THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members excused: B. Janetvilay, J. Roos

Members absent: J. Crane, A. M. Tawfik

The Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 4:01 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

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1. Approval of the Minutes of 04/27/20

MSC approving the Minutes of 04/27/20 as amended.

1. Communications and Announcements

Provost Jiménez-Sandoval updated the Senate on a number of issues: The Task Force Committee on campus operations under the pandemic has reconvened and for the past two weeks has been working with Deans on continued virtual delivery and, once again, deciding on what courses must be offered face to face for Spring 2021. Governor Newsom signed AB 1460 into law in July and a task force has been convened, with Dr. Bernadette Muscat as chair, which will make recommendations on how to implement the new Ethic Studies graduation requirement. He also mentioned that if the ballot measure Prop 16 (a repeal of Prop 209) passes in November, there will be an impact as the campus alters hiring policies, however there could be a delay in our implementation as the law could go into litigation, so the campus (and CSU system as a whole) will wait for guidance from the Chancellor’ Office. Finally he told us that searches for three Dean positions are moving forward and search committees are being populated.

Three searches, Deans. Need to populate search committees.

Sen Hernandez asked in it is true that the new law requires Ethic Studies course only be taught by faculty in the Ethnic Studies Dept. The Provost indicated that the Law does require this.

Sen Ong: asked about going back to face to face for all is the Covid situation improves. The Provost said this could only happen if the data supports it and various government agencies certify. This seems unlikely and we are not planning for it.

Sen. Maldonado requested direct access for senators to the Chancellor’s Office statement on the new Ethnic Studies requirement, and pointed out that to have all FTEs go the Ethnic Studies Dept. even for courses are cross listed, seemed out of standard practice. The Provost agreed that the practice is not standard, but this is what the new law requires.

Mr. Qutob (ASI Leadership) described a campus initiative to help and encourage students to register to vote. Showed some powerpoint slides outlining the concern, and his request for faculty help.

Chair Holyoke welcomed all to the new academic year and indicated some introductions were in order. He introduced himself, Vice Chair Hall and Ms. Baker. He also described some of the done work by the Executive committee over the summer, specifically the memo sent to the President on flexibility of specific policies, and that such are temporary and revoked at end of this emergency.

1. Installation of new Senators

**Elected**

Gurreet Brar – Plant Science

Luca Brillante – Viticulture and Enology

Kamil Ciftci – Information Systems and Decision Sciences

Richard DeJordy – Management

Paula Durette – Art and Design

Melanie Hernandez – English

Falon Kartch – Communication

Soumyasanta Laha - Electrical and Computer Engineering

Robert Maldonado – Philosophy

Andrea Polegato – Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures

Reva Sias – English

**Re-elected**

Amber Hammons – Child and Family Science

Todd A. Lone – Agricultural Business

James Mullooly – Anthropology

Beng Ong – Marketing and Logistics

Tinneke Van Camp – Criminology

John Wakabayashi – Earth and Environmental Sciences

1. New Business.

None.

1. Climate Action Plan.

On the floor was the proposal to create a task force on a climate action plan for our campus.

Sen De Walt inquired if this task force planned to be in conversations with other CSUs or will it be just a local effort.

Chair Holyoke indicated that almost certainly collaboration with other CSUs will occur, but the resulting goals and recommendations will only be for Fresno State.

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This task force will be created.

1. Student Internship Policy.

Sen. Mullooly introduced himself and gave a brief background on this internship policy. EO 715 discusses a risk management policy and all CSUs must have one. EO 1051 stipulates the use of waivers and in 2011, EO 1064 requires an internship policy which addresses risk management on each campus. He emphasized that the campus response (policies) must cover the entire spectrum of experiential learning and that the policy drawn up has seen many rewrites. He discussed the recent memo concerning COVID 19 from the Chancellor’s Office and indicated that this memo is not an actual order, and is unrelated to the policy changes proposed here, changes that bring us into mandatory compliance with EO 1064, which is what the vote today concerns. He also mentioned that internships are a big deal and deeply embedded in our curriculum with 72 internship courses distributed through 16 departments in 6 colleges.

Chair Holyoke asked to confirm, is this interim policy currently being enforced? Sen. Mullooly: Yes.

Ms. Willis informed the senate that since 2017 we are making sure to have documentation to show that we are indeed in compliance these multiple EO, and that when we get audited we will have documentation, some in our office, and some in records kept by faculty.

Sen Ram proposed the following revision (in red) for clarification:

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1. **Annual Review**

The Internship Subcommittee will conduct an annual educational quality and safety review of the internships. This review will take into account information gathered from on-site supervisors, faculty, university staff, and student experience. Such a review can be more frequent if there is a known problem with the internship site or the university is aware of an issue that warrants more frequent review.

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Chair Holyoke accepted this revision as a friendly amendment.

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The Academic Senate adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be September 28, 2020.

Submitted by Approved by

Raymond Hall Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

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