

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
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Members Present: Kevin Ayotte (Chair), Thomas Holyoke (Vice-Chair), President Joseph Castro (Ex-officio), Kiranjit Dhanjan (ASI), Interim Provost Andrew Hoff (Ex-officio), Michael Jenkins (At-large), Loretta Kensinger (State-wide), Melanie Ram (University-wide) Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large), Lynn Williams (Ex-officio)

Members Excused: Madhusudan Katti (At-large)

Visitors: Venita Baker, Michael Caldwell (AVP for Faculty Affairs)

The meeting was called to order at 3:04pm by Chair Ayotte in HML 3212

1. Agenda

MSC to approve the agenda

2. Minutes of 4/28/14

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3. Communications and Announcements

A. General Announcements by Interim Provost Hoff

Vice President Matson will give her budget presentation at the meeting of the Academic Senate later that afternoon, and is giving the same presentation to many groups and committees around the campus.

Faculty should all have received information about where to assemble for the president's investiture on May 10, 2014, and he hopes all faculty come.

There is an uptick in the number of distressed students, so all faculty need to be mindful.

B. Vice President for University Advancement

President Castro noted that the last candidate was on campus today and the search committee will provide him a recommendation on Wednesday, with a final selection soon to follow. All expanded executive committee members who met with candidates need to get their evaluation forms turned into the president's office.

- C. Senator Kensinger (State-wide) drew attention to an article in the *Fresno Bee* about what University of California, Merced, is doing to combat sexual assault on its campus and that we might learn a few good ideas from that campus. President Castro noted the recent press release on what Fresno State has been doing to combat sexual assault.
- D. A memo from Associate Provost Zelezny regarding the appointment of two faculty members to the search committee for a new Vice Provost. The appointment will be discussed in executive session.
- E. A written request dated May 4, 2014, from Dr. Honora Chapman (Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures) to reconsider the way the university determines the timing of spring break. MSC to forward the request to the Senate Academic Policy and Planning Committee.

4. Draft Job Description of the Proposed Chief Information Officer

President Castro presented the first draft of the job duties of the proposed Chief Information Officer and asked for feedback. The president noted that while this will entail considerable reorganization and consolidation of all technology offices on the campus, it would not include technology offices in the Division of Academic Affairs, including TILT. These would be the responsibility of the new Vice Provost.

Senator Kensinger (State-wide) expressed concern over where the budget would come from to support a new cabinet-level office. President Castro indicated that the resources are already in the office of the Vice President for Administrative Services and would simply be moved to the new office. There would be no additional encumbrance on the university's budget. Chair Ayotte pointed out that the money for this position has already been budgeted, and has been for years.

Vice Chair Holyoke asked whether the position would require new budget resources to support the CIO's immediate administrative support staff, and President Castro said he would look into it.

Senator Williams (Ex-officio) noted that we have severe technology problems here and really need somebody to provide coordination across the campus.

Senator Jenkins (At-large) asked for more precise budget information.

Senator Ram (University-wide) questioned whether a new division was really needed at the university, and President Castro replied that it was necessary so that decisions could be made regarding the coordination of technology.

Senator Kensinger (State-wide) asked about the timing of the search, and President Castro said he expected it to commence, with faculty representation, at the beginning of the fall semester of 2014.

Vice Chair Holyoke asked about making the job description available to members of the Academic Senate so that additional comments could be sought over the summer. President Castro agreed. Senator Ram (University-wide) suggested an organizational flow-chart and some budget information be included, and President Castro agreed.

Senator Kensinger (State-wide) asked why only a master's degree is required for the job, and Senator Ram (University-wide) suggested that prior technology experience be included in the job description.

5. Executive session began at 3:45pm and ended at 3:52pm. MSC to appoint Dr. Honora Chapman (Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures) and Professor Brent Auernheimer (Computer Science) to the search committee for a Vice Provost.
6. Chair Ayotte indicated that he did not think it was necessary to schedule a meeting of the Expanded Executive Committee for this summer as he did not think anything of a truly emergency nature was likely to arise, but asked all committee members to provide Venita Baker with their summer contact information.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57pm.

This is the last Executive Committee meeting for Academic Year 2013-2014.

Submitted by:
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Approved by:
Kevin J. Ayotte
Chair
Academic Senate