

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
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Members present: Kevin Ayotte (Chair), Thomas Holyoke (Vice Chair), Abigail Hudson (ASI), Madhu Katti (At-large), Loretta Kensinger (State-wide), Melanie Ram (University-wide), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large), Lynette Zelezny

Members excused: Joseph I. Castro (Ex-officio) and Michael Jenkins (At-large)

Guests: Venita Baker

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 3:08pm in HML 2106.

1.) Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda

2.) Approval of the Minutes of October 26, 2015

Friendly amendment to the minutes.

MSC approving the Minutes of October 26, 2015 as amended

3.) Communications and announcements

a.) Provost Zelezny

Noted that the administration and the California Faculty Association are very close now on Equity II. Currently they are incorporating good suggestions made by CFA and there should be an announcement soon.

b.) Senator Raya-Fernandez (Psychological Services)

Announced that Psychological Services now has an actual waiting list of students waiting for counseling, with students waiting from 3 to 4 weeks for an appointment. They are trying to identify students in need of immediate help, but they are suffering from severe staffing shortages. Some temporary help may be hired. She also noted that Fresno State is second to last in the CSU when it comes to the size of the staff for psychological services.

Provost Zelezny said this was a very serious matter and would talk about it directly with President Castro and Vice President Lamas (Student Affairs).

It was noted that psychological services is funded out of student fees and that student fees have been going to a variety of other services. President Hudson (ASI) noted that it would be hard to convince students to raise fees again to support psychological services because they have been asked to fund so many things, and the CSU Board of Trustees has just made a recommendation that student tuition should go up by 2-percent over the next ten years to help the CSU meet its various needs.

c.) Senator Ram (University-wide)

Expressed concern that nothing is happening in terms of asking faculty to report work overload for possible time release. Money was supposed to have been made available from the CSU for this under the Collective Bargaining Agreement, but nothing has been done on this campus yet.

The provost noted that Fresno State has not yet received any money from the CSU for this, and is trying to figure out if there even is any money. It might be an unfunded mandate. She will investigate further.

The committee discussed the idea of finishing up the application form for time release anyway so faculty could submit it and win time release awards when money finally became available.

4.) Nominations

The Senate Executive Committee entered executive session at 3:29pm.

The Senate Executive Committee returned from executive session at 3:42pm.

MSC appointing Joseph Ross (Biology) to IETCC.

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 3:43pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at 3:00pm on Monday, November 9, 2015.

Submitted by:
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