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), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-Large)

Members excused: Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval (President), Aaron Stillmaker (University-wide), Karen Carrillo (ASI rep)

Guests: Amanda Saucedo-Torres (Academic Senate/Provost’s Office) Jim Schmidtke (AVP of Faculty Affairs), Bernadette Muscat (Dean of Undergraduate Studies), Nichole Walsh (AP&P), David Low (Personnel)

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

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Chair Hall removed APM 222 from agenda.

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1. Approval of the Minutes of 03.04.24

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1. Communications and Announcements.

Communications from Provost Fu: The **Provost** wishes everybody a good week and a good Spring Break. Academic Affairs is operating normally, reviewing RTP, medalists, and Provost’s Awards. Anxiously waiting on budget update. APM 337 has returned because Measure E has not passed. We need to get the program started and prepare for budget update. This is related to NCURA review, will receive report in 30 days.

**Senator Bryant** asked the **Provost** about an email regarding reduction in classroom seating.

**Chair Hall** received many emails from chairs, and we need more information about where these decisions came from.

The **Provost** was alerted by **Chair Hall** and inquired about it and found out that the request came from the fire marshal. But we cannot follow the fire marshal’s request, it would cost hundreds of FTEs and millions of dollars, so we need a year to evaluate. Changes will not happen this year.

**Senator Bryant** pointed out that the new rules would mean that double classes could not happen anymore under new rules because there are no rooms that meet the standards.

**Dean Muscat** explained that we are behind on implementing new rules, but some classes are already meeting the new rules and we can focus on them first.

**Chair Hall** requested that we have a faculty liaison on committee to evaluate current classroom situation and new rules. **Dean Muscat** responded that there is no committee yet, but will put request in to have faculty involved in Facilities Management evaluation.

Communications from Chair Hall: **Senator Bryant** has volunteered to serve on ACAL committee.

**Dean Muscat** shared that new 2-year ACAL is nearly approved thanks to **Senator Bryant** joining the committee.

**Chair Hall** advised the EC to be prepared for APM 220 to return to the floor and also be aware of APM 214 and APM 223. Both APMs are program discontinuance policies and address senator concerns about accreditation changes. APM 337 is returning and we will try to find the funding and APM 337 needs to use “assigned time” phrasing. We should think about the approach being that research should not be part of RTP if research is not funded through assigned time. Colleges should decide how RSCA gets counted.

**Senator Bryant** shared that the APM might have trouble on floor if we try to use language that lets colleges decide because some colleges have more resources than the other and this could exacerbate workload disparities.

**Chair Hall** responded that this APM would promote more fair distribution. **Senator Bryant** responded that this could exacerbate workload disparities because of assigned time funding also going to colleges that already have resources.

**Senator Miele** pointed out that the APM that did pass Senate already leaves it up to colleges to determine what meets the standard.

1. Email dated March 5, 2024, from Elizabeth Lowham, Dean, College of Social Sciences, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: COSS Articles of Governance. Email received.

Suggestion: Put on agenda, request redlined version.

1. Email dated March 5, 2024, from Dr. Aaron Stillmaker, Universitywide, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: review and modify APM 320, Article IV.B. to include selection and eligibility criteria for college of Associate Deans to mimic other academic MPP’s.

**D. Low** shared that this issue has never come to Personnel.

Suggestion: Put on agenda.

1. New Business.

**Chair Hall** would like to have EC discussion with chairs of AP&P and Personnel and Provost on ways to modify APM 337.

**D. Low** will find out how recently Personnel discussed APM 337. Some of the work will be making sure that APM 337 works with other 300 level APMs. Personnel is committed to working on APM 337.

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1. APM 203 – BA/BS in Interdisciplinary Studies (formerly Special Majors), Updates & Revisions. Second reading

**N. Walsh** explained that the APM follows the executive order.

**Vice Chair Crowell** noted that the redlined version provided to EC is out of date.

**Senator Miele** asked who the advisors are referenced in the APM. **Senator Miele** also identified typo, should say “Dean of Undergraduate/Graduate Studies”

**Chair Hall** said we will revisit APM 203 when we get the updated redlined.

**Senator Raya-Fernandez** asked about Section II.B.2 about students developing a list of courses – why is this not done with the advisor?

**Dean Muscat** explained that this section is about what is on the form, but **Senator Raya-Fernandez** is correct that the list of courses would be created with University Advising Center.

Language will be changed to clarify that students develop list of courses with University Advising.

1. Executive Session

*Began: 3:43 pm*

*Ended: 3:47 pm*

Florence Cassel appointed to search committee for the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies.

Adjourned: 3:48 PM