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March 3, 2014

Members Present: Lynn Williams (Chair), Kevin Ayotte (Vice-Chair), Diane Blair (University-wide), President Joseph Castro, Kiranjit Dhanjan (ASI), Interim Provost Andrew Hoff, Thomas Holyoke (At-large), Michael Jenkins (At-large), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large)

Excused Absent: Loretta Kensinger (State-wide)

Visitors: Venita Baker, Michael Botwin (Chair, AP&P), Associate Provost Lynnette Zelezny

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chair Williams in HML 3212.

1. Agenda.

MSC to approve the Agenda.

2. Minutes of 2/24/14.

MSC to approve the minutes of 2/24/14.

3. Communications and Announcements.

A. CIO Position.

President Castro asked if the members of the Executive Committee have additional feedback or want another discussion scheduled re: a potential Chief Information Officer position for the university. The position would not be filled until fall 2014 at the earliest.

MSC to place this item on the next agenda of the Senate Executive Committee.

B. Café Academy on March 6.

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Provost Hoff announced that Café Academy will be held on March 6.

C. WASC Update.

1. Materials for Students.

Associate Provost Zelezny stated that the WASC communications subcommittee is developing materials (flyer and bookmark) for students to help them stay informed and involved with the WASC accreditation process. She requested feedback from the Executive Committee before the materials are presented to the Senate and subsequently sent for production and distribution.

Senator Blair suggested adding a section detailing how students can be involved in the WASC process. Vice Chair Ayotte suggested adding a header to the bookmark like the header on the flyer. Discussion ensued.

2. WASC Self-Study.

Associate Provost Zelezny announced that the university is in the process of revising the third-draft of the university's self-study. The WASC committee would like the Senate to co-sponsor a forum on WASC in the near future to facilitate faculty, student, and staff input in the process.

D. Email dated February 21, 2014 from Ashleigh Davis, Events Coordinator for Fresno State Alumni Association to Kevin Ayotte, Senate Vice Chair re: 2014 Top Dog Selection Committee.

MSC that Vice Chair Ayotte will present the call for nominations at today's Academic Senate meeting.

E. Nominee List for Faculty Representative to the CSU Academic Council on International Programs has been received.

The nominees will be reviewed in Executive Session during today's meeting.

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F. Email dated February 21, 2014 from Ray Hall, Senator for the Department of Physics to Kevin Ayotte, Senate Vice Chair re: APM 360 and 361 Revisions Approved by Senate.

Vice Chair Ayotte summarized the concern raised by Senator Hall that during the recent revisions to APM 360 and APM 361, the procedure for appealing a dean's decision re: a sabbatical application was deleted without being clearly identified as one of the proposed changes. Discussion ensued.

MSC to refer this concern to the Senate Personnel Committee for review.

Vice Chair Ayotte will work with the Senate Office to draft guidance for policy revision submissions to ensure all revisions are clearly tracked.

4. Executive Session.

The committee entered executive session at 3:45 and returned from executive session at 3:54.

MSC to recommend Dr. Marth Vungkhanching (Social Work Education) as the Fresno State representative to the Academic Council on International Programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be announced.

An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:
Kevin J. Ayotte
Vice-Chair
Academic Senate

Approved by:
Lynn Williams
Chair
Academic Senate