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Members present: Kevin Ayotte (Chair), Thomas Holyoke (Vice Chair), Madhusudan Katti (At-large), Loretta Kensinger (Statewide), Melanie Ram (University-wide), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large), Lynn Williams (Ex-officio), Provost Lynette Zelezny (Ex-officio)

Members excused: President Joseph Castro (Ex-officio), Michael Jenkins (At-large), Moses Menchaca (ASI)

Visitors: Venita Baker

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 3:05pm in HML 2108.

1.) Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda

2.) Approval of the minutes of November 24, 2014

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3.) Communications and announcements

a.) Provost Zelezny

Dr. Kathy Adams, interim chair of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, met with the provost to express concerns over how probationary plan policy was being implemented. Specifically, she had heard from junior faculty that the model probationary plan template in APM 324 was being presented to them

as the plan they all had to use. Furthermore, she was hearing that data collected in dissertation projects would not be counted towards publications for tenure. The provost is looking for advice on these matters from the executive committee.

There was a vigorous discussion, and the decision was made for all committee members to read through APM 324 (Policy on Probationary Plans and Faculty Mentoring) and APM 325 (Policy on Retention and Tenure) and think about amendments to existing footnotes, or new footnotes, that could be used to clarify the intention of the Academic Senate in these matters. Any recommended changes would then be sent to the Academic Policy and Planning Committee for formal consideration. Discussion of this will be the first item for Communications and Announcements at the next executive committee meeting.

In order to draw more attention to faculty publishing, Dean McDonald of the Madden Library is opening up the annual reception to all faculty and allowing all faculty books to be displayed along with select articles.

Chancellor White is permitting Fresno State to begin a dialogue with the community and other stakeholders about how to deal with impaction due to too many students and not enough resources. It may lead to changes in enrollment procedures at the university.

b.) Loretta Kensinger (Statewide Senate)

Fifteen or sixteen community colleges in California are being allowed to offer select bachelor degree programs. Chancellor White wants all twenty three CSU campuses to look at these degree programs and indicate whether or not they conflict with similar degrees offered by the CSU, as well as whether the classes being offered by the community colleges should really be considered as upper level courses. There is also concern over whether the community colleges are going to be able to offer courses equivalent to our upper level general education courses. President Castro has already offered a

response for Fresno State, though it appears that the Chancellor wants as many stakeholders at the university as possible to weigh in.

Senator Kensinger also mentioned a few statewide senate resolutions that might be important to us, such as one on teacher preparation regulations coming from the U.S. Department of Education, and another requesting that all campus senates look at their policies to see how they include part-time lecturers in faculty governance.

MSC to make looking into the inclusion of lecturers an action item on a future executive committee agenda.

Senator Kensinger also asked whether full-time lecturers are eligible for the “emeritus” designation. She will look into this.

c.) Action items

- 1.) Email dated November 20, 2014, from Martha Vungkhanching, Fresno State Representative to the Academic Council on International Programs to Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: ACIP. Email has been received.

It was decided that a copy of her report would be forwarded to all academic senators.

- 2.) Memo dated November 17, 2014, from Brian Tsukimura, Chair Personnel Committee, to Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 355 Policy on Assigned Times for Exceptional Levels of Service. Memo has been received.

This will be included on the next agenda of the executive committee.

- 3.) Memo dated November 17, 2014, from Brian Tsukimura, Chair Personnel Committee, to Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 237 Policy on Faculty Responsibility for Accessible Instructional Materials. Memo has been received.

This will be included on the next agenda of the executive committee.

- 4.) Memo dated December 22, 2014, from Brian Tsukimura, Chair Personnel Committee, to Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re APM 337 Faculty Workload Policy and Procedures. Memo has been received.

This will be put on the consent calendar at the next meeting of the academic senate.

- 5.) Memo dated December 22, 2014, from Brian Tsukimura, Chair Personnel Committee, to Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 332 Policy on Range Elevation for Temporary Faculty. Memo has been received.

This will be put on the consent calendar at the next meeting of the academic senate.

- 6.) Memo dated December 22, 2014, from Brian Tsukimura, Chair Personnel Committee, to Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 361 Policy on Faculty Leaves of Absences. Memo has been received.

This will be put on the consent calendar at the next meeting of the academic senate.

- 7.) From Thomas Holyoke, Vice Chair Academic Senate, to Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: new APM language on consultation and executive orders. Draft has been received.

Vice Chair Holyoke will redraft the language after receiving suggestions from other executive committee members at will be included on the agenda of the next executive committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Monday, February 9.

Submitted by:
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Approved by:
Kevin Ayotte
Chair
Academic Senate