THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE (AS-14)

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Members excused: L. Bryant, R. Keppler, D. Ramirez, P. Turnbull

Members absent: H. Dong, K. Fobear, G. Newell, A. Panagopoulos, S. Pao, S. Peterson, R. Riar, B. Yang

In-person attendance: 24 Zoom attendance: 26

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.

**Senator Alexandrou:** Move to pull APM 322, issues need to be fine-tuned by Personnel re: response rate and incentives.

**Senator Ram:** If we do send it back, we should provide specific points we would like for Personnel to address.

**Chair Hall:** Senators are welcome to submit any comments to me.

*Motion to approve amended agenda*

*Motion seconded*

*Vote on the amended agenda: approved*

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

**Senator Pinzón-Perez:** Add to the minutes the question about a proctor being needed in class if the student ratings are online, and the answer being that a proctor is not needed. Add to the end of the meeting.

*Motion to approve the amended minutes*

*Motion seconded*

*Vote on the amended minutes: approved*

1. Communications and Announcements.

Communications from President Jiménez-Sandoval

**President Jiménez-Sandoval:** Will provide a presentation

* 1. Budget Report – Deborah Adishian-Astone, Vice President for Administration and CFO

**Senator Holyoke:** What is the duration for payments on CUPR?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** 30 years, which includes maintenance, and we will own it at the end.

**Senator Pinzón-Perez:** Where is the money coming from for legal issues?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** That is part of the risk pool, which covers legal expenses and investigations.

**Senator Pitts:** Why did utilities costs go up?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** Rates are going up, even though consumption is going down.

**Senator Stillmaker:** Can you explain the tuition reserve?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** That is explained on a later slide.

**Senator Stillmaker:** What is the one-time $1 million to Athletics?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** It is to offset the budget, and the $1 million is actually less than before; we continue to watch the Athletics budget and this one-time cost is not built into their budget for next year.

**Senator Holyoke:** What are the loans for Bulldog Stadium?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** One is for the electric system, and the other is for field turf.

**Senator Holyoke:** The infrastructure costs are significant.

**VP Adishian-Astone:** There is a lot of deferred maintenance that will need private support.

**Senator Ram:** Is the $3.7 million for Athletics coming from the tuition reserve?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** Yes.

**Senator Maldonado:** Is some of the tech budget in Academic Affairs?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** Not tech services.

**Provost Fu:** The big spending in tech is software, which is increasing with inflation. Between Tech Services, IDEAS, and Academic Affairs, we share the tech costs. The Chancellor’s Office has advised centralizing these costs and we are exploring ideas between Tech Services and IDEAS.

**Senator Holyoke:** What is the total Athletics budget?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** $42 million, and

**Senator Holyoke:** So we are picking up 20-25% of that?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** This is comparable to other Mountain West schools.

**Senator Mason:** These are large numbers for Athletics, but the Marching Band gets little. Athletics should help pay for Marching Band. This is frustrating – can band be put in Athletics Budget?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** Scholarships for band and cheer support are covered in University support. But travel and other costs are not covered. We are working on this, it should not be difficult for band.

**President Jiménez-Sandoval:** I have convened Athletics, the band director, the Provost, and VP Adishian-Astone to draft an MOU to resolve these issues. The GoFundMe for band was specifically for the Rose Bowl and the Ireland trip. The MOU will resolve it.

**Senator Mason:** The band is the pride of the valley, we should support them.

**Senator Pitts:** Does player pay go in these numbers?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** No, because that goes directly to the athletes.

**Senator Mason:** We are fighting for hires to replace retirements. What is the plan to replace faculty retirements?

**Provost Fu:** Decisions for tenure-track hires have been made. We slightly overcompensated for how many FTFs we will lose. Deans are deciding now where to prioritize. We would rather start conservatively because of declining enrollment.

**Senator Ram:** Are we moving in the direction to improve tenure density?

**Provost Fu:** We are always trying, but we want to be careful and conservative to not go over our resources.

**Senator Ram:** Were faculty involved in discussions on student retention strategies?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** No.

**Senator Ram:** Faculty would have ideas on how to retain students.

**Senator Ram:** On Academic Affairs funding, we are moving closer to 69.89% on level A funding but we’re still not up there, we’re at 68.29%.

**VP Adishian-Astone:** That is the level of any new funding, and this is the actual percentage you are getting from the total Level A allocation. It is very close, but a different percentage. This year we did not use the percentages that we normally use because of campus-wide priorities.

**Senator Pinzón-Perez:** Commended for including the Office of Equity and Engagement, but why is it set to 0%?

**VP Adishian-Astone:** It is not actually 0%, their allocation is to be determined.

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

The next meeting of the Academic Senate to be announced.

Submitted by Approved by

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