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Members Excused: I. Basurto, B. DerMugrdechian, M. Golden, T. Johnson, S. Omolayo, S. Reeves, H.O. Schweizer

Members Absent: S. Farnesi, D. Frazier, M. Golden, A. Jassim, R. Rai, S. Reeves, N. Spiro, A. Stratemeyer, M. Vungkhanching

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Caldwell at 4:04 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, Room 2206.

1. Agenda.

Senator C. Henson (English) made a motion to move Item 8, Resolutions from College of Science and Math, to Item 6 on today's agenda.

MSC to approve the Agenda as amended.

2. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 12/5/11.

3. Communications and Announcements.

A. Statewide Senators J. Amaral and O. Benavides reported that Chancellor Reed attended the last Statewide Academic Senate Plenary meeting where he discussed the probability of additional budget cuts to the CSU. That is, if the state ballot for new/additional taxes fails, California State University, Fresno may experience another \$11 million budget cut. Amaral and Benavides also announced that a Statewide Academic Senate committee on shared governance has been formed. Finally, they encouraged senators to visit calstate.edu to follow current events and activities.

Note: Jeremiah Henry, an undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Humanities, Department of English, was present taking photos and videos of the meeting. When asked his

intentions for the photos and videos, the student replied he will post the media on youtube.com and Facebook. Senators intensely objected. Chair Caldwell stated a written release to post the photos and videos is required. The student agreed that a written release would be provided to anyone in the room to seek their approval before posting any images and discontinued any further photography.

4. Installation of New Senators

The following senators were installed and welcomed.

Kevin Ayotte – Communication Department
Chris Henson – English
Janet Slagter – Women’s Studies (Interim)

5. New Business.

A. Senator C. Henson (English) submitted a resolution new Item #10 to today’s agenda.

6. Resolutions from College of Science and Math.

MS to adopt Resolution #1 for discussion.

Senator C. Henson read the resolution as amended.

MSC to waive second reading.

MSC to pass Resolution #1 as amended. [1 Abstain]

MS to adopt Resolution #2 for discussion.

Senator C. Henson read the resolution as amended.

MSC to waive second reading.

MSC to pass Resolution #2 as amended. [1 Abstain]

MS to adopt Resolution #3 (originally Resolution #8) for discussion.

Provost Covino asked why the term “fiscal malfeasance” was included in the second resolved statement.

MSC a friendly amendment to remove the clause “for their fiscal malfeasance” from the second resolved statement.

Senator D. Freed (Communicative Disorders & Deaf Studies) asked how, or for what, will schools and colleges be held accountable once the clause “for their fiscal malfeasance” is removed?

Provost Covino responded that he does not know.

Senator Botwin withdrew Resolution #3’s second resolved statement.

Senator M. Ram (Political Science) questioned the first resolved statement.

Senator L. Williams (Agriculture) stated that Resolution #3 needs further consideration in order to be enforceable.

Senator T. Holyoke (Political Science) asked for an explanation of the Level A and Level B budgets.

Provost Covino described the two budgets.

MSC a friendly amendment to remove Resolution #3’s first resolved statement.

MSC to waive second reading.

MSC to pass Resolution #3 as amended.
[1 Abstain, several opposed]

Senator J. Slagter (Women’s Studies) recommended the amended CSM resolutions be made available to the university community. Chair Caldwell stated they would be made available this week.

7. APM 306 (Policy on Full-time Temporary Faculty)–Personnel Committee-Second Reading.

Item will return to the February 13, 2012 meeting agenda of the Academic Senate for second reading.

8. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Graduate Certificate Program–University Graduate Committee.

Item will return to the February 13, 2012 meeting agenda of the Academic Senate for second reading.

9. Resolution in Support of UC Davis Students and Faculty Right to Peaceably Assemble.

Item will return to the February 13, 2012 meeting agenda of the Academic Senate.

10. Resolution – Senator C. Henson.

Item will return to the February 13, 2012 meeting agenda of the Academic Senate.

The Senate adjourned at 5:16 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
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Approved by:
Michael Caldwell
Chair
Academic Senate