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Members excused: Q. Chen, A. McKeith, N. Nisbett, E. Waldman, R. Maldonado

Members absent: P. Adams, M. Brady, B. Buckner, B. DerMugrdechian, M. Golden, M. Raheem, J. Wakabayashi, J. Wenger, B. Zante (ASI)

The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 4:04pm in HML 2206.

1.) Approval of the agenda.

MSC approving the agenda.

2.) Approval of the Minutes of September 25, 2017.

MSC approving the Minutes of September 25, 2017.

3.) Communications and announcements.

a. Chair Holyoke

Announced the next senate meeting will have a presentation by President Castro and Vice President Adishian-Astone about the budget.

Announced on October 24th at 2:00pm the Academic Senate, ASI and the Office of the Provost are sponsoring the panel “Civility and Responsibility: First Amendment and the Freedom of Speech Forum” in the North Gym.

Announced on November 13th at 11:40am a presentation from IDEA Student Ratings of Instruction will occur. Their contract is coming up for renewal, and they want to make a presentation about changes and hear ideas.

Related Congressman Jim Costa sent a letter in response to the senate's resolution regarding DACA. The letter stated he supports legislation for the legal status of Dreamers. Chair Holyoke stated he would scan the letter and send to the senators.

b. Senator Schlievert (Statewide)

Reminded the senate she sent out comments about the statewide senate committee's meeting with the chancellor.

c. Provost Zelezny

Introduced the new Dean of Henry Madden Library, Delritta Hornbuckle.

4.) Consent calendar.

a. Request to Terminate MS in Marine Science.

Paul Crosbie (Chair of Biology) provided background information on why the department would like to terminate the program.

b. APM 113 Policy on Academic Organization and Governance.

Chair Holyoke reviewed the minor changes.

Senator Jenkins (Statewide) mentioned there is a formatting issue from the changes. Chair Holyoke responded it would be changed.

The Consent Calendar was approved by unanimous consent.

5.) New Business

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) requested to add the Resolution on Lack of Adequate Faculty Consultation On Executive Orders 1100 (Revised) and EO1110 to the agenda as item 6.

MSC adding the resolution to the agenda as new item #6 and re-ordering the rest of the agenda accordingly.

6.) Resolution on Lack of Adequate Faculty Consultation On Executive Orders 1100 (Revised) and EO1110.
Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) reviewed the resolution.

Senator Botwin (Psychology) stated he strongly supported the resolution and that curriculum needs to be in the domain of the faculty. Requested as a friendly amendment to add the Governor of California as a recipient.

Senator Ong (Marketing & Logistics) moved to strike the 9th "WHEREAS" statement.

Senator Schettler (Africana & American Indian Studies) stated she does not support the motion due to the concern that schools are exempt from or self-regulating the instruction of the MI requirement.

Senator Ram (Universitywide) stated she does not support the motion because this portion just states double counting has a significant impact but does not state what should be done about it.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) spoke against the motion and clarified that it is intended to protect departments that do not allow double counting.

Senator Botwin (Psychology) spoke against the motion based on the last line, "...many with majors who currently do not allow such dual counting..."

The motion to strike the 9th "WHEREAS" statement fails.

Senator Henson (English) moves to waive the second reading.

The motion to waive second reading passes, 3 abstentions.

The resolution is approved, 2 nays, 2 abstentions.

7.) Governing Documents – Constitution for the Academic Assembly and Academic Senate Bylaws.

Senator Holyoke provided a background and the process for the proposed changes. He reviewed the suggested changes, and he related these primarily affect the terms of the chair and the vice chair and the removal

of the chair and/or the vice chair. He notified the senate if the revision was approved it would still need to be approved by the entire Academic Assembly.

The revision of the documents were moved and seconded.

Senator Botwin (Psychology) moved to have the senate consider changes per item.

The motion to review the changes individually was approved by unanimous consent.

Section 7E.

MSC approved section 7E.

Section 8, expansion of term limits.

Senator Botwin (Psychology) related concerns that the expansion would tie the hands of the senate in significant ways. If there is no one willing to fill the position, it forces someone into the position when the current chair might be willing. He stated there might be other situations where the current senate chair might be best suited for reelection, such as for continuity. He stated he thinks the one-year term should stay in place because it allows the senate the most flexibility and enables the removal of the chair without the need for a special process.

Senator Henson (English) stated she is in favor of making the term two years because it would result in a chair who is committed for that length of time.

Senator Mullooly (Anthropology) recognized Lynn Williams to the floor.

Lynn Williams (Faculty, Agriculture Business) suggested the limits should be three years instead to correspond to the terms of other committees and to compensate for the learning curve required.

Senator Karr (Music) shared concerns about a three-year term due to the burden on departments regarding course releases. He added it might affect people's willingness to serve due to the three-year commitment.

Lynn Williams (Faculty, Agriculture Business) stated usually people are lined up for the position and he thinks it is good for departments to know up front about the extra time commitment.

Senator Henson (English) reminded the senate the motion is for a two-year term and the introduction of a three-year term would have to be moved by a senator.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) stated two years is short enough while allowing more time for experience. She added the senate does not have to approve a second term and it does not seem excessive.

Senator Tawfik (Civil and Geomatics Engineering) inquired how many people have served as chair for only one year.

Senator Botwin (Psychology) replied only one has served for one year. That person ran for a second term and was not successful. He added he felt if the system is working it shouldn't be changed and there is an un-collegial feel to the removal of the chair process, which will cause more problems than it solves.

Senator Ram (Universitywide) supported the two-year term because it will help with some issues and a three-year term would be too long.

The motion to change the term of the Academic Senate Chair from one to two years passes, 11 nays, 2 abstentions.

Section 8, term limits.

Senator Karr (Music) inquired if the motion fails, would there be any term limits.

Senator Gilewicz (English) stated if no one new is interested in being chair, this would restrict the current chair from running.

Senator Mullooly (Anthropology) moved to allow an additional term at a 2/3 vote. Seconded.

Senator Lewis (Kinesiology) moved to table the discussion of the constitution to the next meeting. Seconded.

The motion to table the discussion passed.

8.) APM 232

Senator Mullooly (Anthropology) reviewed the changes in the document. The changes were to balance competing issues in the original APM. He walked the senate through the changes.

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The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:15pm. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Monday, October 23, 2017.

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