

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
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Members present: Kevin Ayotte (Chair), Thomas Holyoke (Vice Chair), Michael Jenkins (at-large), Madhusudan Katti (at-large), Loretta Kensinger (state-wide), Moses Menchaca (ASI), Melanie Ram (university-wide), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (at-large), Lynn Williams (ex-officio), Provost Lynnette Zelezny (ex-officio)

Members excused: President Joseph Castro (ex-officio)

Visitors: Venita Baker

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 3:02pm on September 15, 2014, in HML 2108.

1.) Approval of the agenda

MSC to approve agenda

2.) Approval of the minutes of the executive committee meeting of August 25, 2014

An amendment was offered by Senator Ram, seconded and approved

MSC to approve the minutes of August 25, 2014 as amended

3.) Communications and announcements

a. Provost Zelezny

In the last meeting of the cabinet, Vice President Matson announced that the six redwood trees near Shaw and Cedar are infected with a lethal fungus and will need to be removed. Both the Arboretum Committee and the Campus Planning Committee were consulted. The campus grounds

manager consulted with a professional arborist to confirm the state of the trees.

Senator Kensinger noted that seven trees on Barstow had also been removed recently and wondered if there had been any consultation on this. Senator Katti said that there was and the need to remove those trees, which were suffering from decay, was approved by Arboretum Committee chair John Bushoven.

- b. Reporting of the results of several calls for service to be discussed in executive session
  - c. A call for service will be sent for two faculty members to serve on the Information and Educational Technology Coordinating Council
- 4.) Executive Session regarding nominations of faculty to campus positions

Executive session began at 3:21pm and ended at 3:55pm.

MSC to approve the appointment of Julie Moore (Library) and Joy J. Goto (Chemistry) to the President's Commission on Human Relations and Equity

MSC to approve Amanda Mortimer (Psychology) and Tammy Lau (Library) to the Arboretum Committee

MSC to approve David Kinnunen (Kinesiology) to the Athletics Advisory Council (Senator Jenkins and Senator Raya-Fernandez abstained)

MSC to approve Nancy Akhavan (Curriculum and Instruction) to the Fresno State Alumni Association Board of Directors

- 5.) Senator Kensinger moved to amend the agenda by adding a new item between items 4 (executive session) and old item 5 (Electronic Documents for Executive Committee). Seconded by Senator Jenkins and approved by the committee.

Senator Kensinger moved to appoint one or more executive committee members to carefully look at the call to serve form and “tweak” its language by requesting a little more information from applicants, such as the names of other committees they are currently or recently served on. Vice Chair Holyoke seconded the motion. There was significant discussion as to whether this should be done now, or in conjunction with revisions to the bylaws that may take place later in the year.

Senator Kensinger withdrew her motion.

- 6.) There was an unplanned discussion regarding future presentations at senate meetings. It was decided that the next meeting of the Academic Senate would keep with the existing agenda of unfinished items, but later meetings would have presentations from Robert Maldonado, chair of the Budget Committee, along with Dennis Nef, the Vice Provost, regarding the operation of the new budget model and how it resulted in distributions to the colleges. There would also be a presentation on sexual assault on campus at a future meeting of the senate.

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 4:29pm.

The next meeting of the Senate Executive Committee will be on Monday, September 29, 2014.