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Members Absent: M. Busteed, G. Decatrel (excused), D. Dyer, D. Frazier, A. Heaney, K. Magdaleno, S. Montana, S. Mortimer, S. Omolayo, F. Ringwald, P. Sanmartin, S. Schlievert (excused), D. Smith, K.C. Tseng, S. Vandiver, J. Wang, L. Weston, T. Winant.

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 3/2/09.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - A. Chair Botwin announced upcoming Academic Senate leadership elections. He also announced receipt from the Graduate Committee, Student Affairs Committee, University Budget Committee & Academic Policy & Planning Committee regarding the Policy on the Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness (APM 322). Senators are being asked to make sure each department is aware of the proposed policy and the timeline.

Thomas Holyoke proposed a public forum in the Fall regarding the Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness (APM 322).
 - B. President Welty announced that the CSU will absorb a \$50 million reduction as a result of the lack of stimulus money reaching the system. Initial projections on the campus include the need for an additional net \$1.3 million of budget cuts on our campus. In addition, the Advancement Division will be reducing their operating budget. Concrete planning will follow Board of Trustees actions on student fees and state elections regarding tax increases. The University is moving forward with the completion of the library.

- C. Betsy Hays presented the “Best in Show” campaign, assisted by 20 students who have participated in developing the campaign. There are many ways in which faculty can participate. Information is available at:
www.csufresno.edu/bestinshow
- D. Eric Person shared information regarding the Student Success Task Force. The structure of the service includes a structured checklist that provides students the opportunity to receive guidance, identify resources and initiate a holistic view of academic success on our campus.
- E. Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) President Graham Wahlberg presented a resolution advocating textbook affordability. He described a program at CSU East Bay, in which departments (faculty) were rewarded for complying with early adoption of textbook orders. He urged using textbooks over a greater number of semesters, coordinating more standardization of textbooks from section-to-section and an increase in customized course materials.

4. New Business.

There was no new business.

5. Service Learning Subcommittee Charge.

Jan Slagter objected to the use of the word “agency” within the document. No suggestions were made for revision. The document will return to the floor for a second reading at the next Academic Senate meeting.

MSC to adjourn at 5:07 p.m.

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

Submitted by:

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Approved by:

Michael Botwin
Chair
Academic Senate