THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE (AS-6)

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Members excused: H. Kim, E. Mason, J. Wakabayashi

Members absent: N. Chowdhury, R. Klepper, G. Newell, B. Noel Smith, A. Panagopoulos, S. Rodriguez, R. Sias

In-person attendance: 23 Zoom attendance: 28

The Academic Senate was called to order by **Chair Hall** at 4:02 p.m. in Library room 2206 and via Zoom video conferencing.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

*Motion to approve agenda*

*Second*

*Vote to approve agenda: approved*

1. Approval of the Minutes 10/9/23.

*Motion to approve minutes*

*Second*

*Vote to approve minutes: approved*

1. Communications and Announcements.

Communications from President Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval:

The president shared presentation slides with updates on activities.

1. Installation of Senators.

Jonathan Biggane installed as Senator for Management

James Pitts (CRIM) installed as Statewide Senator

1. Consent Calendar
   1. APM 233 Accuracy Updates, 5.12.23 (Consent Agenda Edit Request).

*Consent calendar approved*

1. New Business

*None*

1. APM 301 – Policy and Procedures on the Appointment of Tenure-Track Faculty including the Award of Service Credit. Second Reading.

*Discussion of amendment to Section IX.D.4 of APM 301:*

**Senator Stillmaker**: Version does not include friendly amendment from last time that specifies CSU faculty.

**Senator Banh**: Anthropology is sympathetic with the intent of diversity, but Anthropology is not diverse and pool would be less diverse. Asian American Studies is overrepresented by some Asian ethnic groups, but those groups do not represent Fresno State’s Asian American population. Opening it up to CSU would hurt diversity and representation of Fresno State Asian American students. Anthropology and Asian American Studies support “should” rather than “must”.

**Senator Bryant**: We should refrain from mandates on department processes. I would like to call the question.

*Motion to call the question*

*Second*

*Vote on motion to call the question: approved*

*Vote on motion to amend Section IX.D.4 of APM 301: denied*

**Senator Fulop**: Question to AVP Schmidtke, document does not address work authorization. We always help people obtain work authorization, but we’re not obligated to do that?

**AVP Schmidtke**: For tenure-track faculty, yes we do help them with work authorization.

**Senator Fulop**: This document does not say that, and we’re not required to do it. There is no guidance for search committees.

**AVP Schmidtke**: That is for Faculty Affairs to handle once offer is made. Faculty Affairs works with new faculty member.

**Chair Hall**: Can work authorization be discussed by the search committee?

**AVP Schmidkte**: No, it should not be. National origin is protected class.

**Senator Fulop**: National origin is a protected class, but work authorization is a separate issue. It is possible that a committee could require work authorization in place.

**AVP Schmidkte**: They cannot have that requirement.

*Vote to approve APM 301: approved*

1. APM 218 – New Policy on Credit for Prior Learning Assessment. Second reading.

**Senator Vega**: Summary of reasons for new policy in response to Executive Order 1036, and what the policy contains.

**Senator Len**t: Proposal from University Graduate Committee. Friendly amendment to III.C.2 to remove “baccalaureate”

*Accepted as friendly amendment*

**Senator Kensinger**: Concerned by limited reference to faculty expertise, departments, and department chairs. Challenge exam is only developed by one faculty member. Where is the one faculty coming from?

**Senator Vega**: Language comes directly from the Executive Order.

**Senator Kensinger**: Concern is students get out of course requirements by taking an exam that is only developed by one faculty member.

**Senator Bryant**: Propose to amend Section 1I.A.1 to clarify exam should come from department faculty.

*Motion to amend Section II.A.1 of Section 218*

*Second*

**Senator Ram**: A lot is left out from the Executive Order. Article 2.C. in Executive Order says faculty who are subject matter experts. I support this amendment, or language from Executive Order.

**Senator Kensinger**: Friendly amendment to recognize that there are departments and programs. This will have to be changed throughout the document.

*Accepted as friendly amendment, noted to be changed throughout document*

*Vote on motion to amend Section 1.A.1 of APM 218: approved*

**Senator Kensinger**: Motion to amend II.B. to include language on educators with expertise in the field.

*Motion to amend Section II.B of APM 218*

*Second*

**Senator Ram**: The outcomes-based education is not mentioned anywhere in document or in Executive Order. We can discuss this amendment, but question is if we need Section B at all because outcomes-based education is not mentioned anywhere in the policy.

**Senator Peterson**: If amendment holds, switch “department” and “program” to make order consistent. But agree that Section B is not necessary.

**Senator Kensinger**: Clarification, we can have a second vote to remove this item after voting on amendment.

*Vote on motion to amend II.B of APM 218: approved*

**Senator Mulhern**: Following Senator Ram’s point about removing II.B, might apply to second sentence of Purpose in Section I. Does it need to express commitment of faculty to asset-based philosophy?

**Senator Vega**: It is not necessary. A lot of the language is borrowed from Executive Order, sentence may have come from Executive Order. Concerned about deletion of Section 1.B.

**Senator Ram**: Propose to remove “Assessment” from title of policy. It is not in Executive Order.

*Motion to amend title of APM 218*

*Second*

**Senator Peterson**: Document does contain language about prior learning assessment.

**Chair Hall**: It is about prior learning assessment?

**Senator Ram**: Policy is about learning assessment, but policy is not a learning assessment.

**Senator Fulop**: Is a person challenging a class required to have some assessed learning area before?

**Senator Vega**: Yes.

*Vote on motion to amend title of APM 218: approved*

**Senator Kensinger**: Motion regarding Section III.A.1. AP is coming under scrutiny. Motion to include “meeting California and CSU Educational criteria”. Concerns with some states’ AP tests in areas such as ethnic studies that do not meet our criteria. Can only speak to ethnic studies.

**Senator Bryant**: Support amendment. AP doesn’t meet California requirements for government, so we have to supplement.

**Senator Vega**: Section IV.A references list from Chancellor’s Office for accepting external exams.

**Senator Kensinger**: That is for exams, not AP credit.

*Vote on motion to amend III.A.1 of APM 218: approved*

**Senator Jones**: Point of information about where “departments” appear.

**Senator Stillmaker**: Propose amendment to strike II.B.

*Motion to strike Section II.B of APM 218*

*Second*

**Senator Stillmaker**: Agree with senators, this seems more like CSU guidance rather than what University would want to do.

**Senator Roach**: This is related to III.D. If we don’t have definition of learning outcomes, Section III.D might be confusing. Students need to understand what they are signing up for, otherwise they might misunderstand what they are requesting credit for.

**Senator Ram**: If we feel it’s necessary for Section III.D., we can add language to III.D. The two do not seem directly connected. Still speak for striking II.B.

**Senator Jones**: Removing definition will not remove course’s learning outcomes that can be referred to. Students still have access to learning outcomes for course.

**Senator Peterson**: Outcomes-based education is different from learning outcomes. Still support striking II.B.

*Vote on motion to strike Section II.B of APM 218.: approved*

**Senator Ram**: Executive Order requires specifying whether external exams go to GE or major electives. Confirming that that language is missing.

**Senator Vega**: Will check Executive Order.

**Senator Mulhern**: Motion to strike language from Section I regarding asset-based philosophy.

*Motion to amend Section I of APM 218*

*Second*

**Senator Mulhern**: Unnecessarily restrictive language. Faculty do not have to have the same teaching philosophy for this to apply.

**Senator Peterson**: This policy is about assessment. Whether the wording is right or not, this is about assessment.

**Chair Hall**: The word is asset, not assessment.

**Senator Kensinger**: Faculty could be back in control of policy if the statement says that faculty express commitment to many ways students learn.

*Friendly amendment accepted*

**Senator Pinzon-Perez**: One section of policy mentions a single faculty member, but from perspective of equity, we should add two faculty members.

**Chair Hall**: This can be proposed as an amendment after we vote on the current amendment.

**Senator Huerta**: What is meant by “asset-based” philosophy?

**Chair Hall**: Are you asking about the intent of the Chancellor’s Office?

**Senator Huerta**: Yes. I’m glad “asset-based” is in there, but what is the difference between that and “the many ways that students learn”?

**Senator Vega**: It’s not taken from Executive Order, but we are not trying to impose philosophy on faculty. In favor of striking language.

**Senator Bryant**: This is brand new policy, the language wasn’t there before.

*Vote on motion to amend Section I: approved*

**Senator Pinzon-Perez**: Motion to amend Section II.B. to specify at least two faculty.

*Motion to amend Section II.B of APM 218*

*Second*

**Senator Kensinger**: Was going to propose to include faculty expertise.

**Chair Hall**: That should be proposed separately.

**Senator Holyoke**: Friendly amendment to make “faculty” plural.

*Friendly amendment accepted*

*The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:15p.m.*

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The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be October 23, 2023.

Submitted by Approved by

Amber Crowell Ray Hall

Vice Chair Chair

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