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Members excused: N. Akhavan, B. Buckner, B. DerMugrdechian, G. Thatcher, C. Yun

Members absent: P. Adams, L. Burger, M. Golden, C. Henson, D. Lewis, P.L. Martinez (ASI), B. Singh, J. Wakabayashi, B. Zante (ASI)

The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 4:02pm in HML 2206.

1.) Approval of the agenda

MSC removal of item 9, APM 303 Policy on Nepotism. Second Reading.
MSC removal of item 10, APM 215 – Proposed Amendment.
Items 11 and 12 are now 9 and 10 respectively.

MSC approving the agenda as amended.

2.) Approval of the Minutes of September 11, 2017

Senator Youn (Biology) corrected the College of Mathematics as the College of Science and Mathematics. The correction was made.

MSC approving the amended Minutes of September 11, 2017.

3.) Senate Photo was taken in the Peace Garden.

4.) Communications and announcements.

a. Provost Zelezny

Introduced Rich Boyer to present the results of the Faculty/Staff Climate Survey. The survey was part of the effort to retain and attract faculty and staff. It was the most comprehensive survey in years and had a very good response rate. He covered the general process that will be done with the information and how it will be disseminated. He briefly summarized some of the key results of the survey. The survey will be administered again in 2 years. It may move to a 3-year cycle later.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) inquired about workload issues and how they are impacting the attitudes and quality of education as indicated by the survey.

Rich Boyer responded there is a point of frustration in faculty that surfaced as an issue.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) stated based on the summary of the report, there seems to be a notion that faculty expectations are more of an issue than the actual problems.

Rich Boyer clarified his use of the term expectation was not meant in that way but in terms of faculty having expectations of what is reasonable.

Senator Gilewicz (English) related the issue of geographic challenges of classrooms and asked what the report indicated about that.

Rich Boyer responded there weren't specific questions about those challenges, but there were concerns about deferred maintenance and technology support in classrooms from the verbatim statements.

b. Senator Schlievert (Statewide) and Senator Jenkins (Statewide)

Provided a Statewide Senator report. Senator Schlievert (Statewide) related 1100 and 1110 dominated the discussions. A lot of information was received. In March 2016 the CA legislature introduced the notion that GE was broken. Universities were asked for feedback in April, but they requested more time, so the

deadline was moved to June. Meetings occurred over the summer as part of the consultation process. Resolutions were recently made and negotiated down to one, which asked for more time to allow faculty to implement the executive order.

Senator Jenkins (Statewide) contributed information that the BOT heard the response from the senate. Everything is now in the Chancellors hands and the Statewide Senate will meet with him in November.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) asked why the chancellor's office handled the consultation the way they handled it, by putting the changes to GE in over the summer. She asked what the rationale was for overriding faculty control over curriculum.

Senator Schlievert (Statewide) answered the faculty response was scheduled to be in April, which would have provided time for consultation, but universities asked for an extension, moving it to June.

Senator Jenkins (Statewide) responded the vice chancellor stated that proper consultation occurred but the senate pushed back on this.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) advised senators to read the resolution in full. Indicated there are direct and specific implications for ethnic studies. The resolution asked for an extension until 2019 so the effects of the GE changes on ethnic studies programs can be determined. Stated this is not just an issue of timing but of consultation.

Senator Botwin (Psychology) supported Senator Kensinger's statements. Related last time it took 3 years to make GE revisions, whereas this occurred in months. Asked what the urgency was on the chancellor's side.

Senator Schlievert (Statewide) offered possibly there was a need to show that CSU was proactive before the legislature took over.

Senator Maldonado (Philosophy) asked what the data was that indicated GE was "broken".

Senator Jenkins (Statewide) stated a question arose what consequences would occur if campuses did not implement the executive orders. At least one campus intends not to implement the orders. Another question was asked about how many campuses requested more time and how many were approved. The answer was 2 and 2. He suggested the executive orders might be political in nature.

Senator Karr (Music) stated he felt this is either politically motivated or there should be data that faculty needs to see.

Senator Jenkins (Statewide) responded one of the statewide senators had asked about data and received the answer it would be forthcoming.

Chair Holyoke requested the committee meeting be extended to 5:30. No objections.

c. Chair Holyoke

Related APM 215 - President's Edits to New Section E on GE Assessment was passed at the end of the spring semester. Over the summer the president's office made editorial changes that are not substantive but extensive. He stated if any senators feel deeply concerned about the changes, it might possibly be put it back on the agenda.

Vice Provost Nef assured the senate there are only two significant changes. The first is creating staggered terms. The second requires students to identify which learning outcomes they are addressing in their submitted documents.

Senator Jenkins (Statewide) related his concern this is not the document that was approved by the senate. He asked what recourse the senate has in this case.

Chair Holyoke replied editorial changes are under the purview of the president. Substantive changes go back to the senate. The Executive Committee felt the changes were not substantive, but if

the senate wants to bring it back, this can be done during New Business.

Announced the leave of Vice Chair Durette for the spring semester. Related the Executive Committee is proposing an election to occur in the first meeting of November to fill the position for just the spring semester. This position includes a course release. Information will be sent along with the nomination forms.

Announced on October 24th 2:00-3:30pm in the North Gym there will be a panel on free speech in academia and the first amendment.

5.) Installation of new senators.

The following new senators were installed:

Nancy Nisbett
Department of Recreation Administration

Deify Law
Department of Mechanical Engineering

Cynthia Guerra
Department of Nursing

Dawn Lewis
Department of Kinesiology

Alicia Iriberry
Information Systems & Decision Sciences

Kerry McBee
Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering

Amber Hammons
Child, Family & Consumer Sciences

Neil Chowdhury
Department of Art & Design (Ex-Officio)

Hyung Tae Kim
Department of Accountancy

Kristy Sun
Viticulture & Enology

6.) Consent Calendar

- a. Degree Title Change: Bachelors of Arts in Family and Consumer Sciences to Bachelors of Arts in Fashion Merchandising.
- b. Degree Title Change: Bachelors of Science in Child Development to Bachelors of Science in Child and Family Sciences.

The Consent Calendar was approved by unanimous consent

7.) New Business.

Senator Jenkins (Statewide) put forth a motion to return APM 215 to the Academic Senate agenda.

Senator Maldonado (Philosophy) spoke against the motion, given the agreement of the Executive Committee and the administration.

Senator Jenkins (Statewide) spoke for the motion because substantial changes were made without direct consultation with the Academic Senate.

Senator Bryant (University-wide) spoke against the motion because the changes do not affect the heart of the document.

The motion to return APM 215 to the Academic Senate failed with 8 in favor, 25 opposed, and 1 abstention.

The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:26pm. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Monday, October 6, 2017.

Submitted by
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Vice Chair
Academic Senate

Approved by
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Chair
Academic Senate