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Members Absent: O. Benavides (excused), D. Blum, M. Busteded (excused), J. Daughtry, C. Fowler (excused), S. Geringer (excused), S. Gu (excused), A. Heaney, J. Henson, K. Magdaleno, M. Mahoney (excused), J. McDonald, S. Moreman (excused), N. Pewewardy, J. Sharma (excused), T. Skeen, R. Statham (student)(excused), K.C. Tseng, S. Vandiver (excused), R. Vaughn (excused), J. Wang, T. Winant, M. Xiao.

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Botwin at 4:06 p.m. in the University Center, Room #200.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 4/7/08.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.

A. Chair Botwin reminded the Committee that the Individual Development & Education Assessment, IDEA Center would be presenting on the Student Rating System, RFP. Dates include:

Monday 4/28/08, 1-2:30 p.m., Alice Peters Auditorium;
Monday 4/28/08, 4-5:30 p.m., Academic Senate Special Session;
4/29/08, 10-11:30 a.m., Alice Peters Auditorium.

In addition, Chair Botwin discussed the upcoming meeting of the Campus Fee Advisory Committee, tentatively schedule for Wednesday, 4/23/08, location to be announced.

- B. Megan Jacobson (Mass Communications student) presented information regarding a campaign being promoted by students to bring awareness to other students regarding the Bud and Jan Richter Center for Community Engagement.
4. New Business.

Lisa Weston (English) introduced an Academic Senate Resolution, Resolution in Response to Reductions to the CSU Budget.

WHEREAS: Quality and access have been the twin goals that have distinguished the CSU as a public higher

education institution serving the citizens of the State of California since the CSU's creation by the Donahoe Act in 1960; and

WHEREAS Both the quality of education and access have been increasingly threatened by the more than \$500 million shortfall in the resources provided to the CSU over the last three years; and

WHEREAS This shortfall has gradually undercut both the quality of education and access by escalating student-faculty ratios, increasing class sizes, expanding reliance on temporary faculty, reducing staffing to support instruction and technological infrastructure, reducing the ability to maintain adequate library collections, and resulting in non-competitive faculty salaries while increasing faculty service loads and reducing their capacity to mentor and advise students; and

WHEREAS The Governor's proposed 2008-09 budget projects a further reduction of \$386.1 million to the CSU budget approved by the CSU Board of Trustees for the 2008-09 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS The proposed budget fails to fund access to 10,000 students, to provide \$36 million in mandatory costs including employee health benefits, to fund compensation agreements for CSU faculty and staff, and does not include the \$73.2 million needed to buy out a 10 percent student fee increase, thus further eroding both quality and access; and

WHEREAS The projected proportional reduction in the CSUF budget would be devastating to the University's ability to maintain normal operations; and

WHEREAS In the wake of the proposed reductions, CSUF would be compelled to reduce enrollment for 2008-09; and

WHEREAS Continued reductions seriously compromise the ability of the University to meet the basic obligations of its mission; and

WHEREAS Every \$1 invested in the CSU results in \$4.41 in return;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the CSUF Academic Senate strongly condemns and opposes reductions to the CSU budget that so seriously threaten both the quality of education and access, and urges the Governor and the California Legislature to restore the full \$386.1 million in funding to the CSU;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the CSUF Academic Senate supports the CSU Academic Senate Resolution AS-2831-08 of January 17-18, 2008, and joins in urging the CSU Board of Trustees and the Chancellor to work with the Governor and Legislature to effect that restoration;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be sent to CSUF President John Welty, the CSUF Alumni Association President, the CSU Board of Trustees, and CSU Chancellor Charles Reed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to place this issue on today's agenda as the new item #7.

MSC to place this issue on today's agenda as the New item #7. and renumber the remaining items accordingly.

5. Installation of New Senators.

New Senators - Imelda Basurto (Literacy & Early Education), Ted Bergman (Modern & Classical Languages & Literatures), Chan Du (Accountancy), David Durham (English), Dawn Lewis (Kinesiology), Daniel Herring (Theatre Arts), Brad Jones (History), Madhusudan Katti (Biology), Sal Montana (Social Work).

Re-elected Senators - Denise Blum (Curriculum & Instruction), Michael Caldwell (Music), Manuel Figueroa (Chicano, & Latin American Studies), Song Lee (Counseling, Special Education &

Rehabilitation), Kathleen Ramos-Dyer (Child, Family & Consumer Sciences), David Smith (Communicative Disorders & Deaf Studies), Samuel Vandiver (Aerospace Studies), Sean Fulop (Linguistics).

ASCSU Delegate - Otto Benavides (Curriculum & Instruction)
DEPARTMENT VACANCIES – Marketing & Logistics, Military Science, Physical Therapy.

6. Election - Nominations - Nominating/Elections Committee.

Chair and Vice Chair – Academic Senate: The results were as follows:

Chair, Academic Senate:

Michael Botwin (Science & Mathematics) was unanimously re-elected by acclamation.

Vice Chair, Academic Senate:

Michael Caldwell (Arts & Humanities) was unanimously re-elected by acclamation.

Executive Committee Member-At-Large (Nominations from the floor). The following individual was nominated and unanimously re-elected by acclamation:

Lynn Williams – (Agricultural Sciences & Technology) a three-year term through 2011.

7. Resolution in Response to Reductions to the CSU Budget.

Lisa Weston presented information regarding the resolution.

MSC (unanimous) to send Resolution in Response to Reductions to the CSU Budget, to University, CSUF and Legislative officials, including the Governor.

8. Standards for Writing Course Requirements – Writing Competency Subcommittee – CONTINUED.

Following discussion regarding the eligibility and/or qualifications of various faculty to teach W Courses, reading and writing skill levels of students.

MSC to approve the Standards for Writing Course Requirements and forward to President with the recommendation for approval.

9. Policy on Faculty Leaves of Absence (APM 361) – Personnel Committee – First Reading.

The Policy was discussed and will return to the Academic Senate for a second reading at its next meeting.

10. Policy on Faculty Consultation on Voting (APM 114) – Personnel Committee – First Reading.

MSC to waive second reading.

MSF to delete V. E. 5. Full-time lecturers are ineligible to participate in nominating elections for department chairs.

MSC to approve the Policy on Faculty Consultation and Voting (APM 114) with minor revisions and forward to the President with the recommendation for approval.

MSC to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be announced. An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Michael Caldwell
Vice Chair
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Botwin
Chair
Academic Senate