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Members Absent: J. Amaral, V. Biondo, A. Dinscore (excused), A. Espinoza, S. Figlioli, D. Frazier, L. Hauser (excused), A. Jassim, T. Johnson, M. Katti (excused), T. Kubal, S. Lin, B. Lyons, D. Magoc, S. Najmi, J. Peterson (excused), R. Rai, S. Reeves, W. Rice, D. Sharma (excused), D. Smith, N. Spiro, K. Tenbergen, P. Trueblood, M. Vungkhangching (excused), C. Won, M. Zoghi.

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Caldwell at 4:12 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, Room 2206.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
2. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 4/4/11.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Chair Caldwell announced that nominations for Chair and Vice Chair are underway and that he and Senator D. Lewis (Kinesiology) will seek second terms.

Chair Caldwell announced Dr. F. Schreiber, Chair, Academic Policy & Planning Committee, has resigned from AP&P effective the end of spring 2011. Chair Caldwell and the Senate applauded Dr. Schreiber for his service.

Chair Caldwell announced an email (4/6/11) from Lisa Kao, Office of EHS, Risk Management and Sustainability Facilities Management was received. The proposed Fresno County Household Hazardous Waste Facility project will not be moving forward.

4. New Business.

There was no New Business.

5. Plan for Excellence IV–Strategic Planning Committee. Second Reading.

MSC to endorse the Plan for Excellence IV.

6. Proposed Policy for Undergraduate Majors and Minors–Student Affairs. Second Reading.

Dr. D. Nef, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, provided statistics for the number of double majors, minors and other questions asked by senators at the previous Academic Senate meeting (see AS Minutes of 4/4/11). Dr. Nef had no data to suggest the number of students who will be impacted by the proposed policy.

MSF to table the discussion of the Proposed Policy for Undergraduate Majors and Minors until IRAP can provide data describing the number of students who will be impacted by the proposed policy.

Senator L. Kensinger (Women’s Studies) distributed an amended proposed policy that included multiple changes and additions and described the rationale for the amendment (see Appendix A).

MSC to treat the changes and additions to the revised document as separate amendments.

MSC to adopt the first sentence of the introduction to the amended proposed policy to read “California State University, Fresno, values, supports and encourages students to obtain a diverse and broadly-based education.”

MSC to remove the second sentence in the introduction of the amended proposed policy that reads as “The university recognizes the benefits of enhancing primary majors through the rigorous, systematic, training afforded by a second major, minors, or certificate programs.”

MSF to change 144 earned units to 153 earned units throughout the proposed policy.

MSF to change in the Maximum Number of Majors and Minors section, “any additional minors within 24 units” to 33 units.

MSF to add the last sentence in the Maximum Number of Majors and Minors section to read as “A student may seek administrative approval from the Dean of Undergraduate Studies for a third major if they do so by their 60th earned unit, or for transfer students their second semester, if they submit a graduation plan showing that all degrees should be completed without exceeding 153 units.”

MS to adopt the amended Adding a Second Major section of the proposed policy. Friendly Amendment Accepted: to change the number of earned units from 153 to 144.

There was no further discussion or a vote due to the lack of a quorum.

7. Policy on Office and Consultation Hours (APM 338)– Revised–Academic Policy & Planning. Second Reading.

The item will return to the agenda of the next Academic Senate meeting.

8. Policy on the Scholarly Advancement of Learning and Teaching (APM 357)–Faculty Development Committee.

The item will return to the agenda of the next Academic Senate meeting.

The Senate adjourned at 5:29 p.m. following a quorum call affirming the lack of a quorum.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be April 25, 2011.

An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Dawn Lewis  
Vice Chair  
Academic Senate

Michael Caldwell  
Chair  
Academic Senate