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Members Excused: K. Ayotte, J. Bradshaw, L. Clune, B.
DerMugrdechian, S. Fulop, M. Lowe, S.
Schlievert, H.O. Schweizer, J. Wakabayashi

Members Absent: S. Alley, S. Farnesi, D. Frazier, D. Freed, A.
Jassim, T. Johnson, K. Kurtural, S. Lin, K.
McCoy, R. Rai, C. Won

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair
Caldwell at 4:03 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, Room 2206.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
2. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 11/7/11.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - A. Statewide Senators J. Amaral and O. Benavides discussed the Statewide Academic Senate's concern for how it will be funded. They also encouraged senators to visit calstate.edu to follow current events and activities.
 - Senator L. Kensinger (Women's Studies) thanked Senators Amaral and Benavides for their service.
4. New Business.
 - A. Senator T. Holyoke (Political Science) submitted the resolution titled "Academic Senate Resolution in Support of the Title 5 'American Institutions' Graduation Requirement for all Undergraduate Degrees at CSU, Fresno and a Commitment to an Equal and Uniform Educational Experience for both Transfer and Native Students" as new item #8 to today's agenda.
 - B. Senator L. Kensinger submitted the resolution titled "Resolution in Support of CFA Concerted Action on November 17, 2011" as new item #9 to today's agenda.

- C. Senator L. Kensinger submitted the resolution titled “Resolution on Protecting Faculty Governance” as new item #10 on today’s agenda.
 - D. Senator M. Botwin (Psychology) submitted the resolution titled “Academic Senate Resolutions on the Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Task Force Report” as new item #11 on today’s agenda.
 - E. Senator B. Conlon (Sociology) submitted the resolution titled “Resolution in Support of UC Davis Students and Faculty Right to Peaceably Assemble” as new item #12 on today’s agenda.
5. Consent Calendar.
- A. APM 137-Interim Policy on Student Participation-Student Affairs.

The Academic Senate approved by consent to remove the interim status of APM 137.

6. APM 306 (Policy on Full-time Temporary Faculty)–Personnel Committee.

P. Popma and Dr. T. Wendt presented the main changes to the policy. APM 306 was reviewed to bring it into alignment with the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and current practice. Most of the new language comes directly from the CBA. Also, the sections on Nomination Procedures, Appointment, and Appointment Procedures were eliminated because they are covered in APM 302 (Policy & Procedures for the Appointment of Full-time Temporary Faculty Including Emergency Appointments). APM 302 is now referenced in the new section on Appointment, Qualifications and Remuneration.

APM 306 (Policy on Full-time Temporary Faculty)–Personnel Committee will return to the next meeting agenda of the Academic Senate for second reading.

7. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Graduate Certificate Program–University Graduate Committee.

Dr. Z. Wang (Earth and Environmental Sciences) presented an overview of the GIS Graduate Certificate Program that included required

coursework, enrollment requirements, program components, market research and the demand and competition for employment.

A lengthy question and answer period followed. Senators' questions and concerns for the GIS Graduate Certificate Program are summarized as follows:

- Who is the target population?
Response: Professionals who already have a bachelors degree and primarily live in the valley.
- Originally the program was an 'advanced' certificate and now it is a 'graduate' certificate program. Why the change?
Response: We need clarification on the exact name.
- Explain why this is an advanced certificate.
Response: The certificate focuses on advanced level of information.
- What is the initial cost and the start date:
Response: The program will start summer 2012. The program's startup costs \$10,000 – 15,000 are fronted by CGE.
- What happens if the PSM [Professional Science Masters] is not approved?
Response: We are willing to wait a year to start the GIS program; until after the PSM is approved.
- Please explain why this is a program in math and science when Geology already has the resources to provide the program?
Response: We do not see this as restricted to Geology.
- Is the cost less or more expensive to offer courses online as opposed to face-to-face?
Response: Yes, students matriculate as Global and Continuing Education, not as stateside.
- Will you also target international students?
Response: Yes.

The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Graduate Certificate Program–University Graduate Committee will return to the next meeting agenda of the Academic Senate for second reading.

8. Academic Senate Resolution in Support of the Title 5 'American Institutions' Graduation Requirement for all Undergraduate

Degrees at CSU, Fresno and a Commitment to an Equal and Uniform Educational Experience for both Transfer and Native Students – Senator T. Holyoke.

MS to adopt the resolution for discussion.

MSC to waive second reading.

MSC to pass the resolution.

9. Resolution in Support of CFA Concerted Action on November 17, 2011 - Senator L. Kensinger.

MS to adopt the resolution for discussion.

MSC to waive second reading.

MSC to approve the friendly amendment to change all references of the Academic Senate of California State University as “ASCSUF” to ASCSU.

MSC to pass the resolution. (1 Abstain)

10. Resolution on Protecting Faculty Governance - Senator L. Kensinger.

MS to adopt the resolution for discussion.

Several senators spoke in favor of the resolution and questions were asked from the floor.

- Provost Covino asked what is meant by the increasing use of task forces and ad hoc committees.
Senator Kensinger replied there seems to be more such as the Red Balloon and Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Task Force (AABATF).
- Provost Covino asked does this mean that broad representation is not occurring.
Senator Kensinger replied no, this is not what this means.
- Associate Provost Junn responded that the Red Balloon had several senators and faculty on it.
Senator Kensinger reminded the Senate that faculty participation is good, it is not a replacement for faculty governance.

MSC to waive second reading.

Provost Covino stated he is in favor of the resolution and reinforced that any reorganization will be done in accordance to APM policy.

Several more senators spoke in favor of the resolution.

MSC to pass the resolution. (1 Abstain)

11. Academic Senate Resolutions on the Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Task Force Report – Senator M. Botwin.

The item will return to the next meeting agenda of the Academic Senate.

12. Resolution in Support of UC Davis Students and Faculty Right to Peaceably Assemble – Senator B. Conlon.

The item will return to the next meeting agenda of the Academic Senate.

The Senate adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be announced.

An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:
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Approved by:
Michael Caldwell
Chair
Academic Senate