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Members Absent: J. Amaral, O. Benavides, D. Berkey, A. Espinoza, S. Figlioli, R. Fire, D. Frazier, T. Johnson, A. Jones, K. Kurtural, S. Lin, S. Liu, D. Magoc (excused), K. McCoy, R. Rai, S. Reeves, W. Rice, D. Sharma (excused), J. Slagter, D. Smith, K. Tenbergen (excused), P. Trueblood (excused), M. Vungkhanching, C. Won, M. Zoghi

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Caldwell at 4:08 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, Room 2206.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
2. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 11/15/10.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - A. Chair Caldwell welcomed Venita Baker as the new Academic Support Coordinator for the Academic Senate. The Senate greeted Ms. Baker with applause.
  - B. Provost Covino announced that IDEA has been selected for student evaluations of instruction. The use of IDEA's evaluation form(s) and services will be begin fall 2011. Dr. Covino also stated that state-side funds will not be used to cover the cost of IDEA's service.
  - C. Provost Covino discussed the budget and the expected \$500 million reduction to the CSU. Currently, he anticipates a ten percent reduction to Academic Affairs. He stressed the University's need to maintain its enrollment. Dr. Covino's main concerns in the face of the anticipated budget reductions are to reduce costs, maintain enrollment, and maintain the quality of education.
  - D. Provost Covino introduced Dr. Ted Wendt as the Interim Associate Vice President of Academic Personnel Services. The Senate greeted Dr. Wendt with applause.

- E. Associate Provost Junn announced the four Red Balloon task forces and the senators who are their chair. Faculty will be called to serve on the task forces. A campus-wide forum will be held in April to discuss the task forces' conclusions and recommendations.
- 4. New Business - There was no new business.
- 5. Bachelor of Science in Nursing RN-to-BSN, Off-Campus – Academic Policy & Planning Committee.

Dr. Michael Russler, Chair, Department of Nursing, summarized the program – its rationale and purpose, and the students it will serve. Questions from senators pertained to program accreditation and students meeting the general education requirements.

MSC to waive second reading of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing RN-to-BSN, Off-Campus.

MSC to approve the Bachelor of Science in Nursing RN-to-BSN, Off-Campus. Forward to President for his approval.

- 6. Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program – Bakersfield Campus – Graduate Committee.

Dr. Sharon Brown-Welty was present to discuss the program, the five-year transition process, and the funding model to support the program. Questions from senators pertained to the consequences if CSU Bakersfield is unable to sustain the program and liability insurance coverage for students in the program.

MSC to waive second reading of the Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program – Bakersfield Campus.

MSC to approve the Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program – Bakersfield Campus. Forward to the President for his approval

MSC to adjourn at 5:02 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be February 7, 2011. An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Dawn Lewis  
Vice Chair  
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Caldwell  
Chair  
Academic Senate