

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Members Present: Michael Caldwell (Chair), Dawn Lewis, William Covino, Gena Gechter, Thomas Holyoke, Pedro Ramirez (student member), O. Harald Schweizer, Lynn Williams, Michael Botwin (ex-officio)

Excused: Jacinta Amaral, President John Welty

Visitors: V. Baker, S. Brown-Welty, J. Constable, P. Popma, M. Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chair Caldwell in the Library Conference Room 2108.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
2. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 12/6/10.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Communication Item

- A. Chair Caldwell welcomed Venita Baker as the new Academic Support Coordinator for the Academic Senate. Caldwell thanked Otto Schweizer and Sharon Hayes for their service on the search committee.

Action Item

- B. A memorandum (9/27/10) from Armeda Reitzel, Chair Academic Council on International Programs to Dr. Michael Caldwell, Chair Academic Senate re: Appointment of Dr. Janet Slagter for another three years to the Academic Council on International Programs (ACIP), has been received.

Today's Executive Session.

- C. A memorandum (12/1/10) from Christine Edmondson, Chair, Student Affairs Subcommittee of the Academic Senate to Dr. Michael Caldwell, Chair Academic Senate re: Class Size and Student/Faculty Ratios, has been received.

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Information Item

- D. Chair Caldwell discussed the campus' policy for awarding posthumous degrees. Inquiry with 14 CSU campuses revealed that three have a policy for awarding posthumous degrees. Caldwell will discuss this matter with President Welty and Paul Oliaro, Vice President of Student Affairs. The item will be an item on the EC agenda in the future.
 - E. Provost Covino announced that IDEA has been selected for student evaluations of instruction. The use of IDEA's evaluation form(s) and services will be begin fall 2011. Dr. Covino also stated that state-side funds will not be used to cover the cost of IDEA's service.
 - F. Provost Covino discussed the budget and the expected \$500 million reduction to the CSU. Currently, he anticipates a ten percent reduction to Academic Affairs. President Welty is currently creating a timeline for a consultation process. The primary goals are to keep enrollment up and maintain the quality of education.
4. Interim Policy and Procedures for Fingerprinting and Conducting Background Checks (APM315)–Personnel Committee (Second Reading).

Paula Popma, Chair of Academic Personnel Committee, was present to discuss the policy. She reported that the Kremen College of Education does not conduct background checks on supervisors of student teachers. A lengthy discussion was held by the EC members. One of the recommendations given by the EC is to revise the policy's title to read as "Interim Policy and Procedures for Fingerprinting and Conducting Criminal Background Checks" and to replace "background checks" with "criminal background

checks” throughout the document. The item will return for continued reading.

5. Option in Computer Engineering (CompE) for the Master of Science in Engineering (MSE) Degree Program.

Item will return to the next Executive Committee agenda.

6. Master’s Degree in Education with an Option in Reading Online.

Item will return to the next Executive Committee agenda.

7. Executive Session.

MSC to move into Executive Session. (3:58 p.m. – 4:01 p.m.)

8. Returned to Open Session. (4:01 p.m.)

MSC to approve the following recommendation:

Academic Council on International Programs (ACIP)
Janet Slagter, Ph.D. (Women’s Studies), three-year term

MSC to adjourn at 4:03 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be announced.
An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Dawn Lewis
Recording Secretary
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Caldwell
Chair
Academic Senate