THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members present: Thomas Holyoke (Chair), Raymond Hall (Vice Chair), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-Large), Tinneke Van Camp (At-Large), Jennifer Miele (At-Large), Lisa Bryant (Universitywide), Susan Schlievert (Statewide), Saul Jiménez-Sandoval (Provost), Elizabeth Zuñiga (ASI Executive President)

Members excused: Joseph Castro (President)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate), Xuanning Fu (Interim Provost), Marsha L. Baum (AVP for Faculty Affairs)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 3:03 pm on Zoom.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

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1. Approval of the Minutes 11.16.20 MSC
2. Communications and Announcements.

Provost Jiménez-Sandoval briefly updated the committee about ongoing discussions of the Spring 2021 semester. One possibility is that face to face classes may start a bit later (mid to late Feb) than the virtual courses (which will be on the regular schedule), but no decisions made yet. County wide, current face to face classes are still meeting, but may be halted if a severe breakout occurs. The Ethnic Studies requirement implantation plan is still under discussion and consultation, but the Provost expects a vote on a plan soon. On the matter of space on campus for student study and internet access, the county would allow it, but under logistical constraints that the University cannot afford at this time, especially when we are under code purple and fully expect the State to enact further restrictions.

Chair Holyoke inquired if the committee will be announced for the special search for the positions of Assistant to Provost, and in another matter, is cancelling Spring Break being considered here (as it has been considered at the Stanislaus and San Diego campuses). The Provost indicated a committee announcement would be coming soon, and on the matter of Spring Break, our strong infrastructure, protocols, and preparedness make this unlikely.

Ms. Zuñiga inquired about student study space on campus for Spring. The Provost promised the University will keep focused on that goal.

Ms. Zuñiga invited all to attend ASI meeting this Wednesday.

Sen Bryant inquired if there will be any University sponsored graduation recognition as her students have been asking about this. Ms. Zuñiga followed up that ASI is concerned about the graduation fees paid by every student and asked where these fees are being used, in the hope that funds will be used for something creative to mark graduation and allow family participation. The Provost advised that Dr. Coon is exploring ways to celebrate, and to please contact her with suggestions.

Chair Holyoke described the process of forming the Presidential advisory committee according to the plan formed last time we had a search for President, which had a three stage process. Must send out and announcement to find two faculty members (full prof only) interested, with two rounds of voting to sort it out. Restrictions include that the two must not come from same college and balloting by website. President Castro wants the committee in place by end of January, and this will not be possible to meet if we start after Winter Break. We could start this semester, but as of today, we are waiting for President Castro to clear the process initiation. The Provost stated that he was under the impression we could start now. He told the committee that he will consult the Dr. Castro and get that information to Chair Holyoke.

The committee also recommends that the search for the two faculty representatives exclude COSS due to Chair Holyoke’s automatic participation.

**Action Items**

A. Memo dated November 19, 2020 from James Mullooly, Chair Academic Policy and Planning Committee to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 231 Policy on Adding and Dropping Classes. Memo has been received.

Suggestion: Consideration of aligning add and drop deadlines is the main issue: AP&P advises against.

Dr. Fu described the background of implementing the one day delay between the drop deadline and final day to add. Students prior to this policy had a hard time getting into classes due to very last minute drops. So a day change forces students to make their drops so that within the last 24 hours course are open to students on waitlists. He mentioned that this change seems to have been very successful in allowing enrollment to be where it serves students’ needs the best.

The committee will consult further with AP&P.

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The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 4:10 pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held December 7, at 3:00 PM via Zoom.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Raymond Hall Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

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