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), Tinneke Van Camp (At-Large), Jennifer Miele (At-Large), Hisham Qutob (ASI Executive Vice President), Lisa Bryant (Universitywide), Susan Schlievert (Statewide), Saul Jiménez-Sandoval (Provost)

Members excused: Joseph Castro (President)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate), Deborah Adishian-Astone (VP Administration and CFO), Marsha L. Baum (VP for Faculty Affairs)

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 8.3.20

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1. Communications and Announcements.

Provost Jiménez-Sandoval updated the committee on a number of activities and issues: three Dean searches (Craig School, COSS, JCAST) are now initiated via the formations of formal search committees and described his role in the process. To this task he requested from the Executive Committee permission to include a Director of Development as an addition to this committee taking it to 10, and noted this is needed because the quest for external funding is now part of the job description for all Deans. The committee voted on this request:

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The Provost also described some actual and potential short term challenges that will need our attention, first is the formation of a task force to deal with the passing of California Law (bill AB 1460) that mandates all CSU campuses to require a 3 Unit Ethnic Studies course. We will hear more from this task force soon. Secondly he mentioned the work that might ensue if the ballot initiative Prop 16 passes which would repeal Prop 209 and have an impact on all campus hiring and job searches. Chair Holyoke commented that the committee for the Ethnic Studies requirement has been forming over the summer and that some existing courses have been identified. Dr. Schlievert shared that from the Statewide Senate effort that the learning objectives are done and that State Legislator Weber had indicated that these SLOs were fine with her a few months ago, and she will have a draft of these made available.

Chair Holyoke: Alerted the committee to an ongoing controversy over the Gandhi Statue in the Peace Garden, and that conversations have taken place via multiple meetings between the administration and the various stakeholders who are requesting it to be taken down.

Chair Holyoke also encouraged all to participate in the forums to meet the four Vice Provost candidates on zoom this Friday.

Chair Holyoke and Dr. Baum brought to the attention of the committee that given the format of online instruction some faculty are asking if they must live in Fresno as a requirement of their job. The Provost mentioned that even in a post-vaccine era we may have some faculty that remain at high risk and would remain in online mode, if so would we require them to live in commuting distance? Dr. Baum indicated that some interesting issues may soon need to be addressed such as “what does it mean to have a faculty community?”, and can such exist virtually online.

**Action Items**

1. Memo dated June 15, 2020, from Joseph I. Castro, President to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Faculty Representation- California State University, Fresno Athletic Corporation Board of Directors. Memo has been received.

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1. Memo dated April 16, 2020, from Dr. Jaishankar Raman, Director of International Programs to Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Representative on the Academic Council on International Programs (ACIP). Memo has been received.

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1. Systemwide Video Security Camera Policy (VP Astone time certain 3:10p.m.)

VP Astone discussed the CSU system-wide policy update and that she felt it important to communicate this update (and others) to the Executive Committee. The new system wide policy will usurp our APM on this matter. VP Astone went over major points of policy in place since June 10 where she noted the important fact that video is not for supervision/time keeping/or custodial closets. Chair Holyoke inquired about how flexible this policy is on classrooms. VP Astone said it depends on if classrooms are a public area, and that if a camera were to be installed anywhere the request would be reviewed by police department with consultation. Dr. Bryant asked if the acquired audio is handled differently. VP Astone told us that there is no audio taken with any campus video recording. Chair Holyoke asked about the free speech area camera. VP Astone mentioned that there is some coverage, but not specific. Dr. Raya-Fernandez asked about the process to ensure all cameras are functional and if certain areas of campus at risk of no coverage. VP Astone replied that some do need to be replaced (many are 15+ years old) and that cost estimate is being obtained, but that a technology update is not likely under our current budget. Current cameras are monitored, but needed repairs may incur some downtime.

1. Climate Action Plan. Second Reading.

Send to Senate.

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1. Recommendation on requiring students to use their cameras for Zoom classes

Send concern to the Academic Affairs Committee to obtain recommendations.

1. Procedures for Zoom meetings of the Academic Senate.

Dr. Raya-Fernandez recommended that at the start of the meeting to include a review of meeting procedures. Chair Holyoke indicated that he agrees and that he typically gives and overview on the first meeting of the Fall Semester to acknowledge and welcome any the new Senate members.

1. Extension of deadline for requesting an additional probationary year to September 1, 2021.

Dr. Baum wishes to extend the deadline until Oct 25 for TT faculty to submit requests to “stop the clock” on the RTP process due to Covid impacts.

She noted that requests can be submitted to ask for such clock stoppage for either 2020-21or 2021-22 but not both.

 The Committee approved this deadline extension.

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The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 4:20 pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be as needed and conducted remotely.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Raymond Hall Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

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