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Members Present: M. López (Chair), J. Goto (ex officio), M. Crawford, L Diala, S. Hernandez,
A. Hoskins, D. Lent, P. Nitaigour,

Members Excused: N/A

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Chair López.

- I. MSC - approval of minutes from May 9, 2023
- II. MSC - approval of agenda for August 29, 2023 with addition of Plus/Minus grading discussion
- III. Communications and Announcements
 - A. UGC meeting schedule
 1. Goto: More discussion of online graduate program because it is on the new strategic plan. Getting pulse of how many more programs we may anticipate. APM 206 is in the academic senate and has been under review for a while.
 2. Goto: Plan ahead. Two cycles for new grad programs for Board of Trustees, one in the spring and one in the summer. Suspended programs that want to re-start don't need to go through this.
 3. Goto: Modern Campus. Software will replace OnBase, likely starting next academic year.
 4. Goto: More proposals for blended programs, 4+1 or UG to GR.
 1. Where is the process. Text of policy being reviewed. APM 221
 5. Goto: AP&P. Does not have graduate representation, but Goto has asked to be given access to meeting minutes so we can be involved when graduate items are discussed
 6. López: Meeting schedule, Senate's current procedure is to hold meetings in person, with option to attend via Zoom if special circumstances call for it.
 - B. Updates: APM 220, APM 221, APM 206
 - C. Upcoming Action Items
- IV. APM 311: Policy on Teaching Associates (Tuition Waivers)

- A. Lent: Current APM requires eligible applicants to have completed a FAFSA. DACA students and international students cannot do FAFSA. Proposing to strike that requirement.
 - B. Discussion:
 - 1. Waiver of 25% of non-resident tuition needs to be considered. APM 278
 - 2. Policy may be in place to ensure the students don't receive tuition waiver and a state university grant (SUG) as well.
 - 3. Practice has been not to follow the FAFSA rule but policy should reflect this.
 - 4. Clarify APM 311 to reflect that international and non-resident students who are ineligible for FAFSA can still be appointed to TA positions and receive tuition waivers.
 - C. MSC: Remove line 3c and amend the following line to specify that students are eligible if they have not received a SUG. López will redline APM 311 language to clarify eligibility for non-residents and international students. Will disseminate via email and review in our next meeting.
- V. Plus/minus grading
- A. Goto: AP&P discussing whether campus should have +/- grading. We are one of two campuses in the CSU system that don't have this. Long Beach is the other.
 - 1. Chair López will create a shared document for committee members to share their perspectives on the question. Nothing formal required, just getting a feel for where we are.
 - 2. Dean Goto will share this information with AP&P.

MSC: Adjourned at 3:06 p.m.