

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO  
5241 North Maple Avenue, M/S Thomas 43  
Fresno, California 93740-8027  
Office of the Academic Senate  
Ext. 278-2743

FAX: 278-5745  
(AS-15)

May 2, 2011

Members Absent: V. Biondo, B. DerMugrdechian (excused), A. Dinscore (excused), A. Espinoza, S. Figlioli, D. Frazier, T. Holyoke (excused), A. Jassim, T. Johnson, T. Kubal, K. Kutural, S. Lee, S. Liu, M. Lowe (excused), B. Lyons, D. Magoc, S. Najmi (excused), R. Rai, P. Ramirez (student member)(excused), R. Raya-Fernandez (excused), D. Sharma (excused), D. Smith, N. Spiro, C. Won, M. Zoghi

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Caldwell at 4:07 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, Room 2206.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
2. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 4/25/11 with a request to examine the attendance list for accuracy.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Chair Caldwell announced, pending survey results of voting senators, the Academic Senate will meet alternating Mondays, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., beginning fall 2011.

4. Installation of New Senators.

Newly elected Department Senators were installed and welcomed.

New Senators	Kenneth Balint (Theatre Arts) and Carol Rankin (Counseling, Special Education and Rehabilitation)
--------------	---

5. Election – Nominations – Nominating/Elections Committee. Chair/Vice Chair – Academic Senate.

MSC to elect L. Williams Member-at-Large of the Senate Executive Committee by acclamation.

MSC to elect G. Gechter University-Wide member of the Senate Executive Committee by acclamation.

6. Consent Calendar.

- A. Nomination/Reappointment to the Committee for Faculty Equity and Diversity (CFED).
- B. Nomination/Reappointment to the Student Affairs Committee.

The items were approved by consent.

7. New Business.

There was no New Business.

8. Creating a Departmental Policy on Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness (APM 322)–Personnel Committee–Second Reading.

MSC to remove item 3 under SAMPLE DEPARTMENTAL POLICY, PEER EVAULATIONS, from the document.

MSC to revise GUIDING PRINCIPLES Student Ratings of Instruction, APM 322 – III.B, first sentence in italics to read as “Please be certain that your Departmental Policy specifies frequency, expected faculty standards and scheduling.”

MSC to revise SAMPLE DEPARTMENTAL POLICY, STUDENT RATINGS OF INSTRUCTION, paragraph 3 to read as “Student ratings of instruction shall be assessed to identify patterns and trends of teaching performance and effectiveness. It is expected that the faculty member shall meet or exceed the department standard [X out of 5.0] using adjusted or unadjusted scores, whichever are higher, on a regular basis; however, it is more important to evaluate on the basis of multi-year trends rather than focusing on a single course or narrow time frame.”

MS to approve the Creating a Departmental Policy on Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness (APM 322)–Personnel Committee.

The item will return to the agenda of the next Academic Senate meeting.

9. Retention, Tenure, and Promotion (RTP) Process (APM 324, 325, 327)–Personnel Committee.

The item will return to the agenda of the next Academic Senate meeting.

10. Proposed Policy for Undergraduate Majors and Minors–Student Affairs–Second Reading.

The item will return to the agenda of the next Academic Senate meeting.

11. Policy on the Procedures and Guidelines for the Periodic Review of Academic Programs (APM 220)–Academic Policy & Planning.

The item will return to the agenda of the next Academic Senate meeting.

The Senate adjourned at 5:34 p.m. following a quorum call affirming the lack of a quorum.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be May 9, 2011.

An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Dawn Lewis  
Vice Chair  
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Caldwell  
Chair  
Academic Senate