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Members Absent: M. Arvanigian, D. Blum (excused), E. Garan, S. Geringer, J. Gilbert (excused), B. Hays (excused), T. Kubal K. Magdaleno, S. Moreman (excused), S. Omolayo, E. Person (excused), N. Pewewardy, M. Sanchez, R. Statham (excused), S. Vandiver (excused), J. Wang.

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Botwin at 4:10 p.m. in the University Center, Room #200.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 1/29/07.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - A. Last day to submit items to the Executive Committee for consideration by the Academic Senate (drop dead date) is Monday, April 2, 2007.
 - B. Lynn Williams (Agricultural Economics) recognized Mike Watney, Golf Coach, for recently being inducted into the National Collegiate Coach's Hall of Fame.
 - C. ASI President J.P. Moncayo pointed out new pictures on walls in UC #200 and encouraged Senators to let students know that this room is available as a study space.
 - D. Albert Valencia, Mentoring Institute and the School of Education, discussed a request made by President Welty of faculty and staff who were first generation college students to write essays regarding their stories. He distributed examples of these stories to the Senate.

Maxine McDonald, Student Success Services, encouraged faculty who are first generation college students to share their stories with students, as well.

Chris Tina Leimer, Director of Institutional Assessment, Research, and Planning, shared the experience of writing her own story as well as editing the stories of others, and also encouraged others to be a part of the project.

4. New Business.

Manuel Figueroa presented the Resolution in Support of AS-2782-07 / FA: The Importance of Settling the Contract Between the CSU and CFA. He read the seven resolves contained in the document.

MSC to add the Resolution as new Item #6 on today's agenda.

5. Consent Calendar.

Name Change from Master of Business Administration (MBA) for Executives to Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) – Graduate Committee.

Tim Skeens (English) member of the Graduate Committee was available to address concerns of the body.

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

6. Resolution in Support of AS-2782-07 / FA: The Importance of Settling the Contract between the CSU and CFA.

MSC to support the Resolution with the following addendum:
“And let it be further resolved that the Academic Senate at California State University, Fresno, call upon the Legislature and Governor to address the long term financial needs that exist within the CSU without student fee increases.”

MSC to waive second reading.

MSC to approve the Resolution in Support of AS-2782-07 / FA: The Importance of Settling the Contract between the CSU and CFA.

7. APM 648: Policy on Video Monitoring and Surveillance – Executive Committee - Continued.

MS that Item 4 (p. 648-3) under “Temporary Installation of Video Recording Equipment” be removed in its entirety and the existing Item 5. would then become Item 4.

MSC to vote by closed ballot.

MSF 6 Yes / 37 No

MSC to add the following as a new paragraph at the bottom of page 648-5 in the section on Covert Surveillance by University Policy or Other Law Enforcement Agencies just prior to the paragraph with the heading of Training:

“To ensure that covert surveillance on campus complies with the conditions and limitations in this policy and that it does not interfere with academic freedom and the intellectual life of the university, a subcommittee of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee will be established to provide oversight of covert surveillance activities. This committee will consist of the chair of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee and two other members of AP&P to be elected from that committee. Twice during each academic year, the President and the University Police Chief shall provide to the subcommittee the following information:

--a summary of all requests for covert surveillance submitted to the President since the last meeting, including number of requests and rationale for each request.

--a report on the responses to the requests, including which requests were approved and which were denied and how long the surveillance was conducted;

--a summary of the outcome of each surveillance activity undertaken.

The subcommittee’s responsibility shall be to review this information to make sure that all covert surveillance complies with this policy and to make recommendations to the Academic Senate if any changes in the policy are deemed necessary.”

Friendly amendment: change the word committee at the beginning of the second sentence to subcommittee.

Friendly amendment: add the phrase “and two faculty members elected at large” at the end of the second sentence.

MSC to make the following amendments/changes:

Replace the second sentence in #7 on p. 648.2 with “Cameras or monitoring equipment installed in teaching laboratories or research laboratories will only be considered when a faculty member, department or campus organization follows the guidelines stated above in paragraphs 1 through 5.”

Replace the second sentence in #4 on p. 648-3 with “Cameras or monitoring equipment installed in teaching laboratories or research laboratories will only be considered when a faculty member, department or campus organization follows the guidelines stated in paragraphs 1 through 5 on page 648-2. If the police department makes such a request it must follow the procedure outlined above in paragraphs 1 through 3.”

Friendly amendment: in both proposed changes, remove the phrase “a faculty member,” in the middle of the second sentences.

Friendly amendment: in both proposed changes, add “assigned to use that space” after the word organization in the second sentences.

MSC to approve the Policy on Video Monitoring and Surveillance (APM 648) with all approved amendments and forward it to the President for approval.

6. Policies and Procedures for Addressing Harassment – Personnel Committee – Second Reading – Continued.

Due to time constraints, item 6. was tabled until the next meeting.

MSC to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

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

Submitted by:

Kathie Reid
Vice Chair
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Botwin
Chair
Academic Senate