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Members Excused: A. Alexandrou, L. Clune, B. Conlon, S. Fulop, G. Gechter, D. Kinnunen, R. Raya-Fernandez, S. Reeves, D. Steele, K. Tenbergen

Members Absent: S. Farnesi (Student), D. Freed, M. Golden, D. Harshavardhan, T. Johnson, K. Kurtural, S. Lin, M. Lowe, K. McCoy, R. Rai, C. Won

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Caldwell at 4:06 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, Room 2206.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
2. Approval of the Minutes of 2/6/12 and 2/13/12.

The Minutes of 2/6/12 were amended as follows:

- K. Dyer and L. Liu were removed from the list of Members Absent.
- Senator Slagter (Women's Studies) corrected Dr. K. Forbes' comments regarding the AABATF discussion to clarify the misunderstanding of cost associated with small majors/programs such as Women's Studies.
- Senator Chapman (Modern & Classical Languages & Literature) included Dr. Nef's response to the question regarding the AABATF's desire to solve the budget issues in some other way.

The Minutes of 2/13/12 were amended to include Senator Hensen's (English) revision to Communications and Announcement 3.B.

MSC to approve the Minutes of 2/6/12 and 2/13/12 as amended.

3. Communications and Announcements.

- A. President Welty announced there will be a Budget Forum March 19, 2012 in the Satellite Student Union. [Note, the Budget Forum has since been changed to March 22, 2012, 10:00 – 11:30 am, Satellite Student Union.]
- B. Provost Covino announced assigned time will be allocated to faculty for research for Academic Year 2012-2013.
- C. Provost Covino announced a request for 2013-2014 faculty searches has been given to the deans.

4. New Business.

- A. The California State University, Fresno: Budget Fundamentals— A Presentation by Dr. J. Constable, Chair of the University Budget Committee.

Dr. Constable provided an informational presentation that described the university's budget structure, faculty consultation in the budget process, the budget model, relative index and more.

Senator J. Slagter (Women's Studies) asked how the course mode and level affect the budget model.

C. Bernthal (Guest) asked Dr. Constable about his role on the AABATF, particularly if Dr. Constable was asked to keep task force information confidential. Dr. Constable responded to the question by stating that task force members were asked to use discretion. Chair Caldwell shared an email apology to Dr. Constable regarding statements that led to a misunderstanding of Dr. Constable's role on the task force.

C. Bernthal asked whether the UBC will examine the university carry-forward. Dr. Constable responded that the UBC will look into this and will investigate how the funds will be used in the future.

The California State University, Fresno: Budget Fundamentals PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the Academic Senate website.

5. Academic Senate Resolutions on the Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Task Force Report and Revised Recommendations—Department of English—Second Reading.

Senator T. Holyoke (University-Wide) entered a motion to refer the resolutions to the University Budget Committee (UBC) with instructions for its review of the AABATF revised recommendations.

MS to adopt the resolutions for discussion.

Senators L. Williams (Agricultural Economics) and O. Schweizer (Criminology) questioned the purpose of referring the resolutions to the UBC and asked whether the UBC would be functioning outside of their purview.

Senator Hensen spoke in favor of the motion to refer the resolutions to the UBC.

MSC to refer the Academic Senate Resolutions on the Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Task Force Report and Revised Recommendations–Department of English to the University Budget Committee with instructions for its review.

[1 No, 1 Abstain]

6. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Graduate Certificate Program–University Graduate Committee.

Item will return to the next meeting agenda of the Academic Senate for second reading.

7. Academic Senate Resolution on Cohort Hiring Through the Office of the Provost – Senator C. Henson.

Item will return to the next meeting agenda of the Academic Senate for first reading.

8. Resolution in Support of UC Davis Students and Faculty Right to Peaceably Assemble.

Item will return to the next meeting agenda of the Academic Senate for second reading.

9. APM 206 Policy on Technology–Mediated Courses and Programs–Academic Policy & Planning Committee.

Item will return to the next meeting agenda of the Academic Senate for first reading.

The Senate adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be announced.

An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:
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Vice Chair
Academic Senate

Approved by:
Michael Caldwell
Chair
Academic Senate