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Members excused: N. Akhavan, C. Guerra, D. Lewis, A. Mckeith, S.  
Shinn, K. Sun, G. Thatcher, E. Waldman

Members absent: P. Adams, B. Buckner, M. Golden, P.L. Martinez (ASI),  
B. Singh, J. Wenger, B. Zante (ASI)

The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 4:01pm in HML  
2206.

1.) Approval of the agenda.

MSC approving the agenda.

2.) Approval of the Minutes of October 23, 2017.

MSC approving the Minutes of October 23, 2017.

3.) Communications and announcements.

a. President Castro

Related he met with Jim Bartko, the athletic director, and was  
informed the director will resign. Steve Robertello will become the  
interim director. The university will conduct a national search for a  
permanent athletic director.

Senator Maldonado (Philosophy) asked if the university has an  
ongoing financial obligation from this resignation.

President Castro replied there is usually a 3-month payout of salary and there is a bonus structure for which the university will owe a portion. The university is not responsible for the remainder of the contract.

Senator Henson (English) stated there was a request that the Academic Senate receive Level A and Level 0 funding information, but it has not.

Chair Holyoke replied he is in communication with Vice President Adishian-Astone, and there was a question about what to provide to the senate. He has responded and when he receives the information, he will distribute it to the senate.

b. Senator Schlievert (Statewide)

Announced she met with the Statewide Academic Senate in Long Beach and the main topic was shared governance. Related the sessions included Project Rebound, executive orders 1100 and 1110, target rates, metrics of graduation rates and time, the Sonoma fires impact, and other items.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) asked for information on the reply of resolutions from campuses about the changes in GE requirements.

Senator Schlievert (Statewide) replied Executive Vice Chancellor Blanchard said their responses will be out by the end of the week, and there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee with the chancellor.

c. Shane Moreman (Representative to the CSU Academic Council on International Programs)

Provided information on international faculty partnerships in Ghana. CSU International Programs wants to provide opportunities for faculty to travel internationally. The Ghana program will provide \$1000 for airfare and all expenses while there. Suggested Fresno State would provide the remainder of the cost for airfare.

Informed the senate about a resident director program in France, Spain, or Italy. Noted this is not considered a sabbatical or research leave, as faculty will be teaching and providing support for other faculty.

Senator Chowdhury (Art & Design) asked the duration of the Ghana trip.

Dr. Moreman replied it is 10 days.

Senator Sanmartin (MCLL) asked whether the Ghana trip occurs in June or July.

Dr. Moreman replied he did not know.

Senator Gilewicz (English) asked if fluency in the host country language is required for the resident director position.

Dr. Moreman replied faculty need to have familiarity with the language, but they will be in competition with applicants from the whole CSU system, so language knowledge will be helpful.

d. Chair Holyoke

Related information about the letter signed by 22 CSU campuses regarding Executive Order 1100 and lack of consultation. Stated he signed it because he felt it was consistent with the senate's discussions and resolution. He will send the senate a copy once it has been applied to letterhead.

Informed the senate that ASI is working on a resolution denouncing the executive order. It will be discussed at their senate meeting.

Announced the senate is putting together a task force with a representative from each college to determine how the MI requirement will be kept in our curriculum.

4.) Election – Nominations – Nominating/Elections Committee.

Chair Holyoke relinquished the floor to Don Austin (Chair Elections Committee)

a. Vice Chair – Academic Senate (Nominating/Elective Ballot)

Bradley Hart elected by acclimation to Vice Chair – Academic Senate.

Chair Holyoke noted Vice Chair Durette would remain as Vice Chair this semester and the election creates an opening for the position of an At-large Senator. The senate will take nominations on the floor at the next senate meeting. He informed the senate to contact him if they have any questions about the executive committee.

5.) New Business

There was no new business for the Academic Senate.

6.) Governing Documents – Constitution for the Academic Assembly. Second Reading.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) spoke against the motion for term limits because there is already a way to remove someone from office if needed.

Motion to implement term limits for the Chair/Vice Chair of the Senate failed. 1 abstention.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) spoke in favor of the motion to obtain signatures from 2 colleges or schools for nomination to Chair or Vice Chair. She noted it creates better representation because candidates will have reached out beyond their departments.

Senator Maldonado (Philosophy) moved to amend the motion to require signatures from 3 colleges or schools instead of 2.

Senator Jenkins (Statewide) stated the requirement doesn't achieve much and suggested a percentage of signatures should be from other schools and colleges instead.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) noted the intention is to reach out to other colleges but suggested not to make it overly burdensome.

MSC amendment to require signatures from 3 colleges or schools instead of 2. 27 ayes, 14 nays, and 5 abstentions.

MSC to require signatures from 3 colleges or schools. 3 abstentions.

Senator Holyoke provided an overview of the motion indicating a procedure to fill an early-vacated Chair/Vice Chair position.

Senator Botwin (Psychology) spoke for the motion and noted there has not been a policy in place for this situation.

Senator Gilewicz (English) inquired what counts as instructional days.

Chair Holyoke replied they are days in which the university is open and operating, excluding weekends.

MSC of the procedure to fill an early-vacated Chair and/or Vice Chair position.

Chair Holyoke provided an overview on the motion of the procedure to remove the Chair and/or Vice Chair.

Senator Maldonado (Philosophy) moved to amend the motion with the change of 2 to 3 colleges or schools to stay consistent with the previous amendment.

Senator Alexandrou (Industrial Technology) noted the signatures from a minimum of 30% of the Academic Assembly would automatically include multiple colleges.

MSC amendment to change the required colleges or schools from 2 to 3. 2 abstentions.

Senator Henson (English) spoke in favor of the motion. She noted there could be a situation in which there is a strong feeling the chair is not acting in the best interest of the faculty. She related she likes that it would need to be a very

serious issue to get 30% of the Faculty Assembly or 2/3 of the Academic Senate. She noted it is important to have some kind of procedure in place.

Senator Alexandrou (Industrial Technology) related he is for the motion but thinks minimum 2/3 approval from the senate is too high.

Chair Holyoke responded the intention was to have a serious enough issue that a significant majority of senators would approve the removal of the Chair or Vice Chair.

Senator Wilson (Computer Science) asked if the motion indicates if it is 2/3 of the senators present.

Senator Henson (English) noted the language of the motion states it is in meetings, so it would seem it indicates meeting senators.

Senator Bryant (Universitywide) asked how the vote would be scheduled.

Chair Holyoke replied it could be proposed as new business.

Senator Brady (Earth and Environmental Sciences) asked if there was a danger in the meeting being called at an inconvenient time to prevent attendance.

Senator Maldonado (Philosophy) noted the initiation of the vote requires either Chair, Vice Chair, or member of the Executive Committee, so at some point there will be a meeting called.

Senator Botwin (Psychology) moved to strike the first two sentences of the third paragraph of the motion and to add "either or both" before all instances of "Chair or Vice Chair".

MSC amendment to the motion.

Senator Tawfik (Civil & Geomatics Engineering) asked about the rationale for no less than 30 days, as there will be two senate meetings between the call for a meeting and its deadline.

Senator Ram (Universitywide) suggested the vote should be within a regular senate meeting.

Senator Henson (English) suggested it should be a separate meeting but moved to change the word less to more.

Senator Ram (Universitywide) asked why 30 days was the choice.

Chair Holyoke replied it was neither discussed nor debated in the Executive Committee.

Senator Der Mugrdechian (Armenian Studies) asked if it would be clearer to state within 30 days.

Senator Henson (English) withdrew the motion to change the word less to more.

Senator Der Mugrdechian (Armenian Studies) moved to change text to “will be called within 30 days”.

Senator Tawfik (Civil and Geomatics Engineering) noted the term instructional days might be needed if this were to occur at the end of a semester, otherwise the senate would need to meet during the summer.

Senator Ram (Universtiywide) suggested not having a special meeting but keeping it in a regular senate meeting.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) suggested using the next regular senate meeting would make certain no unusual meeting times are chosen and attendance is viable.

Senator Karr (Music) suggested the time until the meeting should be less because it is an extraordinary situation.

Senator Gilewicz (English) noted consultation days and final exam days are not instructional days.

Secondary motion to amend the motion failed. 1 abstention.

The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:16pm. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Monday, November 20, 2017.

Submitted by  
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Approved by  
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Chair  
Academic Senate