaker**: Preference is to amend here.

**Vice Chair Crowell**: The language says library provides guidance, but guidance to who?

**Chair Hall**: Reaching time certain.

**Vice Chair Crowell**: Push this off to next meeting.

1. Executive Session.

*Executive session began at 3:39 pm.*

*Executive session ended at 3:42 pm.*

Larissa Mercado-López and Matin Pirouz appointed to the search committee for AVP of Compliance.

Adjourned: 3:42 PM