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February 13, 2012 (AMENDED)

Members Excused: K. Ayotte, M. Botwin, E. Kurtural, M. Lowe, S. Reeves

Members Absent: O. Benavides, V. Biondo, B. Conlon, B. DerMugrdechian, W. Dodd, K. Dyer, A. Espinoza, S. Farnesi (Student), D. Freed, M. Golden, D. Harshavardhan, A. Jassim, T. Johnson, L. Liu, k. McCoy, R. Rai, N. Spiro, K. Tenebergen, C. Won

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Caldwell at 4:08 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, Room 2206.

1. Agenda.

Chair Caldwell announced Item #7, APM 306 (Policy on Full-time Temporary Faculty)-Personnel Committee-Second Reading has been requested to return to the Personnel Committee and, therefore, will be removed from today's agenda of the Academic Senate.

MSC to approve the Agenda as amended.

2. Approval of the Minutes of 2/6/12.

The Minutes of 2/6/12 will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Academic Senate.

3. Communications and Announcements.

A. Chair Caldwell announced the final date for the Executive Committee to receive items for the 2011-12 Academic Year will be March 26, 2012.

B. Senator C. Henson (English) asked whether the three resolutions passed at the January 30, 2012 meeting of the Academic Senate were forwarded to the Academic Policy and Planning (AP&P) and University Budget

Committee. Dr. R. Raya-Fernandez, member of AP&P, replied that the committee has been contacted. There was no indication that it went to the Budget Committee.

C. Vice President C. Teniente-Matson and Ms. A. Armstrong (Traffic Operations) announced upcoming changes to visitor parking fees and shared a handout outlining the plan for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 academic years.

Several senators expressed concern for and opposition to the fee changes for visitor parking.

Senator J. Slagter (Women's Studies) asked if there was anything that could be done to pass the cost onto the visitor rather than the department. Ms. Armstrong replied yes. Provost Covino responded that he recommended costs be sent to the deans' offices rather than departments.

Senator H. Schweizer (Criminology) asked if there was any way to eliminate the use of the machines. Ms. Armstrong replied that the technology exists, however it is not available on our campus. Also, there is large potential for fraud and misuse of other methods.

Chair Caldwell asked, when hosting large events, if there were ways to protect from fraud in getting coupons by students. Ms. Armstrong replied that changing the parking code more often can reduce fraud by students.

Senator J. Bradshaw (Art and Design), in response to Provost Covino's earlier comment, expressed concern for departments or schools/colleges being charged for visitor parking for campus events because a college such as Arts and Humanities hosts many community events whereas other colleges host few. Senator Bradshaw recommends an option that distributes visitor parking costs more equitably should be considered.

Senator Bradshaw asked about visitor parking for Athletics events. Ms. Armstrong replied that the Athletics Department pays for its event parking.

4. Installation of New Senators

The following senator was installed and welcomed.

Segun Ogunjemiyo – Geography Department

5. New Business.

A. Senator C. Henson (English) submitted a resolution new Item #9 to today's agenda.

6. Academic Senate Resolution on the Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Task Force Report and Revised Recommendations

MS to adopt the resolution for discussion.

Senator C. Henson reads the resolution aloud.

Senator H. Schweizer (Criminology) asks for the charge of the University Budget Committee, and who will be charged for the audit.

Statewide Senator J. Amaral questions whether the University Budget Committee is a standing committee of the Academic Senate or a stand-alone committee.

Review of the Academic Senate's charge revealed The University Budget Committee is a standing committee of the Academic Senate and its responsibility [i.e., charge] was read aloud by Chair Caldwell.

Senator Henson replied to Senator Schweizer's question regarding who will be charged for the audit.

Senator Schweizer asked was a member of the University Budget Committee on the AABATF. Chair Caldwell responded that Dr. J. Constable, Chair of the University Budget Committee, was a member of the task force.

Dr. C. Berenthal (English) asked if the members of the task force were instructed to keep information confidential.

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Chair Caldwell announced he would like to provide a historical account of how the AABATF was formed.

Senator Henson requests that Chair Caldwell step aside for the agenda item.

Senator Schweizer requested a vote of the senators for which there was no second.

Senator L. Williams (Agriculture Economics) provided a Point of Order that in the absence of the parliamentarian, the Chair of the Academic Senate's ruling is final.

Chair Caldwell ruled he will voluntarily step aside and read the history for selecting members of the AABATF. Vice Chair Lewis led the remainder of the discussion.

Dr. Bernthal requested a copy of the statement read by Chair Caldwell and asked again whether the members of the task force were instructed to keep its deliberations confidential. Provost Covino responded that he did not instruct the members of the task force to keep discussions and deliberations confidential, however they were asked to use discretion.

Dr. Bernthal asked if Dr. Constable could attend the next meeting of the Academic Senate. Chair Caldwell replied that Dr. Constable will be asked to attend.

Senator S. Fulop (Linguistics) read the Whistleblower and Audit information located on the California State Auditor website. Senator Fulop identified the two types of/reasons for audits available where a "performance audit" best fits the requests of the Resolution. Several senators and visitors state that an external audit is not warranted at this time and are not in its favor.

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

7. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Graduate Certificate Program—University Graduate Committee.

Item will return to the next meeting agenda of the Academic Senate for second reading.

9. Resolution in Support of UC Davis Students and Faculty Right to Peaceably Assemble.

Item will return to the next meeting agenda of the Academic Senate for second reading.

10. Academic Senate Resolution on Cohort Hiring Through the Office of the Provost – Senator C. Henson.

Item will return to the next meeting agenda of the Academic Senate for first reading.

The Senate adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be announced.

An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:
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Approved by:
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Chair
Academic Senate