

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
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Members Present: 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)

Excused Absent: Lynn Williams (Chair), Kiranjit Dhanjan (ASI)

Visitors: Venita Baker, Associate Vice President Michael Caldwell (Faculty Affairs)

The meeting was called to order at 3:14 p.m. by Vice Chair Ayotte in HML 3212.

1. Agenda.

MSC to approve the Agenda.

2. Minutes of 3/17/14.

MSC to approve the minutes of 3/17/14.

3. Communications and Announcements.

A. Faculty Searches.

Provost Hoff stated that most searches are coming to a close but a few remain open. He is currently reviewing search requests for the 2014-15 academic year as the budget is being finalized.

Senator Kensinger (State-wide) encouraged the committee members to write Governor Brown prior to the May Revision of the California State Budget.

B. Café Academy.

Provost Hoff announced that the final Café Academy of the year will be held on Wednesday, April 23 from 4-6pm.

- C. Email dated March 25, 2014 from Brian Tsukimura, Chair of the Personnel Committee, re: Policies for Executive Committee Review – APM 360, 325, 327.

Associate Vice President Caldwell (Faculty Affairs) summarized the revisions to APM 360 re-inserting inadvertently deleted language for the process by which faculty members can appeal a dean's denial of a sabbatical request. This is the only change from the existing policy.

AVP Caldwell summarized proposed revisions (identical in both APM 325 and 327) giving the University Board on Retention, Tenure, and Promotion (UBRTP) authority to approve additions to the Working Personnel Action File (WPAF) after the official closing date. Regardless of the level of review at which a file is currently, all levels will be given the opportunity to evaluate and comment on newly added material. This change brings the policy more closely in line with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

MSC to place APM 325, APM 327, and APM 360 on the next Agenda of the Academic Senate.

- D. Email dated April 3, 2014 from Shirley Armbruster, Associate Vice President University Communications re: Request for Updates to APM 627, 635, 640.

MSC to place APM 627, APM 635, and APM 640 on the next Agenda of the Academic Senate.

- E. Memo dated April 7, 2014 from Michael Botwin, Chair of the Academic Policy & Planning Committee re: Department of Nursing - Protoschool.

MSC to place this item on the next Agenda of the Academic Senate.

- F. Email dated April 7, 2014 from Kevin Ayotte, Co-Chair of the Instructional Materials Subcommittee / Accessible Technology Initiative re: Policy on Faculty Responsibility for Accessible Instructional Materials.

MSC to refer proposed revisions of APM 237, APM 322, APM 322b, and APM 322c to the Academic Information Technology Subcommittee, followed by the Personnel Committee, for review and comment.

G. ASCSU Resolution re: Lecturers and Emeriti Status.

Senator Kensinger (State-wide) stated that the State-wide Academic Senate passed a resolution recommending that Lecturers be eligible for emeritus status. Discussion ensued.

MSC to request the Personnel Committee review and consider drafting revisions to APM 399 for the possibility of including lecturers, and perhaps even assistant professors, among those eligible for emeritus status. The Senate Executive Committee recommends that the Personnel Committee also consider adding Coordinators of stand-alone programs to the list of positions eligible for emeritus status (in parallel with department chairs).

H. Executive Committee Meeting with Trustee Larry Norton.

Vice Chair Ayotte reminded the Executive Committee of the meeting scheduled with CSU Trustee Larry Norton scheduled for April 9, 2014 10:45-11:15am.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be announced.

An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:
Kevin J. Ayotte
Vice-Chair
Academic Senate

Approved by:
Lynn Williams
Chair
Academic Senate