THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members present: Raymond Hall (Chair), Tinneke Van Camp (Vice Chair), Caroline Alvarez (ASI President), Rich DeJordy (At-Large), Kathleen Dyer (Universitywide), Xuanning Fu (Provost), Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval (President), Jennifer Miele (At-Large), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-Large), Susan Schlievert (Statewide)

Members excused:

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate), Sergio LaPorta (interim Director OIE), Bernadette Muscat (Dean of Undergraduate Studies), Alam Hasson (interim Vice Provost), Doug Fraleigh (University Faculty Director of Assessment)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall at 3:00 pm.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

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1. Approval of the Minutes 08.29.22.

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1. Communications and Announcements.

Communications from the Provost:

**Provost Fu** invitedDoug Fraleighto explain changes with regard to WASC reaffirmation.

**Fraleigh** explained that WASC has introduced a new pathway to reaffirmation, which matters for reaccreditation on our campus. The Thematic Pathway for Reaffirmation (TPR) is reserved for high performance institutions, and Fresno State has been invited to consider opting for this new pathway. This will involve reporting on self-selected themes in a self-study and allow focusing on what is most important for us to enhance quality, as long as the self-selected themes relate to WASC criteria for review and standards. The process is more streamlined. CSU sister campuses have used TPR already, and focused on student success or diversity, for instance, and others are considering it. We need to tell WASC whether we want to do TPR by November 1.

**Chair Hall** wanted to know whether there is a downside to doing this.

**Fraleigh** responded that there is no downside. If we do not choose to take the TPR, then we need to follow the regular WASC procedure for reaffirmation.

**Provost Fu** added that there is a standard template for all institutions, both public and private, for reaffirmation by WASC. TPR is reserved for institutions for which there is financial stability. It would be a more dynamic and more focused review, to allow us to tell our unique story and the Provost does not see a downside for doing this.

**Senator DeJordy** wanted to know what the implications are for the next accreditation cycle if we choose TPR now.

**Provost Fu** responded that as a high-performance institution, we are on a 10-year cycle of reaffirmation and we cannot know whether there will be more changes from WASC ten years from now.

**Fraleigh** added that there is nothing in the guidelines on TPR that says that we would be stuck with the themes we would select this year.

**Senator Schlievert** asked what other CSUs are using TPR.

**Fraleigh** responded that Northrigde and CalPoly have used it. Eastbay is considering it.

**Senator Dyer** wanted to know whether this would still involve looking at SOAPS and separate departments.

**Fraleigh** responded that if assessment is not part of the themes we would self-select, then they probably will not drill down as much on SOAPS.

**Provost Fu** added that SOAPS would probably still be attached but reviewed with less scrutiny. TPR will allows us to tell the best story about ourselves.

**Chair Hall** offered that this could be an opportunity for reflection and growth.

**Senator Raya-Fernandez** asked about the timeframe for completion.

**Fraleigh** responded that Spring 2023 would be the time to select our themes, and once we got approval on those themes from WASC, we will have 2023 and 2024 to have it ready by 2025.

**Senator Raya-Fernandez** also wanted to know who would be on the committee preparing this self-study.

**Provost Fu** responded that there would be a committee as well as subcommittees on each theme, involving department chairs, faculty, staff, and representatives from administration. The Office of the Provost will be closely involved.

**Chair Hall** asked who would inform WASC about our decision to use TPR.

**Provost Fu** explained that the President signs off on this, after consultation.

**Chair Hall** wanted to know whether we need to take this to the entire Senate.

**Hasson** responded that this would be up to the chair of the Senate.

**Chair Hall** then offered that we will consider this as a first reading item and then formally vote in the next executive committee meeting.

*No more questions for the Provost.*

Communications from the President:

**President Jiménez-Sandoval** informed the committee about the ongoing strategic planning process. The strategic plan will have an impact on communications with the community about funding. The more informed, the stronger the plan will be. The first town hall meeting with faculty and staff about the new strategic plan took place today. There was a very good energy at this first town hall. Another town hall meeting with faculty and staff will happen tomorrow. There will then be meetings with special groups on our campus, *e.g.* department chairs.

*No questions for the President.*

Communications from Schlievert (Statewide Senator):

The ASCSU is requesting feedback on the ICAS proposal in response to AB928, the deadline for which has moved up.

**Chair Hall** will offer more information on this once there is more clarity on the ICAS proposal on a single transfer pathway in response to AB928.

**Senator Dyer** wanted to know what is in the ICAS proposal now. For instance, does it concern moving GE area E to upper division, as was included in the proposal on this in April?

**Chair Hall** responded that he is trying to make sure that the April proposal is the final proposal, as this is still being discussed. As soon as there is clarity that this is no longer a moving target, it can be shared with senators and chairs. He added that certain departments on our campus might be more impacted by the proposed single pathway transfer requirements than others.

**Senator Schlievert** added that State legislature requires this to happen, whatever the plan is.

**Senator DeJordy** asked what the deadline for feedback is.

**Dean Muscat** responded that the deadline for feedback to the ASCSU is October 24.

**Senator DeJordy** wanted to know what happens if we fail to reach an agreement.

**Senator Schlievert** responded that administrators of the three systems will then decide.

**Senator Miele** sought clarification on whether we need to produce one feedback document for our entire campus or for our senate.

**Chair Hall** responded that there will be feedback from department chairs and from faculty through the senate.

**Senator DeJordy** asked whether, after all CSU campuses submitted feedback, is this being compiled by the CSU to then formulate a CSU recommendation?

**Senator Schlievert** responded that the executive board of the statewide Senate compiles them all and then that is presented.

Communications from Chair Hall:

Item 14. MS Biology Application Requirements Change will be removed from the agenda because approval only needs to be given at the University Graduate Committee.

**Action Items**

1. Memo dated September 2, 2022, from Bao Johri, Vice President for Information Technology and CIO to Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: Faculty Representation for Technology Steering Committee (TSC). Memo has been received.

Suggestion: call for service

1. Email dated August 29, 2022, from Xuanning Fu, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: Search for Vice Provost. Email has been received.

Suggestion: call for service

1. Nominations (Executive Session):
   1. Athletics Advisory Council
   2. Associate Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness Search Committee

Suggestion: in executive session today

1. New Business.

None

1. Executive Session.

Motion to appoint Mara Brady to the search committee for the AVP for Institutional Effectiveness and for Chair Hall to reach out to faculty with an interest in big data and student ratings for one additional required faculty representative.

Approved

Motion to appoint Nicole Walsh to the Athletics Advisory Council.

Approved

1. Strategic Plan. Time Certain 4:00-5:00p.m.

Executive session on 2023-28 strategic planning process with Dr. Sal Rinella at request of President Jiménez-Sandoval.

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The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 5:00pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on October 3.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Tinneke Van Camp Raymond Hall

Vice Chair Chair

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