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Members Absent: T. Bufete, S. Delcroix, B. Der Mugardechian, S. Fulop, E. Garan, S. Geringer, S. Gu (excused), A. Hamre (excused), A. Heaney, J. Henson, S. Lee, J. McDonald, S. Miller, S. Omolayo, E. Person, P. Sanmartin, M. Schettler, J. Sharma, T. Skeen, D. Smith (excused), S. Springthorpe, R. Statham (student) (excused), K.C. Tseng, J. Wang, M. Xiao.

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Botwin at 4:05 p.m. in the University Center, Room #200.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 1/28/08.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - A. Brian Tsukimura Chair, Personnel Committee presented information on Student Ratings of Teaching Performance. Thomas Holyoke inquired about the relationship between faculty ratings on-campus and ratings with off-campus professors. According to Tsukimura, there is no vehicle for comparison to other campuses. Comparison is made within departmental means. Provost Echeverria commented that the goal is to improve service to faculty. Lisa Weston addressed a number of issues regarding the manner in which questions might be configured. Shane Moreman requested information regarding storage and transmission of evaluation data, especially concerning electronic security measures. Terry Winant also expressed concern regarding security and sensitivity of data. Otto Benavides commented that he would appreciate receiving input from faculty at other campuses who use the proposed system. Manuel Figueroa discussed value and expense potential for an in-house system.

- B. Michael Caldwell demonstrated the location of documents for Academic Senate meetings on the Senate web site.
 - C. Chair Botwin announced a March 13 Forum/Town Hall Meeting on CSU and Campus Budget Cuts. More information will be forthcoming.
 - D. John Cagle read an email communication from the past parliamentarian for the Academic Senate, Phillip Taylor, sending his regards to the Academic Senate.
4. New Business.
- There was no new business presented.
5. Consent Calendar.
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – Graduate Committee.
- Since no objection was voiced, the item was approved by consent.
6. Donor Bill of Rights and Principles of Practice for Fund Raising Professionals at Educational Institutions – Peter Smits.
- MSC (unanimously) to endorse the Donor Bill of Rights.
7. Proposed Standards for Writing Courses – Academic Policy & Planning Committee.
- Fred Schreiber, Chair, Academic Policy & Planning (AP&P) Committee presented the requirements. This item was briefly discussed and will return to the Academic Senate for a second reading. There was a request for APM designation/location information.
8. Policy on Cost Share/Match (APM 502) and Interim Policy on Effort Reporting for Research and Sponsored Programs (APM 504) – Research Subcommittee.
- This item was briefly discussed and will return to the Academic Senate for a second reading.
9. Policy on Ordering of Accessible Instructional Materials (APM 237) – Academic Policy & Planning Committee.

Vice-Chair Caldwell chaired the discussion as Chair Botwin answered questions for this policy. After a number of questions regarding textbook ordering were fielded. The item will return for a second reading.

MSC to adjourn at 5:27 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be announced. An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Michael Caldwell
Vice Chair
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Approved by:

Michael Botwin
Chair
Academic Senate