

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
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Members present: Raymond Hall (Chair), Amber Crowell (Vice Chair), Jennifer Miele (At-Large), Xuanning Fu (Provost), Susan Schlievert (Statewide), Lisa Bryant (At-Large), Aaron Stillmaker (University-wide), Tinneke Van Camp (At-large)

Members excused: Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval (President), Faith Van Hoven (ASI President),

Guests: Mackenzie Burke (Academic Senate), George Still (AVP of OIE), Jim Schmidtke (AVP of Faculty Affairs), David Low (Personnel Committee), and Nichole Walsh (AP&P Committee)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall at 3:00 pm.

1. Approval of the Agenda.
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2. Approval of the Minutes of 05.06.24
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3. Communications and Announcements.
 - a. Welcome and Introductions

The Executive Committee welcomed **Mackenzie Burke** as the new Academic senate coordinator and also introduced members of the executive committee and guests.

Chair Hall informed the Executive Committee that the Senate is now using Google Docs for meeting documents and APMs.

Communications from Provost Fu: The **Provost** welcomed faculty back and congratulated newly promoted faculty **Lisa Bryant** and **Dermot**

Donnelly-Hermosillo. The **Provost** thanked the GE committee for working over the summer on CAL-GETC and thanked **S. Schlievert** for working with the Chancellor's Office. The **Provost** also thanked all department chairs for working through budget cut requests over the summer. We met budget goals but also had increased enrollment.

Chair Hall welcomed **AVP George Still** to the Executive Committee.

- A. Email dated August 20, 2024 from Dr. Jim Schmidtke, Associate Vice President of Faculty Affairs, to Dr. Raymond Hall, Chair of Academic Senate re: Syllabi - APM 241. Email Received.

AVP Schmidtke explained the potential issue with older syllabi being subpoenaed, and how long syllabi should be retained by the department according to APM. **AVP Schmidtke** made the case that the retention period should be changed.

L. Bryant asked for clarification on APM - should it be the department or all parties that destroy the syllabi copies?

AVP Schmidtke explained that this would be about the department retaining material. Other issues to be addressed are with content that is stored on Canvas.

Chair Hall asked if the issue is that departments need to be complying with APM and destroying the syllabi.

N. Walsh will take these issues to AP&P to explore extending the retention period, and also suggests bringing Canvas issues to **Bryan Berrett** in IDEAS. **Chair Hall** also suggests discussing this with the University Registrar.

Suggestion: Send to AP&P Committee

- B. Email dated August 21, 2024 from Dr. Xuanning Fu, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: NACADA Study on Advising.

Suggestion: Put at top of today's agenda as new business

- C. Memo dated August 21, 2024 from Dr. Dermot Donnelly-Hermosillo, Chair of the GE Committee, to Academic Senate Executive Committee re: Memo - Cal-GETC.

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4. New Business.

NACADA Study on Advising

The **Provost** reviewed the site report and recommendations from NACADA on advising structure and procedures at Fresno State. Relevant to this discussion is that Fresno State received an \$8 million grant for advising from the Department of Education. The major structural change proposed is to move advising from Student Affairs to Academic Affairs. Recommend **Bernadette Muscat** to serve as Interim Vice Provost while Dean of Undergraduate Studies will be on pause for a year.

L. Bryant asked for clarification on what happens after one year. The **Provost** replied that we do not know yet what will happen in the next year.

Chair Hall summarized the motives behind decisions being made this year.

L. Bryant expressed concern about creating new positions and re-centralizing advising. **Provost Fu** replied that no new positions are being created, it is just a title change for **Dean Muscat**.

J. Miele also expressed concern about the title change and asked for clarification on the purpose for changing **Dean Muscat's** title. **Chair Hall** summarized the EC's concerns about the potential creation of a new position and asked if oversight of advising could fall under the Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

The **Provost** will discuss these concerns with **VP Willis** and the **President**.

L. Bryant asked for clarification on the funding source, the **Provost** explained that **Dean Muscat**'s position will be funded by Student Affairs.

Memo - Cal-GETC

D. Donnelly-Hermosillo presented slides on potential outcomes of Cal-GETC.

The Executive Committee has questions about next steps and what guidance the GE committee needs.

AVP Schmidtke noted that decisions about Cal-GETC should be made in a timely manner so that Faculty Affairs can negotiate with the union on personnel matters.

Aaron Stillmaker asked for clarification on CAL-GETC ending GE exemptions and where that directive is coming from (legislature or Chancellor's Office).

S. Schlievert confirmed that statewide CSU Senate voted on no confidence resolution against Chancellor's Office last year.

N. Walsh suggested that a new policy on credit for prior learning might be helpful.

The GE committee has been asked to inform the Executive Committee of what they need to make policy recommendation.

GE committee consultation with Faculty Affairs should be with Executive Committee present.

AVP Still explained some of the estimates from OIE regarding affected FTEs and time to degree. It is difficult to estimate affected FTEs by department because of how students might make decisions about course selection.

J. Miele and **A. Stillmaker** prefer options that bring in less new units now that GE waivers are gone. **T. Van Camp** supports option 2 that lets students choose C3 or Area E.

L. Bryant supports option 1 that make C3 and Area E university requirements.

The Executive Committee has brought forth the suggestion that C3 and E can be waived for high unit majors if they become university requirements. This increases support of option 1 (C3 and E become university requirements).

Vice Chair Crowell requested new estimate of FTEs affected by waivers from Area E as well as C3.

Adjourned: 4:55 PM