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ABSENT

R. Abbott, L. Judson, J. Perez-Carballo

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair Hunt convened the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

1. The Chair's Announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1.1 Following is the response from Provost Vaidya to the questions raised by Senator Dumitrescu at the Senate meeting on March 1, 2011:

*Question:*

What happened to the unused travel money from last fiscal year?

*Response:*

Unused travel funds from last fiscal year, 2009-2010, were carried over to the next fiscal year, 2010-2011.

*Question:*

What will happen to the unused money for travel for the current year?

*Response:*

Unused travel funds from this fiscal year, 2010-2011, will be carried over to the next fiscal year, 2011-2012.

*Question:*

Why cannot a faculty member who does not travel donate his or her money to a colleague who does?

*Response:*

Faculty are allowed to donate their travel funds to another faculty member. This must be done in writing. Those who would like to donate their travel funds need to send their requests to the appropriate Dean.

- 1.2 On March 29, 2011, President Rosser approved the Senate's proposed modifications to the Probation and Disqualification Policy for Undergraduate Students and the University Academic Appeals Board, Faculty Handbook, Chapter V, effective Fall Quarter 2011. The on-line Faculty Handbook will be updated to reflect the changes at the start of the Fall Quarter.
2. 2.1 Senator Abed announced his intent to raise the following question:

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

I am speaking on behalf of the Philosophy faculty and other faculty members with whom I have spoken. Although we recognize that the university has had a long-standing policy that courses not taught for two years should be deleted and understand the rationale for updating the catalog as a contract with students, we wonder why the policy is being enforced at this particular time.

More specifically, we wonder why the relevant parties do not find to be compelling the following reasons for not enforcing the policy at this time:

- (1) If semester conversation is to take place, course deletions will routinely be taken care of as part of rethinking the curriculum in every department. Faculty members are well aware that the number of courses in a program will have to decrease. What need is there to duplicate faculty work?

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(2) During the past two years, departments have been forced to cancel courses they would otherwise have taught and hope to teach again as soon as possible. Therefore, in a significant number of cases, the fact that courses have not been taught has little to do with choices departments have made.

(3) Many faculty did not understand that there was a reason to state on a course proposal that a course would be offered less frequently than once per year (with the resulting 4-year window for offering it). It is true that these courses could be modified; however, given the likelihood of semester conversion, modifying current courses would not be a good use of faculty or administrative time.

2.2 Senator Moss announced his intent to raise the following question:

Departments were recently sent a list of infrequently offered courses and told that courses on the list would be deleted according to the 2-year rule in the *Curriculum Handbook* unless departments were able to justify retaining any of the courses. In the *Curriculum Handbook*, there is an indication that this “policy” was approved in 1979, but no such policy can be found in the *Faculty Handbook*. If this is an approved policy, why is it not part of the *Faculty Handbook* (particularly when other policies in the *Curriculum Handbook* are found in the *Faculty Handbook*)? What other policies are not in the *Faculty Handbook* ?

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. 3.1 It was m/s/ (Classen) to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2011 (ASM 10-16).

3.2 No changes were requested and Chair ruled the minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. It was m/s/p (Benedict) to approve the agenda.

REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE  
SENATE MEETING: MARCH 17-18,  
2011

5. Statewide Senator Baaske presented a report of the Statewide Senate meeting held in Long Beach on March 17-18, 2011. A question and answer period followed.

ACADEMIC SENATOR CSU: NOMI-  
NATIONS FOR ONE POSITION, TERM  
ENDING 2014

6. 6.1 The Chair reported that Kimberly King (Psychology) had been nominated at the last Senate meeting and has agreed to have her name appear on the ballot.

6.2 Robert Land (Curriculum and Instruction) was nominated.

PROPOSED POLICY: EPT/ELM  
SCORES, FACULTY HANDBOOK,  
CHAPTER IV (10-24) *First-Reading*

7. It was m/s/ (DeChaine) to approve the recommendation (10-24).

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION:  
DEADLINE FOR ORDERING  
REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS, FACULTY  
HANDBOOK, CHAPTER IV (10-25)  
*First-Reading*

8. It was m/s/ (Huld) to approve the recommendation (10-25).

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION:  
MODES OF DELIVERY, FACULTY  
HANDBOOK, CHAPTER IV (10-26)  
*First-Reading*

9. It was m/s/ (Moss) to approve the recommendation (10-26).

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION:  
VOTING RIGHTS OF FACULTY,  
FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER VI  
(10-20) *Second-Reading*  
*Forwarded to the President*

10. 10.1 It was m/s/p (Flint) to amend line 38 of document 10-20 by deleting the comma after the word “university” and inserting the word AND, and deleting the words and department/division/school elections.

10.2 The recommendation was APPROVED as amended (10-20). Copies of the document are available in the Senate Office.

11. The recommendation was APPROVED (10-21). Copies of the document are available in the Senate Office.

PROPOSED POLICY DELETIONS:  
DEPARTMENTAL VOTING  
RIGHTS OF ACADEMIC ADMINI-  
STRATORS WITH RETREAT  
RIGHTS, ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE  
IN ALL UNIVERSITY ELEC-  
TIONS – FACULTY ON LEAVE,  
AND VOTING RIGHTS OF  
FACULTY SERVING IN RETIRE-  
MENT AND PRERETIREMENT  
PLANS, FACULTY HANDBOOK,  
CHAPTERS II AND III (10-21)

*Second-Reading*

*Forwarded to the President*

12. It was m/s/p (Baaske) to adjourn at 2:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT