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Members Absent: T. Bergman, M. Busted, B. DerMugrdechian, C. Du (excused), D. Durham, D. Frazier, S. Gu, B. Jones, M. Katti, S. Lee (excused), K. Magdaleno, S. Miller, R. Rai, F. Ringwald, D. Smith, P. Trueblood (excused), K.C. Tseng, J. Wang, L. Weston, M. Xiao.

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 12/1/08.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.

ASI Vice-President Lauren Johnson informed the Senate regarding student input on the Budget Summit held in February, including a layered roll-out of library services by floor, reducing duplication of operational functions on campus, reducing administrative pay, reducing social functions, removing U.S. Post Office from USU, preserve Psychological Services and many additional items. For a complete list, contact ASI, Inc. or the Academic Senate office.

4. New Business.

There was no new business.

5. Consent Calendar.

- A. Policy on Faculty Merit Increase (APM 329)-Personnel Committee.

The Academic Senate briefly discussed the protocol for removing policies, as well as reasoning for removing the Policy on Faculty Merit Increase (APM 329). As a result of the discussion, the following motion was passed:

MSC to approve the recommendation to remove the Policy on Faculty Merit Increase (APM 329) from the Academic Policy Manual and forward to the President for approval. (This policy is no longer used in the Collective Bargaining Agreement).

6. Proposed Certificate of Advanced Study – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

Michael Russler, Chair of Nursing, presented the Proposed Certificate of Advanced Study – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The Academic Senate briefly discussed the proposal, including the question of potential overlap with other programs and the need for certification of practical duties already being practiced by professionals. As a result of the discussion, the following motion was passed:

MSC to waive second reading.

MSC to approve the Proposed Certificate of Advanced Study – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and forward to the President for approval.

7. Proposed Department Status for Recreation Administration and Leisure Studies.

Jody Hironaka-Juteau, Coordinator, Recreation Administration and Leisure Studies Program presented the Proposed Department Status for Recreation Administration and Leisure Studies. As a result of the discussion, the following motion was passed:

MSC to waive second reading.

MSC to approve the Department Status for Recreation Administration and Leisure Studies and forward to the President for approval.

8. Policy on Student Participation in Policy Development.

Chair Botwin briefly presented information regarding the Policy on Student Participation in Policy Development. Student representative Lauren Johnson explained the process ASI, Inc. will be using to assist in the process. The Senate discussed the policy and the merits of student participation. As a result of the discussion, the following motion was passed:

MSC to return the document to the President with a

suggestion to remove the passive voice from the document, in addition to the removal of the words “faculty and staff” in the third sentence.

MSC to adjourn at 5:03 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