

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
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Members Present: Mike Botwin, Michael Caldwell, Jacinta Amaral, Manuel Figueroa, Gena Gechter, Lauren Johnson (student), D. Nef, O. Harald Schweizer.

Members Absent: Lynn Williams (excused), President Welty (excused).

Visitors: C. Barakzai, R. Fire, F. Harmsen, S. Hayes, M. Jenkins, S. Lewis, R. Munjy, M. Russler.

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 a.m. by Chair Botwin in the University Center, Room #203.

1. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 2/2/09.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements. (Anyone wishing a copy of the items distributed or discussed, please contact the Academic Senate Office).

Action Item

- A. A memorandum (2/6/09) from James S. Kus, Chair, University Budget Committee to Michael Botwin, Chair, Academic Senate, re: Proposed Department Status for Recreation Administration and Leisure Studies, was received.

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Information Item

- B. Chair Botwin encouraged faculty to attend the newly formed Consortium for Evolutionary Studies meeting at the Downing

Planetarium on Thursday, February 12 at 5:00 p.m. in the Downing Planetarium (following the Budget Summit).

4. Proposed Certificate of Advanced Study – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

Michael Russler presented a comprehensive overview of the proposed post-Master's program and answered several questions from the committee regarding entrance requirements, practicum experiences, format of curricular delivery and cohort size/assemblage.

MSC to forward to the Academic Senate for consideration.

5. Revision – Lyles College of Engineering Articles of Governance.

Riadh Munjy explained the rationale for the proposed changes in the document.

MSC to send to the Personnel Committee for consultation.

6. Discontinuation of the Joint Program in Environmental Sciences.

Stephen Lewis explained the rationale for the discontinuation of the joint program with UC Riverside. Low student demand was the principal reason for the request. The College and University are committed to accommodating students who chose to complete the program. Dr. Lewis confirmed verbally that colleagues at UC Riverside are in concurrence with regard to the discontinuation of the program.

MSC to table until written verification is obtained from the appropriate Dean or Chair at UC Riverside.

4. Executive Session.

There was no Executive Session.

MSC to adjourn at 3:51 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2008. An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Michael Caldwell  
Recording Secretary  
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Botwin  
Chair  
Academic Senate