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)

Members excused: Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval (President), Karen Carrillo (ASI rep)

Guests: Amanda Saucedo-Torres (Academic Senate/Provost’s Office)

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

1. Approval of the Agenda.

**Chair Hall** moved item #10 (EO 1101) to item #5 after new business

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1. Approval of the Minutes of 04.15.24

*MSC*

1. Communications and Announcements.

**Chair Hall** would like to prioritize executive session.

Communications from Provost: Finalizing Provost Awards, will be notifying faculty. Celebration is on May 9. Several CSU campuses have been affected by encampments re: Gaza, most recent one at Sac State. Sharp contrast between CSU and USC. The CSU is learning from how other campuses are responding. Senate leadership will be involved in preparations with faculty representation in response team. Planning for how to respond if something happens during commencement. Want to ensure that statements are made peacefully. Handling protests is not just administration’s work, it is also faculty work. President is keeping communication open with Muslim student groups.

**Vice Chair Crowell** asked the **Provost** if there has been discussion in how police will be involved.

**Provost** responded that they are trying to follow UC model, which seems to have worked well. Will try to respect peaceful protest.

**Senator Bryant** noted that Jewish Studies department has done a good job of educating the campus in politically neutral ways.

Communications from Senator Stillmaker: **Senator Stillmaker** would like for the Executive Committee to explore ways to mirror other systems where grant management is stateside and only donations are handled by Foundation.

**Chair Hall** suggested that the Executive Committee invite **Dean Goto** to review NCURA report and discuss this.

**Vice Chair Crowell** suggested that the conversation include an examination of where the indirects go.

* 1. Memo dated April 18, 2024 from David Low, Chair of the Personnel Committee, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of Academic Senate re: APM 303 revisions. Memo received.

Suggestions: Move APM 303 to agenda.

* 1. Email dated April 23,2024 from Lauren Nickerson, AVP for University Marketing and Communications, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of Academic Senate re: Free Speech Website and University Statement Guidelines. Email received.

Suggestions: Put at top of agenda.

* 1. Memo dated April 24,2024 from Dermot Donnelly-Hermosillo, Department Senator for Chemistry and Biochemistry, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of Academic Senate re: CSM Personnel Committee on workload policies. Memo received.

**Chair Hall** explained that this document is a model for RSCA that corresponds with actual resources provided, including assigned time.

Suggestions: Informational item, will be shared with AP&P and Personnel

1. New Business.

*None*

1. EO 1101

**Chair Hall** explained the scope of changes included in Executive Order and provided update that **Dermot Donnelly-Hermosillo** has been elected chair of GE committee.

**Senator Bryant** expressed concern that COSS currently does not have an elected member on GE committee. **A. Sauceda-Torres** shared that results from election will be revealed within the next few days.

*Informational item*.

1. Architectural Studies Pilot Conversion Proposal-Second reading

There was discussion about whether this item should be a regular agenda item or consent calendar.

**Senator Miele** and **Vice Chair Crowell** noted that this should go to University Budget Committee first.

**Chair Hall** agreed that it should be sent to University Budget Committee, and this item will go to Senate in the fall.

*Keep as second reading, table until UBC review.*

1. UGC Approved Suspension-MA Kinesiology. Second reading

*Add to consent calendar*.

1. APM 327-Policy on Promotion

Address next year due to Senate agenda already being full.

1. Option Elevation-Mechanical Engineering Option

**Senator Stillmaker** provided history on why mechanical engineering is still an option rather than a separate master’s degree.

*First reading*

1. Executive Session

*Executive session began at 3:32 pm*

*Executive session ended at 3:52 pm*

**Jeff Cummins** and **Steve McKeithen** nominated to the search committee for Director of Athletics

**Brittany Clason** nominated to the Athletics Advisory Council

**Shahab Tayeb** and **Hubert Cecotti** nominated to the search committee for Deputy CIO

**Kevin Capehart** and **Maria Briggs** nominated to the search committee for VP of Facilities Management

*Consent calendar approved*

Adjourned: 3:53 PM