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Members Excused: A. Alexandrou, K. Kurtural, S. Liu, S. Schlievert

Members Absent: V. Biono, S. Farnesi(student), S. Figlioli, R. Fire, D. Frazier, M. Golden, A. Jassim, T. Johnson, T. Kubal, B. Lyons, R. Rai, D. Sharma, M. Zoghi

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Caldwell at 4:06 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, Room 2206.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
2. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 5/9/11.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - A. Chair Caldwell announced informational sessions regarding the processes for the evaluation of faculty including The IDEA Center forms for student ratings of instruction and a refined peer evaluation process. The faculty should make every effort to attend the sessions. An email announcement with details has been sent to the faculty.
  - B. Provost Covino announced there are three dean positions available for search (the Colleges of Engineering, Business, and Sciences and Math) that will be postponed until after the Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Task Force (AABATF) gives its recommendations and report.

Senators asked questions about the AABATF. In response, Provost Covino stated that J. Constable, Chair of the University Budget Committee, is a member of the task force. Also, the task force will

give its report and recommendations to the Office of the Provost.

Senator L. Williams expressed concern for the growing number of task forces in lieu of utilizing existing committees and structure of the Academic Senate.

- C. Provost Covino announced Dr. T. Wendt's term as Associate Vice President of Academic Personnel ends Spring 2012. Due to budgetary concerns, the search for a new AVP of Academic Personnel is postponed for the 2011-2012 academic year. Dr. Wendt's contract will be extended for one year.
- D. Provost Covino announced 54 faculty received tenure and/or promotion beginning fall 2011. C. Leimer, Director of Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning, will be promoted to Associate Vice President. D. Nef received a five percent increase in salary as a result of absorbing the duties previously held by John Waayers. Dr. Covino stated several points of justification for Dr. Leimer's promotion and Dr. Nef's salary increase.

Some senators voiced concern regarding the timing of the administrators' promotion and/or salary increases and expressed concern for the budget and budgetary shifts within administrative positions rather than being directed to the classroom.

- E. Senator T. Holyoke asked Provost Covino about the waiving of the American Government and History courses for community college transfer students in high unit majors. Dr. Covino responded that this is a CSU system action that Fresno State will watch closely. Statewide Senator J. Amaral replied that the statewide senate is working to resolve this issue.

- F. Associate Provost Junn announced CSALT will offer a faculty learning community and other continuing education opportunities to faculty. Event announcements are forthcoming.
- G. Associate Provost Junn announced the Red Balloon initiative is continuing to move forward and the recommendations have been reviewed by the Cabinet. A Red Balloon discussion is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- H. Chair Caldwell announced Dr. M. Botwin will serve as interim parliamentarian to the Academic Senate. Dr. Caldwell expressed his appreciation for Dr. Botwin's service.

4. Expanded Executive Committee Report.

Chair Caldwell reported the four actions approved by the Expanded Executive Committee, July 7, 2011, on behalf of the Academic Senate (see meeting minutes).

Dr. P. Trueblood, Chair, Department of Physical Therapy, was present and responded to senators' questions regarding the Proposed Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

MSC to approve the Expanded Executive Committee Report including:

- A. Approval of the discontinuation of the Interdisciplinary Health and Rehabilitation Science Major.
- B. Approval of the proposed Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

- C. Approval of the requested reorganization of KSOEHD Departments (merging of Special Education with the Literacy and Early Education department).
- D. Approval of the proposed BA in Latin American Studies.

5. New Business.

There was no New Business.

6. Orientation to Faculty Governance and Parliamentary Procedures.

Chair Caldwell gave a presentation and demonstration, with Statewide Senator J. Amaral, reviewing faculty governance and parliamentary procedures.

This item will continue and return to the agenda of the next Academic Senate meeting.

The Senate adjourned at 5:16 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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Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Caldwell  
Chair  
Academic Senate