THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members excused: N. Akhavan, I. Basurto, A. Jassim, M. Jenkins, D. Lewis, U. Müller, R. Raya-Fernandez, S. Sherchan, F. Vermote

Members absent: B. DerMugrdechian, J. Giglio, C. Henson, A. Liu, M. Menchaca, R. Thornton, J. Whiting

The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 4:07pm in HML 2206.

1. Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of April 13, 2015

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1. Approval of correction to the minutes of February 2, 2015

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1. Communications and announcements
2. Provost Zelezny

Expressed great concern about the earthquake devastation to Nepal, noting that several faculty members and a few students come from there and have family there whom they have not been able to contact. The university will be setting up an emergency aid fund.

1. Senator Dangi (Geography and City and Regional Planning)

Spoke about the tragedy in Nepal, noting that he and three other faculty members are from Nepal. He asked the Academic Senate to observe a moment of silence.

A moment of silence was observed.

1. Senator Kensinger (Statewide Senate)

Congratulated Chair Ayotte for being selected as the recipient of the provost’s award for faculty service (along with Dr. Kathryn Forbes).

1. Senator Benevides (Statewide Senate)

On April 14, 2015, he was one of 24 statewide senators who went to Sacramento to meet with members of the legislature, or at least their staff, asking for the return of state funding to the CSU. Everyone they talked to was supportive of it.

He is on the search committee for a statewide Chief Information Officer, which hopes to make a final selection in May.

He has also been appointed to a task force that is working with the Chancellor’s Office on a new on-line platform that may replace Blackboard (whose contract ends in 2016).

1. Vice President Castadio (Advancement)

Introduced herself to the Academic Senate and noted that many donors have enjoyed meeting faculty and get excited learning about their research. She would like to have the Senate Advancement Committee reconstituted next year. Her phone number is 278-8672.

1. Senator Williams (Agricultural Business)

Noted that Football Coach DeRuyter and his wife will be hosting a breast cancer awareness fundraiser on the campus on May 4.

1. Installation of new senators

The following new senators were installed:

Paula Durette, Art and Design

Qiao-Hong Chen, Chemistry

Chris Langer, Library

Alex Liu, Computer Science

Jes Therkelsen, Mass Communication and Journalism

Peter Garcia, Nursing

Bruce Roberts, Plant Science

Samendra Sherchan, Public Health

Nancy Delich, Social Work Education

Deborah Helsel, Sociology

Elizabeth Waldman, Theater Arts

The following senators were re-appointed:

Meta Schettler, Africana Studies

Barlow derMugrdechian, Armenian Studies

Susan Schlievert, Curriculum and Instructions

John Wakabayashi, Earth and Environmental Sciences

Nancy Akhaven, Educational Leadership

Chris Henson, English

Magdalena Gilewicz, English

Athanasios Alexandrou, Industrial Technology

James Taylor, Information Systems and Decision Sciences

Patricia Turnbull, Marketing and Logistics

Michael Jenkins, Mechanical Engineering

John Karr, Music

Robert Maldonado, Philosophy

Michael Botwin, Psychology

Rebecca Raya-Fernandez, Student Services Professionals

1. Elections – Nominations – Nominations and Elections Committee

Chair Spencer (Nominations and Elections Committee) chaired this part of the meeting.

1. Chair

Two candidates nominated:

Dr. Kevin Ayotte (Communications)

Dr. Michael Jenkins (Mechanical Engineering)

The Academic Senate elected Dr. Ayotte as Chair of the Academic Senate

1. Vice Chair

Two candidates nominated:

Dr. Thomas Holyoke (Political Science)

Dr. Michael Jenkins (Mechanical Engineering)

The Academic Senate elected Dr. Holyoke as Vice Chair of the Academic Senate

1. Senate Executive Committee

Two open at-large positions

Senator Kensinger (Statewide)nominated Senator Raya-Fernandez (Student Services)

Senator Crask (Construction Management) nominated Senator Jenkins (Mechanical Engineering)

Senator Raya-Fernandez and Senator Jenkins were elected to the Senate Executive Committee by acclamation.

1. New business

There was no new business.

1. APM 324 – Probationary Plans

Amendment offered by Senator Chapman (Modern and Classical Languages), Senator Gilewicz (English), and Senator Ram (University-wide).

MSC accepting the amendment

MSC approving APM 324 as amended

1. APM 337 – Faculty Workload Policies and Procedures

Senator Fulop (Linguistics) recommended a general overhaul for this policy, noting that he had sent a memo to the Senate Executive Committee years ago requesting this because of inconsistencies in the language, and had received in 2012 a response indicating that it would be temporarily removed from the APM, though it was not and could not have been removed. His concerns were with Section II, paragraph A, sub-section 4.

Chair Tsukimura (Senate Personnel Committee) indicated that the committee would take up Section II of APM 337 next year.

Many clarification questions were asked by senators.

MSC sending APM 337 back to the Senate Personnel Committee to deal with the following concerns (1 “nay” vote):

* The lack of language recognizing research as a legitimate activity of faculty in the calculation of workload (to be recognized in both Sections I and II)
* Clarification of the role of faculty service in the workload calculation
* Removal of references to the number of hours of the week for different faculty workloads
* Consider combining Sections I and II together
* Consider less restrictive language dividing teaching from other activities in the assignment of weighted teaching units.

1. APM 332 – Policy on Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness

MSC waiving second reading

MSC approving APM 332

1. APM 114 – Policy on Faculty Consultation and Voting

Friendly amendment offered on a grammar issue.

AVP Caldwell (Faculty Affairs) noted that this has come before the Academic Senate because of arbitration issues.

Senator Kensinger (Statewide Senate) noted that the Statewide Academic Senate is encouraging all campus senates to consider giving temporary faculty some voting rights.

Motion made and seconded to waive second reading (never voted on).

The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:30pm.

The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be May 4, 2015.

Submitted by Approved by

Thomas Holyoke Kevin Ayotte

Vice Chair Chair

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