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Members Absent: I. Basurto, D. Berkey, M. Caldwell (excused), S. Delcroix (excused), A. Dinscore, C. Du, K. Dyer, D. Ferris, S. Figlioli, C. Fowler, D. Frazier, M. Golden, T. Holyoke, A. Jones, S. Lee, S. Liu, K. McCoy, S. Miller, H. Miltiades, S. Najmi, R. Rai, R. Raya-FernsndeZ (excused), S. Reeves, B. Rice, P. Sanmartin (excused), H.O. Schweizer (excused), R. Vaughn, J. Wang, C. Won, D. Zhang.

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Botwin at 4:07 p.m. in the University Center, Room 200.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 12/7/09.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as amended to move item #6 Option in "Administration and Supervision" to "Educational Leadership and Administration" Name Change to item #5. Move item #7 Resolution on Faculty Trustee – Statewide Academic Senate to item 6., and move item #5. Graduate Culture at Fresno State to item #7.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - A. M. Botwin, Chair Academic Senate, announced that the Executive Committee will be working on the Resolution on Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness and Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness (APM 322) with the Personnel Committee for the next few weeks. The Policy will then be forwarded to the Senate body. Chair Botwin stated faculty members are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings.
 - B. William Covino, Provost and VPAA, announced information regarding the Graduation Rate Initiative. The goal of this initiative is to raise the graduation rate by six points in six years while also cutting the achievement gap in half in the

process. He also mentioned this spring there are four new initiatives for incoming freshmen:

1. Revitalization of the faculty mentoring program.
2. Requiring an Academic Success course for first year students who are on probation due to Fall 2009 earned GPAs less than 2.0.
3. A revitalization of support for undergraduate research.
4. Require first year students to engage in mandatory advising before they move on to their second year.

4. New Business.

There was none.

5. Option in “Administration and Supervision” to “Educational Leadership and Administration” Name Change – Graduate Committee.

Sharon Brown Welty, Director, Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, explained the rationale for changing the name from “Administration and Supervision” to “Educational Leadership and Administration”.

MSC to Waive the Second Reading.

MSC to approve the Program name change from “Administration and Supervision” to “Educational Leadership and Administration” and forward to the President for his consideration.

Communications & Announcements.

C. Thomas Boeh, Athletics Director, gave a presentation on the Myths, Legends and the Facts regarding the Athletics Departments reputation.

6. Resolution on Faculty Trustee – Statewide Academic Senate.

Jacinta Amaral, ASCSU Delegate, Otto Benavides ASCSU Delegate gave an explanation of the Resolution. There was a lengthy and lively discussion before the Senator’s voted. The results of the vote on the Resolution on Faculty Trustee – Statewide Academic Senate are as follows:

1. Take no action and wait action by the governor. - 2 Votes.
 2. Pursue tactics to persuade the Governor to appoint one of the two current nominees. - 22 Votes.
 3. Reopen the nomination process for this cycle to reconsider adding one or both individuals to the list who were originally recommended by the nominating committee by whose names were not on the list sent to the Governor.
- 3 Votes.
 4. Begin and accelerated nominating process to provide a new list of names to the Governor. - 1 Vote.
7. Graduate Culture at Fresno State - Graduate Culture Task Force – Second Reading - Continued.

MSC to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

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

Submitted by:

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Vice Chair
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Botwin
Chair
Academic Senate