THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members excused: P. Adams, T. Botts, C. Copher, B. DerMugrdechian, M. Golden, K. McBee, C. Yun

Members absent: D. Lewis, S. Pooya, K. Sun

The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 4:16 p.m. in HML 2206 following the annual members’ photoshoot in the Peace Garden.

1. Approval of the agenda

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1. Approval of the Minutes of September 10, 2018

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1. Communications and announcements  
   1. Chair Tsukimura (Personnel Committee)

Announced that a new model probationary plan is available based on revisions to APM 324. The new plan clarifies Scholarship of Integration and service.

* 1. Chair Holyoke

Chair Holyoke commended former chair Botwin about the recent *Fresno Bee* article praising his efforts to help a student in need.

Chair Holyoke also reminded Senators that on November 5 there will be a budget briefing by the President and Vice President Astone. In addition, Senators will soon be asked to consider a course of action involving student ratings of teaching, though a date has not yet been set for that vote.

1. Consent calendar
   1. WASC Graduate Assessment

Dr. Melissa Jordine (Director of Assessment) was introduced. This item was created because WASC requires that we now have core competencies for graduate programs. The proposed rubrics were shown to Senators and described. These rubrics would be used by departments to evaluate core competencies. Considerable input was gathered in the development of the rubrics.

No objections were raised and the item was deemed passed.

1. Installation of new senators

The following new senators were introduced:

Neelam Chanda

Nursing

Neil Chowdhury

Art & Design

Tim Cupery

Sociology

Margaret Ellis

Plant Science

Sam Lankford

Recreation Administration

Fernando Parra

Accountancy

John Wakabayashi

Earth & Environmental Sciences

Wes Wise - Ex-Officio to serve during Vice Chair’s term

Media, Communications & Journalism

1. New business

There was no new business for the Academic Senate.

1. APM 320 Policy on Administrative Appointments.

Chair Tsukimura (Personnel Committee) introduced the item. A number of changes were highlighted to Senators, including changing the numbering system to a standard format. The title was made more concise, and additional MPP positions were defined. Listed procedures (Section V) were also updated. Some sections were eliminated from Section V because they are covered by other HR regulations and Executive Orders. Section VI relates to the composition of search committees. Some of the larger changes involve changes to the Provost Search Committee and were highlighted to Senators. Changes were also made to other Cabinet-level positions. The positions reporting to the Provost were also clarified. All appendices were deleted and moved into separate sections.

Senator Henson (English) raised a concern with section C-8 related to the discharge of a search committee and added a sentence related to communicating those reasons to the committee. The motion was seconded. Senator Botwin (Psychology) made a friendly amendment to clarify that it is the Executive Committee of the senate. The amendment was approved unanimously.

Senator Botwin (Psychology) observed that the new policy gave more power to the Executive Committee to make routine search committee appointments, and Senators may wish to consider this aspect of the policy.

Senator Van Camp (Criminology) asked why the Title IX Coordinator is not included in the Director of Athletics search. Vice President Astone stated that the Coordinator serves the entire university, and adding them to the search committee would make it larger and add potential difficulties to the search process. In addition, the President could choose to add the Coordinator to the search.

Senator Chowdhury (Art & Design) raised the omission of a representative of the College of Arts & Humanities on the current Provost search. Chair Holyoke observed that the proposed policy does add an additional member to the search committee. Senator Chowdhury argued further that there should be representation from the college. Chair Holyoke stated that amendments could be made to the document in the forthcoming meeting.

Senator Gillewicz (English) asked about the addition of a Bulldog Foundation member to the Director of Athletics search committee. Vice President Astone stated that these are auxiliaries to the university itself. Senator Cronin (Social Work Education) observed that the provost search committee seems somewhat small in comparison to the size of that of the Athletics Director search. Chair Tsumikura clarified that the Provost search committee is actually larger.

Senator Kensinger (Women’s Studies) asked who the president has recently been appointing auxiliary members to the Director of Athletics search committee. Vice President Astone clarified that the President generally does appoint those individuals. Senator Kensinger suggested that the Title IX coordinator might be added to that list as an option or suggestion to the president.

Chair Holyoke further clarified that the Executive Committee has previously negotiated with the President about the composition of the Provost and Director of Athletics searches, in terms of faculty and administrative balance.

Senator Mullooly (Anthropology) stated that AP&P has also examined this policy as part of the revision process.

Senator Botwin (Psychology) offered a point of information that the president’s appointments to search committees often includes faculty members.

The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:03 p.m. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be on October 22, 2018.

Submitted by Approved by

Bradley Hart Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

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