THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members present: Kevin Ayotte (Chair), Thomas Holyoke (Vice Chair), Michael Jenkins (At-large), Madhu Katti (At-large), Loretta Kensinger (State-wide), Melanie Ram (University-wide), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large), Lynn Williams (Ex-officio), Provost Lynette Zelezny (Ex-officio)

Members excused: President Joseph Castro (Ex-officio) and Moses Menchaca (ASI)

Visitors: Venita Baker, Vice President Frank Lamas (Student Affairs), Maria Madrigal (Student Health Center), James Mullooly (Chair, Academic Policy and Planning Committee), and Brian Tsukimura (Chair, Personnel Committee)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 3:02pm in HML 2108.

1. Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda.

1. Approval of the minutes of March 16, 2015

A couple of friendly amendments were made

MSC approving the minutes of March 16, 2015, as amended

1. Communications and announcements
2. Provost Zelezny

Chancellor White has given Fresno State permission to move forward with declaring impaction and changing admissions criteria. The administration will be meeting with the deans this summer to come up with ideas on how best to implement these changes and will present these ideas in the fall to the Academic Senate. The Provost will try to ensure that there is as much diversity of input in the plan as possible and will try to minimize the damage to all academic programs, especially small ones.

The new Director of Athletics would like to meet with the Academic Senate and give his perspective on how athletics intersects with academics. Chair Ayotte indicated that sometime in the fall semester might be best. Senator Williams (Ex-officio) talked about ideas for helping coaches and faculty get to know each other better, such as having coaches come to graduation or attend a Café Academy.

The Provost noted that AVP Caldwell (Faculty Affairs) is leaving. She wants to have the position filled as soon as possible. A call for two full time faculty of the rank of Professor will be sent as soon as possible.

The Provost is meeting with the advisory board of the College of Arts and Humanities, and recently met with the department chairs of that college, to discuss when to initiate a search for a permanent dean.

Dean Gonzalez of the College of Social Sciences is taking a one year leave of absence next year to be an ACE fellow, though she is required to return to Fresno State for a year upon completion. The Provost will consult with college faculty about an interim dean.

1. Action items
2. Memo dated March 12, 2015, from Dennis Nef, Vice Provost, to Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: Plus Minus Grading. Email has been received.

MSC to send this to the AP&P Subcommittee on Academic Standards and Grading.

1. Memo dated March 25, 2015, from Deborah S. Adishian-Astone, Interim Vice President for Administrative Services to Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: Faculty Appointments to Search Committee – Associate Vice President for Human Resources. Memo has been received.

A call for two full time, tenured faculty will be sent.

1. APM 324 on Probationary Plans

Concerns were express whether we were adding a new layer of review and approval by having the provost sign off on departments’ model plans. Amendments were made to strike this requirement and make other modifications.

MSC to waive second reading

MSC to put this on the next agenda of the Academic Senate right after APM 325.

There was also discussion of the model probationary plan currently appended to APM 324. It was decided to send it to the Senate Personnel Committee for streamlining and perhaps be renamed as a “sample” rather than as a “model”.

1. Student Health Center Building Name Change

VP Lamas (Student Affairs) and Director Madrigal came to consult with the Senate Executive Committee about changing the name of the Student Health Center to the Student Health and Counseling Center. The committee gave the name change a full endorsement.

1. APM 114 Policy on Faculty Consultation and Voting and APM 125 Policy on Department Chairs.

After concerns were expressed, Chair Tsukimura (Personnel Committee) requested that these be sent back to the Senate Personnel Committee for revision so that the vote of lecturers will be determined by their WTUs that semester, with perhaps some consideration of how long each lecturer has served at Fresno State.

1. APM 253 Policy on Instructional Television Fixed Services and APM 206 Interim Policies and Procedures on Technology Mediated Courses and Programs.

Many clarifying questions were asked and concerns expressed over what exactly the policy covered and how it protected the intellectual property of faculty. Senator Ram (University-wide) and Senator Kensinger (Statewide) offered several amendments. Additional amendments will be made available for consideration prior to the next meeting of the Senate Executive Committee.

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 5:07pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on April 20, 2015 in HML 2108.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Thomas Holyoke Kevin Ayotte

Vice Chair Chair

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