

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
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Members present: Kevin Ayotte (Chair), Thomas Holyoke (Vice Chair), President Joseph I. Castro, Abigail Hudson (ASI), Michael Jenkins (At-large), Madhu Katti (At-large), Loretta Kensinger (State-wide), Melanie Ram (University-wide), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez At-large), and Provost Lynnette Zelezny (Ex-officio)

Guests: Venita Baker, James Mullooly (AP&P Chair), and Scott Moore (Interim Dean, CGE)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 3:00pm in HML 2108.

1.) Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda.

2.) Approval of the minutes of May 4, 2015

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3.) Communications and announcements

a.) President Castro

Announced Equity II, which will be \$1 million in equity raises for faculty and staff. In the case of the faculty, this will prioritize tenure / tenure-track faculty, especially dealing with compression problems. The administration will work close with the California Faculty Association on this.

Chancellor White has asked President Castro to present our student success efforts at the next meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees. The

president noted that we had a 3% growth in student enrollment this year, and while he would like to have another 3% in growth next year, the governor wants all CSUs to only grow by 1%. Senator Jenkins noted that we have a problem accommodating all of the new students because we lack capacity in terms of faculty and physical space.

- b.) Email dated May 8, 2015, from Robert Maldonado, Chair of the University Budget Committee to Kevin Ayotte re: Web-based Certificate of Advanced Study in Community and Regional Planning (action item A).

Interim Dean Moore from Continuing and Global Education was present to answer questions regarding this new advanced study certificate program. Many questions were asked about the new web-based program, including questions regarding the teaching of diversity in regional and city planning.

MSC to place approval of this program on the consent calendar of the next meeting of the Academic Senate.

- c.) Provost Zelezny

We are moving forward on increasing tenure density with permanent money to hire 50 new tenure-track faculty members next year. She is also asking the Office of Faculty Affairs to implement a more streamlined search system. Senator Kensinger asked the provost to make sure that departments and programs specializing in GE would be just as eligible for new hires as departments with large numbers of majors.

Senator Kensinger pointed out that we also have a problem right now with too few EEOs, often because they are overworked and are not well supported by Faculty Affairs. Chair Ayotte suggested that serving as an EEO be clearly counted as contributing to requirements for service. Concern was also expressed that Faculty Affairs was not allowing search committees to recruit EEOs from within the same college, which is not actually forbidden by the APM. The provost promised to look into this.

The provost announced that at least some of the new money coming in to support student advising centers in the colleges will be made permanent.

The provost and Vice President Lamas (Student Affairs) would like to talk to the Academic Senate soon about impaction. She would also like the new Chief Information Officer and the Athletic Director to come talk to the Senate in the near future.

The provost currently has searches underway for new deans of Jordan College and the College of Arts and Humanities. Next year she will begin searches for a new AVP for Faculty Affairs and a permanent Dean of Continuing and Global Education.

d.) Action Items (Continued)

B. Memo dated August 21, 2015, from Joseph I Castro, President, to Dr. Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: Faculty Representation on the Athletics Advisory Council. Memo has been received.

A call will be sent for two faculty members to serve, one for a two year term and one for a three year term.

C. Memo dated August 25, 2015, from Marilyn Wilson, Chair University Graduate Committee, to Dr. Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: Name change – M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling to M.S. in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. Memo has been received.

MSC to place this proposal on the consent calendar of the next meeting of the Academic Senate.

D. Memo dated August 25, 2015, from Marilyn Wilson, Chair University Graduate Committee, to Dr. Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: Name change – M.S. in Animal Science to M.S. in Agricultural Science. Memo has been received.

MSC to place this proposal on the consent calendar of the next meeting of the Academic Senate.

- E. Memo dated August 17, 2015, from Deborah S. Adishian-Astone, Interim Vice President for Administrative Services, to Dr. Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: Faculty Appointment to the Associate Vice President for Human Resources Search Committee. Memo has been received.

A call for one faculty member will be sent.

- F. Memo dated June 23, 2015, from Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate, to Joseph I. Castro, President, re; Emeritus Status for Bernard Vinovrski. Memo has been received.

This is only an information item noting that over the summer the members of the Senate Executive Committee approved emeritus status for Mr. Vinovrski. There had been considerable debate among the committee members about whether the “emeritus” title was only for faculty members, and noting that retiring administrators are generally not given such titles. It was decided that only “professor emeritus” was an academic title, noting that many boards of directors for organizations use the “emeritus” title to honor a retiring board member.

- G. Committee appointments made by the Senate Executive Committee via email during the summer.

This is only an information item noting that over the summer the members of the Senate Executive Committee voted to approve the appointments of Dr. Madhusudan Katti (Biology) and Dr. Michael Botwin (Psychology) to the search committee for a new AVP for Development.

Also, the members of the Senate Executive Committee voted to approve the appointments of Dr. Veena Howard (Philosophy) and

Dr. Larissa Mercado-Lopez (Women's Studies) to the President's Commission on Human Relations and Equity.

H. Memo dated August 26, 2015, from Joseph I. Castro, President, to Dr. Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: Faculty Representation on the President's Enrollment Management Advisory Group. Memo has been received.

A call will be sent for 1 tenure / tenure-tracked faculty member to serve on this advisory group.

- 4.) APM 132 Policy on Consultation Regarding the Implementation of California State University Executive Orders.

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

- 5.) APM 253 and APM 206 on Interim Policies and Procedures on Technology Mediated Courses and Programs.

Dr. James Mullooly, Chair of AP&P, and members of the committee worked through several small amendments to APM 206. Concern was expressed over whether department curriculum committees were being included in the approval process of web-based courses and programs, especially when changes are being made to the mode of instruction.

APM 253 is to be eliminated as the new APM 206 makes it redundant.

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

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 4:43pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Monday, September 21, 2015.

Submitted by:
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