THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members present: Thomas Holyoke (Chair), Raymond Hall (Vice Chair), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-Large), Jennifer Miele (At-Large), Lisa Bryant (Universitywide), Susan Schlievert (Statewide), Saul Jiménez-Sandoval (Interim President), Elizabeth Zuñiga (ASI Executive President)

Members excused: Tinneke Van Camp (At-Large)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate), Xuanning Fu (Interim Provost), David Low (Chair Personnel Committee), Jim Marshall (Dean of Graduate Studies and Special Assistant to the Provost), Bernadette Muscat (Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies) Marsha Baum (AVP for Faculty Affairs). Jim Mullooly (Chair AP&P), Chadley James (Chair GE), Keith Clement (Chair Curriculum), Jeffrey Cummins, Ramon Sanchez, Melanie Ram, Laura Yager, Jenny Banh

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 3:00 pm on Zoom.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

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1. Approval of the Minutes 3.1.21

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1. Communications and Announcements.

Interim President Jiménez-Sandoval told the committee that six commencement ceremonies are in planning, but that we still await guidelines to finalize aspects of the plan. Relating to HEERF he said the $25M in COVID related student grants is going out to students next week, and that VP Astone will collect proposals from all VPs for COVID related projects for potential allocations.

Ms. Zuñiga asked if student travel will be allowed, and she noted that IRA allocations are coming soon. The President answered that he will update all on this as soon as guidelines come in from the Chancellor’s Office. Ms. Zuñiga further inquired if students will be allowed access to the library this semester. The President said that the Provost will announce something about this soon.

Dr. Ram asked if the vaccine email announcement that was received by faculty is correct and legitimate. The President affirmed the email is legitimate.

Interim Provost Fu updated the committee on the three ongoing Dean’s searches, and that all are in the interview process, and some have identified final candidates, and all should completed by end of April. He stated that this is a great achievement. He also reminded the committee that the UG Dean search has been suspended until Fall. As pertaining to the opening of the Library, for that he has no update, but he will consult with the campus entities involved and will try to meet student’s needs.

Dr. Bryant asked how likely it is that a Dean for COSS will be announced this semester. The Provost said we should be able to do this, barring unanticipated circumstances, but he is optimistic.

Dr. Miele inquired about Fall schedule planning, and that with all enrollments are set at room capacity, asked about what happens if these fill and then we find out that social distancing is needed? The Provost said that we await guidelines and no one knows for sure, but that social distancing may be a possibility and would be a major issue to deal with. He said we cannot make the call at this time, but a goal is to have an answer before Summer break- that is the hope at least.

Ms. Zuñiga inquired about how the survey results will be used. The Provost said that currently we have 3 surveys in various stages of completion, with the student survey completed today. We are awaiting official interpretations from OIE, with the goal of supplying the repopulation task force with data from these surveys to guide their recommendations, but he cautions that these results are a moving target and he expects attitudes of all stakeholders to be shifting as the Fall draws nearer.

Dr. Ram asked for further clarification on Dr. Miele’s inquiry, and she expressed concern about how course enrollment will be reduced if the guidelines mandate social distancing and asked if students will be kicked out of classes they registered for. She said that if at all possible this scenario should be avoided. She asked about a related issue, concerning the need to inform students about the fraction of courses that will be in-person, and since we don’t allow virtual designation, how can students be prepared for this contingency. The Provost described his empathy with the workload and task of chairs with this situation, and offered some hypothetical situations that lead to virtual mode if there is a lack of potential part time instructors. Ms. Yager, on this issue, noted that students see a message in their student center (in a big yellow box) that explains the situation and the lack of certainty on mode of instruction.

 **Action Items**

A. Memo dated March 14, 2021 from Jim Mullooly, Chair Academic Policy and Planning Committee to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 676 (International Education Agreements). Memo has been received.

 Suggestion: can wait to next meeting.

B. Memo dated March 15, 2021 from Jim Mullooly, Chair Academic Policy and Planning Committee to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 244 (CR-NC Grading). Memo has been received.

 Suggestion: can wait to next meeting

C. Memo dated March 17, 2021 from Dr. Lisa Herzig, Chair of the Jordan College Faculty Executive Committee to Dr. Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Articles of Governance for Jordan College of Agricultural Science and Technology. Memo has been received.

 Suggestion: can wait to next meeting

D. Memo dated March 16, 2021 from Dr. David Low, Chair of the University Personnel Committee to Dr. Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Bereavement Procedure Changes. Memo has been received.

 Suggestion: refer to AP&P

E. Document from Dr. Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate to the Academic Senate Executive Committee re: Task Force Exploring Fresno State Operations in a Post-COVID World. Document has been received.

 Suggestion: last item on today’s agenda

F. Memo from Dr. Thomas Holyoke, Chair of the Academic Senate to Dr. Xuanning Fu, Provost, and Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, President re: Authorization of flexible interpretation of APM 206. Memo has been received.

 Suggestion: today

G. Memo from Dr. Thomas Holyoke, Chair of the Academic Senate to Dr. Xuanning Fu, Provost, and Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, President re: Approval of flexible interpretation of APM 338. Memo has been received.

 Suggestion: today.

H. Memo from Dr. Thomas Holyoke, Chair of the Academic Senate to Dr. Xuanning Fu, Provost, and Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, President re: Authorization of flexible interpretation of APM 232. Memo has been received.

 Suggestion: today

I. Memo dated April 1, 2021 from Dr. James Mullooly, Chair of Academic Policy and Planning Committee to Dr. Thomas Holyoke, Chair, Academic Senate re: APM 218 (American and California Government Graduation Requirement. Memo has been received.

 Suggestion: second item today

J. Memo dated April 1, 2021 from Dr. James Mullooly, Chair of Academic Policy and Planning Committee to Dr. Thomas Holyoke, Chair, Academic Senate re: APM 215 (APM 215: General Education). Memo has been received.

 Suggestion: right now

1. APM 215: General Education

Dr. Mullooly described the main work done by GE Committee and offered a proper redlined copy with three sets of changes. Dr. Miele caught some needed edits (d2 to d3) and (the removed)MI section in the table of contents and elsewhere. Dr. Bryant asked about some prior GE policy changes mentioned by Dr. Mullooly, specifically why are we redoing things if already passed. Dr. Mullooly described how he tried to track down the current policy but can’t find the needed document, so this current document makes all the mandated changes concerning the new Area F (and all ramifications thereof), which must be passed before the Fall. After this is passed by the Senate he will update the APM with the prior updates and bring it to the committee. This is done due to a sense of ungently on getting the new GE and curriculum in place.

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1. APM 218: American and California Government Graduation Requirement.

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1. Authorization of flexible interpretation of APM 206.

Dr. Clement expressed concern about some needed changes to APM 206, backlog and lack of workable procedures.

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1. Approval of flexible interpretation of APM 338

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1. Approval of flexible interpretation of APM 232

Make flexibility applicable to entire APM 232.

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1. “Post COVID” Task Force Proposal

AVP Baum advocated for this proposal.

Dr. Bryant agreed and reflected on some of the issues that need to be addressed: remote participation, service if remote, workload, and other matters.

Dr. Mullooly expressed that it would be better not to have the debate on Senate Floor, so do this within a body that would make recommendations would be helpful.

Dr. Muscat noted another theme is that when we are fully back on campus, classroom capacity will be a renewed big issue, and space will be an important issue related to how many teach online.

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The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 4:24 pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held April 19, 2021, at 3:00 PM via Zoom.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Raymond Hall Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

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