

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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October 13, 2014

Members present: Kevin Ayotte (Chair), Thomas Holyoke (Vice Chair),
Loretta Kensinger (State-wide), Melanie Ram (University-wide),
Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large), Lynn Williams (Ex-officio),
Provost Lynette Zelezny (Ex-officio)

Members excused: President Joseph Castro (Ex-officio), Michael Jenkins (At-large), Moses Menchaca (ASI)

Members absent:

Visitors: Venita Baker, David Kinnunen

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 3:07pm in HML 2108.

1.) Approval of the agenda

MSC to amend the agenda by placing the discussion of Bizflow over the review of the senate's governing documents

MSC to approve the agenda as amended

2.) Approval of the minutes of September 29, 2014

MSC to approve the minutes of September 29, 2014

3.) Communications and announcements

a.) Provost Zelezny

The current interim dean of graduate studies will be reassigned, so in the late spring there will be a search for a new dean of graduate studies.

b.) Senator Kensinger (State-wide Academic Senate)

Noted that the Statewide Academic Senate is moving two resolutions, one in support of academic freedom and the other to seek faculty, staff, and student input into developing policies combatting sexual assault.

Take Back the Night will be held on October 22 at 5:00pm.

c.) Memo dated September 29, 2014, from James Mullooly, Chair of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee to Kevin Ayotte regarding the revisions to APM 220 on Program Review.

Revised APM 220 will be placed on the Executive Committee's next agenda.

d.) Email dated October 8, 2014, from Matthew A. Jendian, Chair of the Department of Sociology, to Kevin Ayotte requesting that the GE Committee reconsider an exemption to the M/I Requirement.

It was decided to have Dr. Jendian and Dr. Paul Crosbie, Chair of the GE Committee, come and explain the problem to the Executive Committee.

e.) Memo dated September 29, 2014, from James Mullooly, Chair of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee, to Kevin Ayotte regarding proposed changes in the Constitution of the Academic Assembly regarding the voting rights of student members of the Senate's committees.

The proposal will be placed on the Executive Committee's next agenda.

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f.) Memo dated October 7, 2014, from Joseph I. Castro, president, to Kevin Ayotte requesting the appointment of faculty members to the search for a new cabinet-level Chief Information Officer.

A call will be sent for two faculty members to serve on the committee. The final selection will be done by ballot.

g.) Nominees for two faculty positions on the Informational and Educational Technology Coordinating Council were received.

The nominees will be discussed in executive session.

h.) Email dated October 4, 2014, from Bernard Vinovrski, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services, request faculty appointments to three search committees: two for the search for a new Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services, one for a new Financial Aid Director, and one for a new University Registrar.

A call will be sent with final selections made by the Executive Committee.

It was also decided that Senator Williams would find a farewell card the Academic Senate could send AVP Vinovrski for his many years of service.

i.) Email dated October 13, 2014, from Terry Wilson, Student Affairs Department, to Kevin Ayotte requesting that Vice President Lamas be given 20 minutes to speak to the Academic Senate regarding student food security.

VP Lamas will be invited to speak at the Academic Senate meeting of November 3, 2014.

4.) Presentation by Dr. David Kinnunen regarding the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA).

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COIA is an ad hoc coalition of university members of the NCAA who want to make sure that academics drives universities and their athletics departments. There is a great deal of concern that the Big-5 athletics conferences are going to threaten to leave the NCAA unless they gain greater control over their operations, and this could mean less emphasis on academics by athletic departments at universities in those conferences. At this point COIA is not asking Fresno State to do anything, and believes that we already do a good job putting academics before athletics.

COIA will continue to monitor the situation with the NCAA, as well as issues surrounding the rights of college athletes to collectively bargain after a recent ruling by the National Labor Relations Board.

- 5.) Executive session to discuss faculty nominees for the Informational and Educational Technology Coordinating Council.

The Executive Committee went into executive session at 4:11pm and returned at 4:28pm.

MSC to appoint Alison Mandaville (English) to the 2-year term on the Council and Hank Delcore (Anthropology) to the 1-year term on the Council.

- 6.) Electronic Documents for Executive Committee

Members of the Executive Committee endorsed the idea of finding a way to deliver all committee meeting documents electronically. Venita Baker from the Senate Office will look into doing this and may ask Vice Chair Holyoke for assistance.

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The Executive Committee adjourned at 4:37pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on October 27, 2014 in HML 2108.

Submitted by:
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Approved by:
Kevin Ayotte
Chair
Academic Senate