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 incoming), Susan Schlievert (Statewide), Saul Jiménez-Sandoval (Ex-Officio)

Members excused: Joseph Castro (Ex-officio)

Guests: Chadley James (Chair GE), James Mullooly (Chair AP&P), Keith Clement (Chair Curriculum), Jim Schmidtke (Chair Budget), Venita Baker (Academic Senate), Xuanning Fu (Interim Vice Provost)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyoke at 3:31 pm on Zoom.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

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1. Approval of the Minutes 6.3.20

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1. Communications and Announcements

Provost: Expect a media announcement tomorrow on finalized face to face policy.

Chair Holyoke: Expect additions to syllabus template from Bernadette Muscat.

1. Academic Affairs Budget Formula.

Dr. Fu gave a presentation prepared initially for March 16, reworked to discuss and acknowledge current issues. The slide deck is available on Box.

1. Potential Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement.

Chair Holyoke noted that AB4060 has passed, and so we may have only a year to put in place a 3 unit requirement. Also, the bill seems to define the term ethnic in a restricted and limiting way. Finally, if the Governor vetoes the bill there is a chance that the Chancellor may still push for this requirement.

Dr. Schelivert mentioned that the Chancellor’s Office is indeed still pushing their proposal. One will pass she thinks, but which one is anyone’s guess. An interesting point is that AB4060 does not state where this requirement would fit in our curriculum, but the Chancellor’s Office proposal is GE.

Chair Holyoke advocated that we don’t need to move on this until we know the outcome on AB6040, but when we have a mandate we should create a task force, and the result may include a subcommittee that designates UG courses that meet the requirements with some tag/lable indicating the ethnic studies designation.

Dr. Bryant asked about the potential role of double counting towards course requirements and if this is something that our GE committee could consider? Chair Holyoke thought this was a possibility, but reminded that much of GE is under the purview of the Chancellor’s Office.

Dr. Clemet pointed out that under and existing executive order if a course can double count it must double count. He agreed that the Multicultural/Ethnic task force would be natural fit under the GE committee similar to how the task force for MI was successful and is a good model to follow.

1. Climate Action Plan. Second Reading.

Postponed to a Fall 2020 meeting.

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The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 5:03 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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