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Members Absent: M. Arvanigian, O. Benavides (excused), A. Burke-Doe, J. Daughtery, B. DerMugrdechian, S. Fulop, E. Garan (excused), S. Geringer, J. Gilbert, B. Hays (excused), M. Li, K. McKinley, S. Miller (excused), N. Pewewardy, P. Popma (excused), K. Ramos-Dyer, F. Ringwald, M. Schettler, J. Sharma, T. Skeen, R. Statham (student)(excused), K.C. Tseng, J. Wang, L. Williams (excused).

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Botwin at 4:05 p.m. in the University Center, Room #200.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 9/10/07.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda amended to add a new item 5. New Business and renumber the remaining items accordingly.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - A. Chair Botwin introduced and welcomed the new University-Wide Senator, Paula Sanmartin (Arts & Humanities).
 - B. Vice Chair Caldwell shared information regarding the new Alcohol Safety Council Faculty Pledge Program.
 - C. William Fasse, Associate Provost, Interim shared information regarding the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA) for colleges and universities. The California State University system is participating in the VSA initiative. This is in response to developing standards for accountability in higher education at the federal level (i.e. the Spelling's report on accountability in higher education). A template was presented that will be used by all institutions subscribing to the VSA. Dr. Fasse answered several questions from the body regarding the intent and implementation of VSA. Dr. Fasse presented this as a pro-active measure using currently published information as a tool. Discussion focused on the

potential uses and misuses of the data presented in the VSA and its implications for our campus.

4. Consent Calendar.

- A. Early Childhood Degree Program Name Change - Graduate Committee.

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and added as Item 7.

- B. Graduate Student Petitions Committee (APM 248) – Graduate Committee.

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and added as Item 8.

- C. Special Major for a Bachelor of Arts Degree Policy (APM 203)– Academic Policy & Planning Committee (AP&P).

Since no objection was voiced, the item was approved by consent.

5. New Business.

There was none.

6. Interim University Policy on Video Monitoring and Surveillance Activities (APM 648).

MSC to approve the revisions made by President John D. Welty to the Interim University Policy on Video Monitoring and Surveillance Activities (APM 648) and forward to the President for approval.

7. Early Childhood Degree Program Name Change - Graduate Committee.

There was a misunderstanding regarding the name change. After a lively discussion the following motion was made.

MSC to approve the name change from “Early Childhood” to “Early Childhood Education” and forward to the President for approval.

8. Graduate Student Petitions Committee (APM 248) – Graduate Committee.

MSC to postpone discussion and send another invitation to the Graduate Committee to have a representative at the next Academic Senate meeting.

MSC to adjourn at 5:22 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