THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members present: Raymond Hall (Chair), Amber Crowell (Vice Chair), Jennifer Miele (At-Large), Xuanning Fu (Provost), Susan Schlievert (Statewide), Lisa Bryant (At-Large)

Members excused: Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval (President), Aaron Stillmaker (University-wide), Karen Carrillo (ASI rep), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-Large)

Guests: Amanda Saucedo-Torres (Academic Senate/Provost’s Office) Bernadette Muscat (Dean of Undergraduate Studies), Jim Schmidtke (AVP of Faculty Affairs), Maritere Lopez (University Graduate Committee)

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

1. Approval of the Agenda.

**Chair Hall** removed item 10 (APM 206) from the agenda

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1. Approval of the Minutes of 02.12.24

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1. Communications and Announcements.

Communications from Provost Fu: The Provost reviewed changes that would come from AB 928, which includes adding a lab to Biological or Physical sciences (already done), reducing 3 units from Area C, and removing Area E. Area C will lose a third of enrollment. These changes will open up 6 units. The campus will decide where to place those units. Chancellor’s Office will provide summer stipends for faculty to work on this over summer, must be ready by 2025-2026 catalog.

**L. Bryant** asked if the 6 free units will become campus requirement. Provost confirmed. One possibility is a university-wide first year experience. We may need a faculty task force similar to how we handled Area F.

**Provost** will return for more input after Board of Trustees votes on GE.

**S. Schlievert** shared that the GE Advisory Committee met last week and is still discussing details until the BoT makes a decision. At the last BoT, a straw poll showed that they will want a unified GE pathway. Chair of ASCSU wants BoT to hold off on voting, but BoT aren’t persuaded.

**Chair Hall** asked which committee handles university requirements. **Dean Muscat** said possibly UGC, but AP&P worked with Political Science on university requirements and AP&P worked with UGC.

* 1. Email dated February 15,2024, from David Low, Chair of University Personnel Committee, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate, and Amber Crowell, Vice Chair of Academic Senate re: COSS bylaws review + Questions on APM 323, APM 311, APM 399 and APM 327. Email has been received.

Suggestion: Information received.

* 1. Email dated February 15,2024, from David Low, Chair of University Personnel Committee, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate, and Amber Crowell, Vice Chair of Academic Senate re: APM 323 to be expedited. Email has been received.

**Chair Hall** notes that this is an urgent item and should not take long to get through Senate. Would like to move APM 323 after APM 220.

Suggestion: Move APM 323 to item after APM 220 on Senate agenda.

* 1. Memo dated February 15,2024, from David Low, Chair of University Personnel Committee, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate, and Amber Crowell, Vice Chair of Academic Senate re: Proposed changes to COSS bylaws. Memo has been received.

Suggestion: Ask for memo from Dean Lowham to move to action items at next EC meeting.

* 1. Email dated February 15,2024, from David Low, Chair of University Personnel Committee, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate, and Amber Crowell, Vice Chair of Academic Senate re: APM 327 request for Guidance. Email has been received.

**Chair Hall** suggests bringing redlined APM 327 to EC agenda.

Suggestion: Bring redlined APM 327 to EC agenda.

* 1. Email dated February 15, 2024, from David Low, Chair of Personnel Committee, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate, and Amber Crowell, Vice Chair of the Academic Senate re: University Personnel Committee concerns regarding APM 399 (Policy on Emerit Status).

**Chair Hall** explained that Personnel Committee’s issue is with sensitivity of certain matters when status is revoked.

Suggestion: D. Low will be invited to speak to Senate about concerns.

* 1. Memo dated February 21, 2024, from Bao Johari, Vice President for Information Technology and CIO, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: Faculty Search Committee for AVP/Deputy Chief Information Officer. Memo has been received.

Suggestion: Send out call for service

* 1. Email dated February 26, 2024, from Diana Ralls, Chief of Staff, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: A visit from Trustee Molina Mancio and Trustee Yee-Melichar will be on Wednesday April 3rd. Need volunteers from the Academic Senate to meet with them. Email has been received.

Suggestion: Available faculty are L. Bryant, A. Crowell

* 1. Memo dated February 27, from Maritere Lopez, Chair of University Graduate Committee, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of Academic Senate re: Additional changes to Option Elevation-Mechanical Engineering. Memo has been received.

Suggestion: Add to EC agenda

* 1. Email dated February 28, 2024, from Bernadette Muscat, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of Academic Senate re: Open call for 1 member of Undergraduate curriculum to serve on the selection committee.

Dean Muscat explained that Interdisciplinary Studies needs a program chair to oversee SOAP and program review. Committee has been formed, but needs faculty member. Would like EC’s permission to ask an Undergraduate Curriculum Committee member to serve.

**AVP Schmidtke** clarified that faculty voice is important.

Suggestion: EC approves Dean Muscat recruiting from UCC.

1. New Business.

*None*

1. Priority Registration – Information item. Second Reading
2. APM 406 – New Policy Priority and Early Registration. Second Reading

*Motion to send APM 406 to Senate agenda*

*Second*

*Approved*

1. APM 311 – Policy on Teaching Associates. Second Reading

**M. Lopez** provided context on changes. Concerns with international and undocumented students being ineligible for these positions because of FAFSA requirement. Found out that Personnel added this language, but it was unclear why it was added. The best guess is that it was added to prevent students from getting funded through state grant and assistantship. Language was changed to remove FAFSA requirement, but also include confirmation that students haven’t received state grant before getting teaching associate position. It only impacts a small number of programs that actually have teaching associates. This is about access and who is excluded.

*Approved to send APM 311 to Senate agenda*

1. Executive Session

*Began at 3:36*

*Ended at 3:44*

**Cory Brooks** and **Patricia López** appointed to the Search Committee for the Dean of the Research and Graduate Studies

Adjourned: 3:50 PM