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Members excused: N. Akhavan, N. Delich, C. Guerra, R. Maldonado, A. McKeith, N. Nisbett, G. Thatcher, H. Youn

Members absent: P. Adams, D. Cady, M. Gilewicz, M. Golden, A. Iribarri, D. Law, D. Lewis, K. McBee, E. Waldman, J. Wenger

The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 4:05pm in HML 2206.

1.) Approval of the agenda.

MSC approving the agenda.

2.) Approval of the Minutes of November 20, 2017.

MSC approving the Minutes of November 20, 2017.

3.) Communications and announcements.

a. Vice President Lamas (Student Affairs)

Announced current opportunities in basic-need-funding for students. He provided an overview of the various programs and distributed informational paper flyers. He requested faculty include the URL of the information in their syllabi to help inform students about the programs.

Senator Bryant (Universitywide) asked from where the funds are derived.

Vice President Lamas (Student Affairs) replied Good Samaritan funds are from private donors but student success funds are used for the retention grants.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) mentioned local business leaders are lobbying for DACA and wondered if the campus had any plans to be involved.

Vice President Lamas replied he was not aware of that event but he will look into it.

Senator Karr (Music) asked about how the university is protecting information in the Dream Outreach Center.

Vice President Lamas (Student Affairs) replied they have done an audit and worked to take precautions in protecting DACA students' information from hacking.

Senator Karr (Music) inquired about warrants for student information.

Vice President Lamas (Student Affairs) replied the CSU system made it clear they would not provide that information and Fresno State will not either. They have worked to ensure student information is not floating around.

Senator Yun (Literacy, Early, Bilingual and Special Education) commended VP Lamas on the support programs.

Senator Botwin (Psychology) asked Vice President Lamas to check with the Provost and Vice Provost about having the support information included in the syllabus template. He commended the programs.

Vice President Lamas (Student Affairs) will send the link and an electronic version of the informational flyer to Chair Holyoke for distribution to the senate.

4.) New Business

There was no new business for the Academic Senate.

5.) Governing Documents – Constitution for the Academic Assembly. Second Reading.

Article III, Section 8. Reporting of Committees.
MSC Article III, Section 8.

Article III, Section 9. Membership.

Senator Alexandrou (Industrial Technology) spoke against the motion saying students will participate in the committee for only one year, and this will not provide enough time for the student to be an effective voting member.

Senator Karr (Music) spoke for the motion because the logic for length of experience would then say faculty should not vote the first year they are on a committee.

Senator Botwin (Psychology) concurred with Senator Karr, noting students represent ASI and need to speak for that organization.

Senator Sepulveda (ASI) noted there may be times students have not understood the issue, but he stated they are stakeholders and they do deserve the right to vote because oftentimes there are issues that directly affect them.

MSC Article III, Section 9. 2 nays, 1 abstention.

Article III, Section 10, Item A.
MSC Article III, Section 10, Item A.

Article III, Section 10, Item B. Recurring absence of members.

Senator Henson (English) related her concern with the term “may notify”. She noted it gives the chair preference to notify or not. She moved to change the word “may” to “will”.

MSC secondary motion to change “may” to “will”.

Senator Ram (University-wide) moved to add “and notify after at third unexcused absence”.

MSC secondary motion to add the text.

Senator Miele (Finance and Business Law) moved to strike the words “more than”

MSC striking the text.

Senator Alexandrou (Industrial Technology) asked about the different types of leave that may be included.

Senator Karr (Music) moved to include university approved semester leave.

MSC inclusion of university approved semester leave. 1 nay, 1 abstention.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) moved to add “state-wide”.

MSC addition of “state-wide”.

MSC Article IV changes

MSC document as amended in its entirety.

Chair Holyoke noted the document would need to go to the entire Academic Assembly for approval. If approved, the senate will discuss changes to the by-laws.

6.) APM 232 Policy on Student Absences – Academic Policy and Planning Committee. Second Reading.

Senator Mullooly (Anthropology and Chair AP&P) reviewed the policy.

Senator Ram (University-wide) moved to add two footnotes that provide consistency with Title IX compliance. She related she worked with Kathryn Forbes to develop these.

MSC inclusion of footnotes.

The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:16pm. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Monday, December 4, 2017.

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Approved by
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Chair
Academic Senate