THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members present: Thomas Holyoke (Chair), Bradley Hart (Vice Chair), Melanie Ram (At-large), Robert Harper (Provost), Loretta Kensinger (At-large), Jennifer Miele (At-large) Sarid Morales (ASI), Susan Schlievert (Statewide)

Members excused: Joseph Castro (Ex-officio), Rebecca Raya Fernandez (At-large)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate), Marsha Baum (AVP of Faculty Affairs)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 3:09 p.m. in HML 2108.

1. Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of March 4, 2019

Friendly amendment accepted

MSC approving the Minutes of March 4, 2019, as amended

1. Communications and announcements
   1. Chair Holyoke  
        
      Chair Holyoke announced that Faculty Affairs is considering ways to make the conversion to a new student ratings system next semester.
   2. Senator Kensinger (At-large)  
        
      The Senator announced that a CFA speaker will be discussing free speech this coming Friday.
   3. Action Items
      1. Email dated March 7, 2019, from Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Proposed Amendments to APM 127 (University Constitution) regarding Membership of the Academic Senate. Email has been received.  
           
         This item was sent to the agenda of the next committee meeting.
      2. Memo dated March 6, 2019, from Keith Clement, Chair Undergraduate Curriculum Subcommittee, to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Transmittal Memo for B.A. in Integrated Design Degree Program Elevation. Memo has been received.  
           
         This item was sent to the consent calendar of the next Academic Senate meeting.
      3. Email dated March 11, 2019, from Diana Ralls, Chief of Staff to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 320. Memo has been received.

This item was deemed to be purely informational and no action was taken.

1. MI Subcommittee Charge.   
     
   Chair Mullooly (AP&P) was recognized to introduce the item. AP&P has suggested that several members be appointed as ex-officio, non-voting members. This suggestion was made to maintain the typical committee structure of having equal representation from each college. Senator Ram (At-large) mentioned that several other committees have additional members from specific colleges with expertise in those areas. The Senator additionally suggested adding additional language to ensure that members have specific expertise in the M/I areas.   
     
   Senator Kensinger (At-large) asked what the timeline for the committee being assembled and beginning its work might be. Chair Holyoke stated that there was no limit placed on the interim GE policy, and this committee would not be responsible for drafting policy regardless. Therefore the committee would likely not meet until next year. Senator Kensinger (At-large) moved to strike the words “non-voting” from the first two ex officio positions. The motion was seconded.   
     
   Chair Mullooly stated that the feeling of AP&P was that the committee should be representative of all colleges, not specifically M/I specialists. Senator Kensinger stated that the intention of her motion is to ensure representation on the committee by specific specialists in the field and small programs. The motion was called to a vote and passed (2 abstentions).  
     
   Chair Holyoke asked whether Point 3 on the document should be clarified to specify the departments from which a representative might be drawn. Senator Kensinger replied that the intention is to include a member with specific international expertise. Chair Holyoke suggested that candidates be asked to spell out their specific experience in this area in their candidacy statements. Senator Kensinger moved to rewrite Point 3 to read “A faculty member with demonstrated expertise in international studies as defined in the M/I student outcomes”. The motion passed unanimously. Several other grammatical changes were accepted as friendly amendments.   
     
   Chair Holyoke reminded the committee that this subcommittee will be housed under the new incarnation of the Curriculum Committee. The Subcommittee will be assembled and begin its work next semester.   
     
   The motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously (1 abstention).

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Monday, April 29, 2019.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Bradley Hart Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

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