

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Members Present: Lynn Williams (Chair), Kevin Ayotte (Vice-Chair), Diane Blair (University-wide), President Joseph Castro, Interim Provost Andrew Hoff, Thomas Holyoke (At-large), Michael Jenkins (At-large), Loretta Kensinger (State-wide), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large)

Absent: Kiranjit Dhanjan (ASI)

Visitors: Venita Baker

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chair Williams in HML 2108.

1. Agenda.

Senator Kensinger (State-wide) motioned to add Academic Calendar and Final Grade Deadline as item # 7.

MSC to approve the Agenda as amended.

2. Minutes of 1/27/14.

MSC to approve the minutes of 1/27/14.

3. Communications and Announcements.

A. Vice President Searches.

1. President Castro stated that he has been meeting with the Vice President for Student Affairs Search Committee and hopes to make an offer to the successful candidate by the end of the week.
2. President Castro stated that he hopes to convene the Vice President for University Advancement Search Committee by mid-February.

B. Faculty Salaries.

President Castro reported that discussions at the CSU Board of Trustees indicate the possibility of an agreement between the Chancellor's Office and the faculty and staff unions for multi-year salary increases.

C. Diversity Forum.

President Castro announced a draft schedule for the Diversity Forum events on 2/19/14. He invited members of the Executive Committee to provide feedback on the events scheduled so far.

D. Tablet Initiative.

President Castro thanked the Senate Executive Committee for their support of the university tablet initiative.

E. Softball Diamond Naming Opportunity.

Vice President Peter Smits (Advancement) consulted with the Executive Committee re: an opportunity to name the university Softball Diamond after former Fresno State head Softball Coach Margie Wright. Several donors are interested. Dr. Smits hopes to place the item on the Board of Trustees agenda for its March 25 meeting.

MSC that the Senate Executive Committee expressed support for this proposal and will provide a memo to that effect to President Castro.

F. Letter dated January 23, 2014, from Roxanne Robbin, Chair of the Academic Council on International Programs (ACIP) to Lynn Williams, Chair, Academic Senate, re: Faculty Representative to the ACIP.

MSC for Vice Chair Ayotte to send the call for nominations after the Senate Bylaws are revised to extend the nomination period.

G. Memo dated January 29, 2014 from Mike Botwin, Chair of the AP&P Committee, to Lynn Williams, Chair, Academic Senate, re: Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry.

MSC to place this item on the next agenda of the Executive Committee.

4. Chief Information Officer (CIO) Position.

President Castro summarized the rationale for a CIO position on campus. He noted that members of the Executive Committee were invited to a previous CIO readiness assessment meeting and several Executive Committee members attended. He summarized concerns raised at that meeting, mainly re: the cost of the position and the risk of too much centralized control. President Castro stated that because the funding for the position has already been allocated for several years, there will be no new tradeoff with other funds. He also stated that he does not believe the CIO position will lead to too much centralized control but rather coherence and coordination among university technology planning. Discussion ensued.

5. Vice President for Advancement Search Committee.

Vice Chair Ayotte reported that no faculty representatives had been elected in the recent voting.

MSC to conduct nomination and election for the representatives from the floor at today's Senate meeting.

6. Minor Revisions to General Education (GE) Policy.

Dr. Paul Crosbie (Chair, GE Committee) summarized the proposed revisions and rationale for them. Discussion ensued.

MSC to waive second reading and place this item on the next agenda of the Academic Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be announced.

An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:
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Vice-Chair
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Approved by:
Lynn Williams
Chair
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