

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
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Members present: Thomas Holyoke (Chair) Paula Durette (Vice Chair), Loretta Kensinger (At-large), Bradley Hart (At-large), Melanie Ram (University-wide), Susan Schlievert (Statewide Senate), Ahson Haider (substituting for Blake Zante - ASI), Joseph Castro (Ex-officio), and Lynnette Zelezny (Ex-officio).

Excused: Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large)

Guest Deborah Adishian-Astone (Vice President for Administration), Katie Dyer (Chair, Academic Standards & Grading Subcommittee)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 3:04pm in HML 2108.

- 1.) Approval of the agenda.
MSC approving the agenda.
- 2.) Approval of the Minutes of October 30, 2017.
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- 3.) Communications and announcements
 - a. Chair Holyoke

Shared the upcoming Wednesday would have an ASI Senate meeting, and they will try to move the resolution on Executive Order 1100. Noted he will attend to assist the committee.

Related that day at 11:40am there was a presentation from the IDEA center. Noted there were concerns about the response rate and the primary response from the company was to have students do the responses in class.

Reminded the committee the next meeting of the Academic Senate will have an election for a Senator At-large.

b. President Castro

Related on November 5th the Martin Luther King statue in the Peace Garden was disrespected by sports paraphernalia being placed on it. Noted police said they removed the items when discovered, but it had been posted on social media already. Stated he is meeting with a group of African American students and will meet with other groups to address the situation. Stated he may send a communication to the campus on the importance of respecting our Peace Garden.

c. Action Items

- i. Memo dated November 8, 2017, from Dennis Nef, Vice Provost to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Grades Due Deadlines. Memo has been received.

This item will be moved to the Executive Committee agenda. Vice Provost Nef will be invited.

- ii. Email dated November 9, 2017, from Robert Maldonado, Chair University Budget Committee to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Certificate of Advanced Study in Research Methods. Email has been received.

This item will be moved to the Executive Committee agenda.

- iii. Email dated November 9, 2017, from Robert Maldonado, Chair University Budget Committee to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: BA Art History Elevation. Email has been received.

This item will be moved to the Executive Committee agenda.

- iv. Email dated November 9, 2017, from Robert Maldonado, Chair University Budget Committee to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Elevation of BA in Dance. Email has been received.

This item will be moved to the Executive Committee agenda.

- v. Memo dated October 16, 2017, from Brian Tsukimura, Chair Personnel Committee to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 303 Policy on Nepotism. Memo has been received.

This item will be discussed when Vice President Adishian-Astone arrives.

- vi. Nominees:
 - 1. TARP
 - 2. MI Graduation Requirement Ad Hoc Task Force

These nominations were discussed in the executive session.

4.) Graduation Honors for Transfer Students.

Katie Dyer (Chair, Academic Standards & Grading Subcommittee) related she discovered some students have been upset because they achieved the honors grade point average threshold, some even with a 4.0, but were told they could not have an honor cord due to other requirements.

Chair Holyoke added he looked into the situation and the policy was approved by Academic Standards and Grading ten years ago.

Katie Dyer (Chair, Academic Standards & Grading Subcommittee) noted the requirements are 3.5 GPA at Fresno State and 45 units completed in residence, and all must be accomplished at the time you apply. Some students had not completed 45 in residence units by the time they applied but would by the time they graduate. She noted some colleges disregard the requirements but others do not, so there is an imbalance in enforcement as well. She stated she would like to remove item #3, which is the requirement for 45 in residence units completed.

Vice Chair Durette noted there is already a residency requirement for graduation, so the use of one for honors is duplicitous.

The proposal to remove item #3 will be moved to the consent calendar for the Academic Senate. Provost Zelezny will communicate this change with the Deans.

Alcohol Policy

Vice President Adishian-Astone shared the updated policy on alcohol based on Executive Order 1109. She reviewed the executive order and the primary change, which is selling alcohol at intercollegiate athletic events. The executive order allowed the university to update its policy and they made sure the policy is in line with the order. She related alcohol is currently served only at football events, but other events will be included once vendors present information on public safety, risk management, required training, etc.

Chair Holyoke asked why the executive order was issued.

Vice President Adishian-Astone replied that Chancellor Reed had a previous executive order that prohibited sales of alcohol. This current executive order is allowing campuses to make that decision instead. She provided information on some of the processes for implementing alcohol sales and permissive use. She related there have not been any concerning circumstances since they brought alcohol back.

Senator Ram (University-wide) asked to clarify if the items on page 3 are restrictions.

Vice President Adishian-Astone replied tailgating is not allowed on campus, but picnicking is without alcohol.

Senator Ram (University-wide) noted she could not see where tailgating is by permit only in the policy.

Vice President Adishian-Astone replied the permit is how a person is given information on where to tailgate, but they will add clarification of the permit requirement.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) suggested there should be priority given to on-campus or local vendors.

Vice President Adishian-Astone replied they have to be very careful about this because there are legal reasons not to give preference to certain vendors. There is a linkage between sponsorship, preferences and pouring licenses. University catering holds some pouring permits.

Vice President Adishian-Astone will leave a redline version of the alcohol policy for the committee's records.

Chair Holyoke asked about the response from the Personnel Committee about nepotism.

Vice President Adishian-Astone replied they were concerned the technical letter might outdate the campus policy, which is effectively the system's policy. She noted they wanted to consider if there is a difference between the two, should the technical letter just be referenced instead. She noted they were raising the question but not making a recommendation.

Chair Holyoke replied the Personnel Committee felt the current policy is not in conflict with the technical letter, and it was felt the letter does not constitute an executive order.

Vice President Adishian-Astone replied that it is seen as a system-wide directive.

Senator Kensinger noted that the debate is with the technical letter because it is a guideline written by the Vice Chancellor, whose authority does not supersede the campus president. The president approves the APM.

Vice President Adishian-Astone will reach out to the university's legal counsel to clarify the authority technical letters have with regard to academic policy.

Ahson Haider (ASI) asked about having banners of famous alumni around various areas of campus or artwork on buildings.

Vice President Adishian-Astone replied to go through University Advancement under Vice President Castadio. To pursue a mural, they would need to work with the Campus Planning Committee.

5.) Executive Session

Entered 4:17pm, exited 4:38pm.

a. TARP

The vote on TARP nominees will occur in a future session due to a problem with the faculty listserv. There will be another call issued when the listserv is corrected. A hand-populated listserv will be created as a temporary solution.

b. Appointed to the MI Graduation Requirement Ad Hoc Task Force:

Jaydene Elvin (College of Arts and Humanities)
Ypeng Luo (Lyles College of Engineering)
Larissa Mercado-Lopez (College of Social Sciences)
Andreas Stratemeyer (Craig School of Business)

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 4:41pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Monday, November 27, 2017.

Submitted by:
Paula Durette
Vice Chair

Approved by:
Thomas Holyoke
Chair