THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE (AS-21)

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Members excused: Rebecca Raya-Fernandez

Members absent: 20

In-person attendance: 17 Zoom attendance: 31

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.

**Senator Holyoke** provided a typo correction.

*Motion to approve revised agenda*

*Second*

*Vote on motion to approve revised agenda: approved*

1. Approval of the Minutes 04/22/2024.

*Motion to approve minutes*

*Second*

*Vote on motion to approve minutes: approved*

1. Communications and Announcements.

Communications from President Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval:

The **President** shared PowerPoint slides with updates and recent activities.

*Questions for President:*

**Senator Mulhern** asked the **President** to say more about how business connections will help grow all aspects of University.

The **President** responded that they will grow internships for students and direct support for Fresno State through web of relationships from semiconductor work.

1. New Business

*None*

1. Consent Calendar

a. Nominations/Appointments to the Nominating/Election Committee.

b. Nominations/Appointments to the Committee for faculty Equity and Diversity (CFED)

**Senator Calahorra-Jimenez** nominated from the floor

*Members of CFED confirmed*

1. Election-Nominations-Nominating/Elections Committee

a. Executive Committee- 1 Position (Nominations from the floor)

**Senator Van Camp** and **Senator Raya-Fernandez** nominated from the floor.

**Senator Van Camp** elected as member of Executive Committee

1. Resolution Against Diversion of Funds to Athletics.

**Senator Stillmaker** proposed a final “resolved” clause to include list of recipients

*Motion to include “resolved” clause with recipients*

*Second*

**Senator Holyoke** proposed adding local media to clause

*Friendly amendment accepted*

Interim Director of Athletics included in list of recipients

**Senator Wakabayashi** acknowledged Eric Cline to include other local media

**Senator Jones** noted that Interim Director of Athletics is **Rob Acunto**

*Discussion on Senator Kensinger’s amendment:*

**Senator Stillmaker** is against this motion because it adds to a list of grievances and takes away from message about diversion of funding.

*Vote on motion to add “resolved” clause: approved*

**Senator Ram** proposed several amendments to the resolution.

*Motion to amend resolution*

*Second*

**Senator Mulhern** proposed revisions to “resolved” clause on support for attending conferences and professional development.

**Senator Pitts** asked if we agreed on language regarding faculty, and whether tenured or tenure-track faculty should be named specifically.

**Chair Hall** responded that we can address this after voting on motion

**Senator Ram** explained that tenured and tenure-track faculty were mentioned in another clause because original language was not inclusive.

**Senator Chowdhury** asked if it was intentional to exclude part-time faculty. **Senator Ram** responded that in other places, all faculty are included. Tenured and tenure-track is only mentioned in clause about RTP.

*Vote on motion to amend resolution: approved*

**Senator Wise** recognized author of Collegian article, **David Victor**

*Senator Lent motioned to call the question*

*Second*

*Vote on motion to call the question: approved*

*Vote on resolution: approved*

1. APM 323 – Policy on Faculty Personnel Files. Second Reading

**Senator Lent** proposed amendment to address missing files in WPAF

*Motion to amend Section B.5 of APM 323*

*Second*

**Senator Mulhern** asked if there are any files in WPAF that faculty aren’t expected to already have a copy of.

*Vote on motion to amend Section B.5 of APM 323: approved*

**Senator Mulhern** suggested amendment that faculty be provided a hard copy of the PAF.

**Senator Jones** noted that this is addressed in Section A.13

**Chair Hall** asked **AVP Schmidtke** if the cost of duplicating the PAF is an issue.

**AVP Schmidtke** responded it’s usually not an issue, but copies can be provided if requested.

**Senator Mulhern** raised the concern that missing materials in WPAF can only be identified if faculty have a copy to reference.

**AVP Schmidtke** responded that paper copies are unlikely to help if the files are missing or corrupt.

**Senator Bryant** stated that faculty do not need paper copies of WPAF.

**Senator Shatz** asked for clarification on purpose of B.5, which is about the WPAF, not the PAF.

**AVP Schmidtke** restated that the materials most commonly missing from PAF are peer evaluations.

**Senator Mulhern** expressed concern that faculty member is responsible for adding missing materials to WPAF.

**AVP Schmidtke** clarified that dean’s assistant is responsible for adding materials from PAF to WPAF.

**Senator Shatz** clarified that B.5 does not put burden on faculty, but provides a procedure for adding missing materials.

**Senator Mulhern** proposed an amendment to Section B.5

*Motion to amend Section B.5 of APM 323*

*Second*

**Senator Lent** noted that the amendment says the same thing as previous language.

**Senator Shatz** shared a concern with more passive language of amendment.

*Vote on motion to amend Section B.5 of APM 323: approved*

*Vote to approve APM 323: approved*

*Motion to extend Senate meeting 15 minutes*

*Second*

*Vote on motion to extend Senate 15 minutes: approved*

1. APM 399 – Policy on Emerita and Emeritus Status. Second Reading

**Senator Holyoke** proposed amendment to clarify who can receive status for less than ten years.

*Motion to amend Section I of APM 399 to add new item*

*Second*

**Senator Ram** opposes the motion.

**Senator Van Camp** suggested including a minimum of 8 years.

**Senator Wise** explained that language is meant to address truly exceptional service.

**Senator Donnelly-Hermosillo** shared that he reviewed other policies that address exceptional service.

*Vote on motion to amend Section 1 of APM 323: approved*

*Vote to approve APM 399: approved*

*The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:23 p.m.*

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The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be May 6, 2024.

Submitted by Approved by

Amber Crowell Ray Hall

Vice Chair Chair

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