

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
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Members present: Kevin Ayotte (Chair), Thomas Holyoke (Vice Chair), Michael Jenkins (At-large), Madhu Katti (At-large), Loretta Kensinger (State-wide), Melanie Ram (University-wide), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large), Lynn Williams (Ex-officio)

Members excused: President Joseph Castro (Ex-officio) and Provost Lynette Zelezny (Ex-officio)

Visitors: Venita Baker and Brian Tsukimura (Chair, Personnel Committee)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 3:03pm in HML 2108.

1.) Approval of the agenda

Senator Kensinger moved to reorder the agenda with the academic freedom resolution now listed as item #5. MSC approving the reordering of the agenda.

MSC approving the agenda as amended

2.) Approval of the minutes of March 2, 2015

Senator Kensinger proposed a friendly amendment to the minutes

MSC approving the minutes of February 9, 2015, as amended

3.) Communications and announcements

a. Action items

1. Memo dated March 5, 2015, from James Mullooly, Chair Academic Policy & Planning Committee, to Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 253 (Policy on Instructional Television Fixed Services). Memo has been received.

This is to be placed on the next agenda of the Executive Committee.

2. Memo dated March 5, 2015, from James Mullooly, Chair Academic Policy & Planning Committee, to Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 206 (Interim Policies and Procedures on Technology-Mediated Courses and Programs). Memo has been received.

This is to be placed on the next agenda of the Executive Committee.

3. Email dated March 9, 2015, from Frank Llamas, Vice President for Student Affairs to Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: Student Health Center Building Name Change. Email has been received.

This is to be placed on the next agenda of the Executive Committee with either VP Llamas or a designee coming to consult with the committee.

4. Senator Kensinger asked Senator Jenkins what he learned from attending one of the meetings on impaction. It was reported that the university is considering ways to increase student qualifications, such as changes to minimum levels of GPA and/or SAT scores. The concern was expressed that this might make it harder for students from our primary service area to get into the university, and might fall especially hard on low-income and first generation students. Committee members asked Chair Ayotte to ask the provost what the timeline is on the university's efforts to ask the Chancellor to let Fresno State declare impaction because members felt the provost should either discuss the issue at the Academic Senate or in another campus forum.

5. Chair Ayotte asked whether it might be useful to advance the date of the election of the chair and vice chair elections because that might be useful to department chairs trying to schedule classes. It was decided that no change should be made.
6. Chair Ayotte asked whether it would be useful to call an additional meeting of the Academic Senate on May 4, 2015, in order to get all business done. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

4.) APM 325 Policy on Retention and Tenure

Personnel Committee Chair Tsukimura answered questions regarding the new language added to APM 325 to clarify the circumstances under which academic publications would be counted towards tenure and promotion.

MSC moving APM 325 to the Academic Senate, to be placed in a priority position on the agenda.

5.) Resolution – Need for a Comprehensive California State University Policy on Academic Freedom.

MSC moving the resolution to the Academic Senate, to be placed in a priority position on the agenda.

6.) Review of Senate Governing Documents

This item will be taken up next time the committee meets.

7.) APM 220 Program Review

There was a lot of concern expressed about the new policy. Committee members asked Chair Ayotte to ask AP&P Chair Mullooly how important this item really is to the university.

The Executive Committee adjourned at 4:58pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on April 6, 2015 in HML 2108.

Submitted by:
Thomas Holyoke
Vice Chair
Academic Senate

Approved by:
Kevin Ayotte
Chair
Academic Senate