THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE (AS-13)

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Members excused: N. Akhavan, R. Klepper

Members absent: B. Der Mugrdechian, G. Newell, S. Pao, S. Peterson, K. Smith, B. Taylor, B. Yang

In-person attendance: 24 Zoom attendance: 28

The Academic Senate was called to order by **Chair Hall** at 4:02 p.m. in Library room 2206 and via Zoom video conferencing.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

*Motion to approve agenda*

*Motion seconded*

*Vote on the amended agenda: approved*

1. Approval of the Minutes of 4/10/23.

**Senator Jenkins:** Correction to affirm a second was given

(revised minutes sent Monday morning included this correction)

**Senator Maldonado**: Was present

**Senator Jenkins***: Motion to approve the amended minutes*

*Motion seconded*

*Vote on the amended minutes: approved*

1. Communications and Announcements.

Communications from Chair Hall

**Senator Schlievert:** In regards to the issue regarding the community college bachelor’s degrees, the CA legislature sent a memo on 4/18 to CC leaders strongly urging the CCs to pause this cycle of applications.

(This document was uploaded to the senate website.)

**Chair Hall:** Wednesday, there is a Diversity town hall – all are encouraged to attend in person or via zoom. Next week’s meeting on 5/1 will be about the university budget.

1. New senators installed:

**Newly elected**

Neil Chowdhury

Art, Design, and Art History

Hongwei Dong

Geography and City and Regional Planning

Hillary Jones

Communication

Rory Klepper

Aerospace

Shauna Miller

Nursing

Aldea Mulhern

Philosophy

Denise Ramirez

Kinesiology

Jaime Rodriguez Matos

Modern & Classical Languages and Literatures

Kevin Smith

Viticulture and Enology

Shahab Tayeb

Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Universitywide**

Thomas Holyoke (1-yr term)

Political Science

Melanie Ram (3-yr term)

Political Science

**Re-elected**

Kamil Ciftci

Information Systems and Decision Sciences

Melanie Hernandez

English

Amanda Mortimer

Psychology

John Wakabayashi

Earth and Environmental Science

1. New Business. – None
2. Consent calendar
   1. Nominations/Appointments to the Nominating/Election Committee.
   2. Nominations/Appointments to the Committee for Faculty Equity and Diversity (CFED).
   3. Nominations/Appointments to the Student Affairs Committee.
3. Election – Nominations – Nominating/Elections Committee.
   1. Chair/Vice Chair – Academic Senate

Chair – Ray Hall, elected by acclimation

Vice Chair – Amber Crowell, elected by acclimation

* 1. Executive Committee – Three Positions

University-wide – ballot to be sent via email

State-wide – Susan Schlievert, elected by acclimation

Member-at-large – Jennifer Miele, elected by acclimation

**Chair Hall:** Thank you for your faith in me and for reelecting me. Looking forward to working with Dr. Crowell. Andrea had done a great job, thank you. Susan and Jen, good to have you both back.

1. APM 322 – Policy on Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness.

**Vice Chair Roach on behalf of Senator Alexandrou:** Senator Alexandrou emailed this change to us – *Item II. C. 2. Add In the case of online or hybrid courses, the person conducting the peer review should have appropriate credentials to teach such courses (for example QLT or ACUE training).*

*Motion.*

*Seconded.*

**Senator Holyoke:** Expresses concern with this addition as departments that don’t have many trained faculty may increase the workload of those who can evaluate.

**Senator Ram:** Evaluators don’t necessarily need the training to review the course, especially if they have taught the class.

**Senator Stillmaker:** I would like to make a motion to add the word preferably.

Seconded.

**AVP Schmidtke:** To teach online, instructors have to have training. Those who have gotten online evaluations by non-online instructors have complained.

**Senator Chowdhury:** Point of logic – eligibility to peer eval should maybe go in II. C. 1.

*Vote to add preferably, carries.*

**Senator Bryant:** 1,284 professors currently meet APM 206 requirements for online teaching, with duplicates removed.

**Senator Stillmaker:** Suggest a friendly amendment to move this to II. C. 1.

**Senator Fulop:** Support for AVP Schmidtke’s point. Peers have received evals that were negative just because the reviewer didn’t think it should be taught online.

*Vote to add “In the case of online or hybrid courses, the person conducting the peer review would preferably have appropriate credentials to teach such courses (for example QLT or ACUE training).” to II. C. 1., carries.*

**Senator Lent:** *Motion to delete I. B. e. and add to d. ‘without allowing incentives’*

*Seconded.*

**Senator Holyoke:** expresses support

*Vote to delete I. B. e and add to d., carries.*

Discussion on the floor about response rates. No motion made. **Senators Holyoke** and **Ram** expressed concerns about leaving decisions regarding response rates to the department. **Senator Pitts** expressed concerns that getting a certain response rate should not be on the professor, that it should be on the university, and any language in the document that mentions professors increasing the response rate should be stricken. **Senator Johanson** stated agreement. **Senator Lent** points out I. B. is where some language is found about this being on faculty but is that individual or the faculty body?

**Senator Ram:** *Motion to edit III. C. 5. d. to remove ‘it is recommended that’ and add ‘should’*

*Seconded.*

*No vote.*

**Senator Pinzon-Perez:** Is a proctor needed during student ratings if they are online in a classroom?

**Chair Hall:** No, a proctor is not needed.

*The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:15p.m.*

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The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be on May 1, 2023.

Submitted by Approved by

Andrea Roach Ray Hall

Vice Chair Chair

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