

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
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March 5, 2018

Members present: Thomas Holyoke (Chair), Bradley Hart (Vice Chair), Susan Schlievert (State-wide), Melanie Ram (At-large), Joseph Castro (Ex-officio), Loretta Kensinger (At-large), Jennifer Miele (At-large), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large), Lynnette Zelezny (Ex-officio)

Members excused: Blake Zante (Ex-officio)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 3:02pm in HML 3206.

1.) Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda. Chair Holyoke proposed reordering items 6 and 8 to be considered before Item 4. Agenda was approved as amended.

2.) Approval of the Minutes of February 26, 2018

Friendly amendment accepted. MSC approving the Minutes of February 26, 2018 as amended.

3.) Communications and announcements

a. President Castro

Presidential historian Michael Beschloss will be visiting the campus on April 30 to hold a free and public event.

There will be two phases of classroom improvements beginning this summer. Seven lecture rooms will be renovated in the first phase. Total cost is \$5.2 million. There may be some potential to add capacity to rooms at the same time, which may push the

renovations into Fall. Alternative facilities have been identified in the event that renovations run into the semester.

Phase 2 would involve \$5.7 million to renovate 4 more rooms in Summer 2019.

Discussions are continuing about renovations to the Central Plant. A private-public partnership may be an option, but it will require additional help from the Chancellor's Office. Some money has been allocated by the State but there is still a large shortfall that will need to be met. More information is expected in the Fall as part of an RFQ/RFP process. Lessening and minimizing the plant's environmental impact will be a key criteria of the vendor selection process.

The search for a new Athletic Director will be launched in June.

The President shared a one-page summary of the Governor's proposed budget that leaves the CSU with \$61 million in unfunded obligations. President Castro and Vice President Astone will be making a full presentation to the Senate in April.

b. Provost Zelezny

The Provost announced the First Amendment Forum on March 15 at 10-11:30 a.m. with the title "Religious and Cultural Contexts of the First Amendment" in the SSU. Refreshments will be provided.

c. Chair Holyoke

Chair Holyoke announced that addition of Senate meetings on March 19 and April 23. The Executive Committee agreed with the recommendation to add these meetings to the calendar.

d. Senator Kensinger (Women's Studies)

Senator Kensinger wished members a happy Women's History Month and encouraged faculty to take part in the Women's History Month brownbag series.

4.) Proposal to Change Department Name. Department of Child, Family & Consumer Sciences.

Moved to Senate consent calendar.

5.) Elevation from Option to Independent Program for Speech Pathology.

Moved to Senate consent calendar.

6.) Action Items

- i. Email dated March 1, 2018, from James J. Mullooly, Chair Academic Policy & Planning to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 246 Policy on Incomplete Grades. Email has been received.

Moved to agenda for the current meeting.

- ii. Memo dated February 27, 2018, from Brian Tsukimura, Chair of University Personnel Committee to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 320 Policy on the Composition of Search Committees for Designated Administrative positions. Memo has been received.

Moved to agenda for a future Executive Committee meeting.

iii. Nominees:

1. AVP for Financial Services Search Committee
2. Threat Assessment & Risk Prediction Committee (TARP)
3. Provost Awards Committee 2017-2018

The Executive Committee planned to discuss these nominations in executive session.

7.) APM 415 Dispute Resolution Policy. Academic Policy and Planning Committee.

AP&P Chair Mullooly was recognized and shared that this policy had been evaluated for consistency and compliance with updated policy. A full table of possible student concerns was developed and it was determined that APM 415 is no longer needed because every scenario is now covered by other policy and/or State/Federal law.

Senator Kensinger suggested adding the number for the Victim Advocate to the Title IX row. Chair Mullooly agreed that the table would go through additional revisions and also be presented to the Counsel of Chairs.

The Executive Committee agreed that the student concerns table was a good clarification of current policy.

Repeal of APM 415 will be placed before the Senate and added to the agenda.

8.) APM 405 Student Records Administration Policy. Academic Policy and Planning Committee.

The Committee voted to place this item on the Senate consent calendar.

9.) APM 215 and Chancellor's Office Executive Orders.

The Committee voted to place this item on the Senate consent calendar.

10.) APM 246 Policy on Incomplete Grades.

This item was advanced from Communications & Announcements.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) suggested discussion how language could be modified to specify the exact student and faculty roles in initiating the Incomplete grade process.

MSC to refer the item back to AP&P with the understanding that it would be referred to the Subcommittee on Grading Standards along with a charge to examine the impact of eliminating the language being removed.

Senator Ram (At-large) proposed changing the language at the start of the section to remove the word “requesting” to clarify that faculty may also initiate the process of giving an Incomplete grade. Senator Ram also asked the subcommittee to examine the language surrounding the length a student can be given to convert the Incomplete grade to a Letter grade to clarify if it is the date given by the faculty member, or if the student always has up to one year to complete an incomplete.

Motion to return the item to AP&P passed unanimously.

11.) Executive Session.

The Executive Committee entered executive session at 4:19 p.m.

The Executive Committee exited executive session at 4:55 p.m.

The following nominations were made:

The AVP for Financial Services Search Committee

MSC nominating Jim Mullooley to the committee. Approved unanimously. The Chair will additionally contact the Chair of the Budget Committee to ask if any members are interesting in joining the committee.

Threat Assessment & Risk Prediction Committee (TARP)

MSC nominating two people for the spot in order: Andrew Fox and Rebecca Raya-Fernandez. The Executive Committee voted to encourage the committee to accept both nominees since they have differing areas of expertise that should be heard. Motion was approved unanimously.

Provost Awards Committee 2017-2018

MSC nominating following faculty were nominated for consideration by the Provost:

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Tom Loewenheim
Chris Sterling
Susan Tracz
Carmen Caprau

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 4:58pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Monday, March 19, 2017.

Submitted by:
Bradley Hart
Vice Chair
Academic Senate

Approved by:
Thomas Holyoke
Chair
Academic Senate