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), Lisa Bryant (Universitywide), Susan Schlievert (Statewide), Saul Jiménez-Sandoval (Provost), Elizabeth Zuñiga (ASI Executive President)

Members excused: Joseph Castro (President)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate)

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 10.05.20 as amended

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1. Communications and Announcements.

Provost Jiménez-Sandoval updated the committee on a number of events and ongoing processes: The three dean search committees met last Friday and received their charges, the campus hosted a voter’s registration drive and it went well, the Spring 2021 task force has delivered its plan and recommendations with designated face-to-face course identified. He noted that preliminary considerations for Fall 2021 have identified space on campus as the biggest issue, and how to prepare for a semester with a partial camps repopulation (faculty, staff, and students) as the other key issue.

Chair Holyoke asked if the memberships of the dean search committees can be shared with the faculty. The Provost agreed to have those names sent out on the listserve.

Dr. Raya-Fernandez told the committee about the initiation of virtual screening for counseling services towards student stress and mental health, and that further information will be coming soon on their website and via email.

Dr. Schlievert informed the committee that she is scheduled to meet with representatives from the Chancellor’s Office (including Dr. Blanchard) concerning ethnic studies and how to implement AB 1460.

Chair Holyoke mentioned what amounted to bit of an uproar with regard to the announcement from President Castro concerning the cancelling of sports, including wrestling, that has generated a lot of email toward campus, and that this seems to be a big deal to the community. He also reminded the committee that the upcoming Senate meeting will be given over to discussing the Ethnic Studies mandate. Dr. Wrinn from Chancellor’s Office will attend. Following that, at this next meeting or the following, we will then return to the liability issues over our policy on student internships.

**Action Items**

1. Memo dated October 7, 2020, from Keith Clement, Chair University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, to Dr. Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Bachelors of Science in Human Nutrition Sciences Degree Program Elevation in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition. Memo has been received.

Suggestion: Need fiscal impact statement and documents from committee. Venita will send a request.

1. Memo dated October 14, 2020, from Nancy Nisbett, Chair Student Affairs Committee, to Dr. Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Recommendation on the use of Cameras in Zoom (virtual) classes. Memo has been received.

Suggestion: Place on agenda for next meeting.

1. Document from Hisham Qutob, ASI Vice President, to Dr. Thomas Holyoke, Chair Academic Senate re: Student Bill of Rights. Document has been received.

Suggestion: Potentially this will be put up on the ASI website, but as yet to be determined. Will discuss at next meeting.

1. Proposed Amendments to APM 127 (University Constitution). Second Reading

Send to Senate, place on agenda.

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1. Message to faculty regarding guidance on final exams. Second Reading.

Some minor edits made. Committee is satisfied with this draft as amended.

1. APM 320 Policy on the Composition of Search Committees for Designated Administrative Positions

Main point of clarity on requested change: Assistant professors would be allowed to vote on electing committees. Send to senate.

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The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 3:56 pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held November 2, at 3:00 PM via Zoom.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Raymond Hall Thomas Holyoke

Vice Chair Chair

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