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Members excused: P. Adams, N. Akhavan, M. Dangi, R. Maldonado, W. Skuban, J. Smith-Warshaw

Members absent: B. Buckner, M. Golden, M. Raheem, B. Singh, J. Taylor, J. Wakabayashi, J Wenger

The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 4:04pm in HML 2206.

1.) Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the inclusion of Resolution in Support of DACA to be new item #7 with the rest of the agenda reordered accordingly.

MSC approving the agenda as amended.

2.) Approval of the Minutes of May 8, 2017

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3.) Communications and announcements

a. President Castro

Introduced ACE fellow Markel Quarles from CSU Bakersfield who will work with us for the year.

Announced Washington Monthly magazine ranked Fresno State at 17 in the country. Reaffirms the direction we are all taking together and focusing on the success of all our students. Social mobility and best value were specified in the article. Related the university

is even stronger now than when this ranking occurred. Thanked faculty for their hard work.

Shared some top-line numbers about the budget. Virtually every dollar received from the state since 2013/14 has gone into compensation and benefits. Costs have risen from 162.8 to 217.5 million from 2013 to today, increasing salary & benefits for current faculty and staff and adding faculty and staff. Related he will provide more information when the budget is presented. The university will continue to invest in infrastructure. Most of the money comes from one-time reserves and private funds. Much of the 26 million will be used toward the most needed and largest classrooms. Reiterated that compensation and infrastructure will be the highest priorities.

Addressed the issue of DACA. Related he has spoken publicly about supporting DACA and our students. The general response has been positive, but some people have not been supportive of DACA students. Stated he will work on continuing to educate people. Maintained that each of the university's 25,000 students deserve full support. The university has been communicating with all the congressional members in the valley and senators in hope that some form of legislation such as the Dream Act can be developed.

Senator Wilson (Computer Science) inquired how the university would handle changes in remedial education.

President Castro replied that the provost would cover this subject in her communications.

b. Provost Zelezny

Announced and welcomed the new dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, Chris Meyer. Stated at the next senate meeting she will introduce the new dean of the library.

Extended her gratitude to everyone for the searches led and faculty brought (67 last year and 60 this year). Thanked President Castro for putting some student success money into tenure density hires.

Announced the retirement of Angel Sanchez. Thanked him for his service. Informed faculty a new search will need to occur and for faculty to keep an eye out for the call.

Related information on the recent executive orders. Executive Order 1100, on streamlining GE. One of our core values at Fresno State is the MI requirement. Officially, they are working on ideas to keep MI in our campus requirements.

Related the expansion of provost appointees to the G.E. committee to ensure colleges being impacted by the executive orders will have a voice. The chancellor's office is expecting the redesign to be in place in fall 2018.

Related concerns involving Executive order 1110, remedial education. The way we are currently doing remedial education has not been not effective based on data. Math faculty were already proactive in coming up with alternatives. A redesign task force was formed to consider a co-requisite model. Keith Clement will work with the senate committee at the curricular level. OIE will be involved. Some money from the CSU system has been provided.

Stated planning continues on open campus conversations sponsored by ASI and the faculty senate on First Amendment freedom of speech. This will occur late October and is for faculty and students.

Senator Kensinger (Womens Studies) stated she is very concerned about executive orders made with very little input from the Statewide Senate. Stated this is a faculty curricular issue and she questioned the amount of consultation that is occurring with these orders. Related the FAQ for the order states the deadline is regarding new, incoming students. Current students have more leeway. Asked what other impacts are present beyond the loss of MI.

Provost Zelezny related there is also a double counting issue. That hasn't been our precedent at Fresno State and will take some thinking.

Senator Karr (Music) asked if the executive orders are posted on a Fresno State webpage.

Chair Holyoke replied they would be emailed to senators.

Senator Schlievert (Statewide) responded the Statewide Senate would be discussing these issues this week. There were meetings throughout the summer and she will bring more information back the next meeting.

Senator Jenkins (Statewide) related he received a report from a workgroup that had comments on problems with the timeline set forth in the executive order.

- c. Lawrence Salinas (Executive Director of Governmental Relations) provided a list of government officials to contact directly for comments. Related he has been in daily contact with congressional offices and will be working with the offices to make sure the campus and CSU concerns are included.
  - d. Chair Holyoke explained how the senate works for the sake of new senators. Underscored the importance of reporting information back to departments. Introduced members of the Executive Committee. Introduced Senator Jenkins (Statewide), Senator Mullooly (Anthropology and AP&P Chair), Senator Botwin (Psychology and Parliamentarian), Blake Zante (ASI President) and Venita Baker (Academic Senate Administrative Coordinator).
- 4.) Installation of new senators.

The following new senators were installed:

Dr. Mara Brady  
Department of Earth & Environmental Science

Dr. Hillary Jones  
Department of Communication

5.) Consent Calendar

- a. APM 501 Policy on the Administration of Sponsored Programs
- b. APM 503 Policy on Indirect Cost Recoveries and Allocations

c. APM 505 Proposed Interim Policy Conflict of Interest in Grants and Contracts for Principal Investigators

The Consent Calendar was approved by unanimous consent

6.) New Business.

No new business was presented.

7.) Fresno State Resolution in Support of CSU Students and Staff Admitted or Employed Under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and in Support of the DACA Program Governing Documents.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) reviewed the proposed document.

Senator Botwin (Psychology) proposed an amendment to add a bullet point resolving the resolution be distributed to a resolution area of the CSU, Fresno website. MSC proposed amendment with 1 abstention.

Senator Alexandrou (Industrial Technology) suggested focusing attention on lobbying senators as opposed to focusing on the legal aspects.

Senator Kensinger (Women Studies) responded that the resolution is part of a lobbying effort but is also concerned with the current legal implications.

Senator Karr (Music) raised concerns about the legal aspects of the document. Stated he did not want to pass a resolution for something we cannot legally do.

Provost Zelezny suggested the resolution should move forward with the current words and then the university's legal council will look at it.

Motion to waive second reading. Motion seconded and carried with 1 abstention.

MSC approving the resolution with 3 abstentions.

The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:11pm. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Monday, September 25, 2017.

Submitted by  
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Academic Senate

Approved by  
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Chair  
Academic Senate