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), Aaron Stillmaker (University-wide), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-Large)

Members excused: Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval (President), 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)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall at 3:02 pm.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

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1. Approval of the Minutes of 03.18.24

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1. Communications and Announcements.

Communications from Provost Fu: Budget update: Chancellor’s Office issued memo to all campuses asking to be extremely cautious, biggest challenge is uncertainty. We will know for sure after May revise. Prepare for 1-5% budget cuts. Campuses doing more are Monterey Bay, Channel Islands, Chico, and Sonoma. Fresno State is not making actionable decisions yet, but preparing including review of release time (not related to research or grants) from general fund items that can be delayed. Review faculty hires that can be delayed. Most colleges were not affected last year. Emphasis on delay. Relatively fewer retirement requests this year. President would like to cut other areas before impacting Academic Affairs. Update on AB 928: CO is circulating draft EO, deadline for feedback is April 22. Anticipate new EO by end of month. CO is appropriating money to do work of being in compliance with EO, including faculty summer time to make curricular decisions. The Provost emphasizes urgency of this matter.

**Dean Muscat** clarified that Executive Order will arrive at end of May, not April.

**Senator Bryant** shared that the webinar made it clear that alignment with Executive Order is a campus requirement. The Provost confirmed that changes will be determined by faculty.

1. Email dated March 20, 2024, from Debbie Adishian-Astone, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: AVP Facilities Management Search Committee. Email received.

Suggestion: Call for service sent out, will send out again along with call for service for Deputy CIO.

1. Memo dated March 22, 2024, from Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, President, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: Faculty Appointments to Search Committee-Director of Athletics. Memo received.

Suggestion: Call for service sent out.

1. Memo dated April 3, 2024 from Harry Xia, Chair of the University Budget Committee to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: review of new program results: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Asian American and Asian Studies. Memo received.

Suggestions: None

1. Memo Dated April 10,2024, from Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, President, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: Faculty Representation-Athletics Advisory Council.

Memo Received.

Suggestion: Send out call for service – check with Chair Hall.

1. Email dated April 10,2024 from Dr. Bernadette Muscat, Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Interim Dean of Library Services, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: updated EO 1101. Email received.

Suggestion: Distributed to GE and AP&P, will formulate information for campus response. Add to agenda.

1. Memo dated April 10, 2024 from Dr. Hayssam El-Razouk, chair of the University Curriculum Committee, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: Approval of the Architectural Studies Pilot Conversion Proposal. Memo received.

**Dean Muscat** shared that this pilot has several students, and they now want to elevate it to a permanent degree.

Suggestions: Add to agenda, invite appropriate parties to speak on behalf of program in front of Senate.

1. New Business.

*None*

1. COSS Articles of Governance

Motion to approve COSS Articles of Governance.

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Articles of Governance will be sent to President.

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

**Vice Chair Crowell** noted discussion from last EC meeting regarding clarification of item II.B.2.

Changes made to item II.B.2 to clarify that students prepare list of courses in consultation with IS advisor.

Motion to approve adding APM 203 to Senate agenda.

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APM 203 will be added to Senate agenda

1. APM 505 – Conflict of Interest (Substantive Revisions). Second Reading

**Vice Chair Crowell** noted outdated language referring to AVP of Faculty Affairs – changes made.

Motion to approve adding APM 505 to Senate agenda.

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APM 505 will be added to Senate agenda

1. UGC Approved suspension-MA in Kinesiology

**Chair Hall** believes this could be on the consent calendar. EC agrees.

**Senator Bryant** suggested inviting Kinesiology senator to explain the suspension.

First reading.

Adjourned: 3:50 PM