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Date: April 14, 2021

Members present: Nancy Nisbett (Chair), Allison Bacani (student), Samantha Bautista (student), Carmen Caprau, Alea Droker (student), Carol Fry Bohlin, Todd Lone, Lesly Weiser

Visitors:

Members absent: Debora Hart, Brynn Saito, Fariborz Tehrani, Carolyn Coon (ex-oficio)

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am in Zoom

1. **Previous minutes.**

Approved without revisions.

1. **Communication and announcements**

We started with everyone present introducing themselves.

Dr. Carmen Caprau announced that she will be on sabbatical leave in the Fall 2021. This means that she will need to step down from the committee (next academic year would have been her third year as a member of the committee). She will let Venita Baker know about it, so that a replacement can be found.

Dr. Nancy Nisbett informed the committee that she attended a meeting of the university Enrollment Management Committee where people representing different school districts were present. During that meeting, it was mentioned that the university accepted all freshmen applicants who met the admission requirements, which ended up to be approximately 97% of those who applied to Fresno State, down to 2.0 GPA.

To help bridge any possible gaps that the admitted students with low GPA may have, the university is considering several programs through which students could be supported. Student acceptance is in progress now.

Ms. Alea Droker Informed the committee that there has been a concern because writing has been a struggle for students, especially freshmen. A workshop was created to help with English 5A/5B and English 10.

Dr. Carol Fry Bohlin mentioned that through the Creativity and Innovation for Effectiveness (CAIFE) program, one of the bold ideas within the program is to *Improve Utilization of Course Specific Resources.* The corresponding committee, in which Dr. Fry Bohlin is a member of, is doing a presentation to the President next Monday at 8am. They are proposing an enhanced plan on awareness among students on different campus opportunities that they may not be aware of, proposing the idea of Bulldog Success Team: learning is a team work. When students register for a course, there will be additional notes on it so that students learn about the opportunities (like S.I.) and be able to register or deny registering for those support activities, along with registering for the parent course. This is something they have been working with staff from the Registrar office. The pilot program starts during the upcoming registration window; there are about 10 sections currently for ACCT 4A and CHEM 3A, with the goal of expanding later to more courses.

1. **Ongoing Business**

There was no ongoing business to be discussed.

# New Business

Nancy Nisbett mentioned that this is the last meeting of this semester, unless there will be an emergency item that would need to be discussed. But she does not expect this to be the case.

The same schedule will be for the next semester: second week of the month on Wednesdays at 10am.

Nancy Nisbett asked if anyone else would like to chair the committee next year. Since not all members were present, it has been decided that this will be asked again at the beginning on the fall semester. If nobody else will be interested, she is willing to continue chairing, she just wants to give it a chance to anybody else interested.

MSC to adjourn at 10:24 am