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What Faculty Need to Know

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A Summary of the 9 February 2015 Senate Board Meeting

Standing/Ad Hoc/Campus-Wide Committee Reports

1. Ad Hoc Hiring Issues Committee: Chair M. Michelson provided handouts and summary report of topics/concerns covered at committee meeting – EEO Training & concerns, Hiring Committee conflicts of interests, and classified, faculty, and management hiring procedures.
2. Nominations and Elections Committee: Chair N. Rutzen reported on Spring 2015 Election Timeline. Election Timeline approved by unofficial vote.
3. Faculty Hiring and Priorities Committee – Chair E. A. Cairo reported that at 2/5/15 meeting, the committee approved that faculty presentations and committee attendance would be optional at committee meetings to consider faculty hiring requests; the committee's next meeting will review/accept standardized faculty rubric.
4. Sabbatical Leave Committee: E. A. Cairo provided list of names submitted to BOT and approved: Mack Darcey; Christopher Strinden; Patty D'Orange Martin; Krista Walker, Philip Young; Charles Young; Charles Carpenter; Elsie Rivas-Gomez; Diana Savas; Brian Tucker; Melanie Willhide; Eloy Zarate; and Cathy Wei.
5. Commencement Speaker Committee: J. Aragon reported that this shared governance committee has approved 11 names to be submitted to Dr. Miller for his final approval before sending list to BOT.

Executive Committee Recommendations

1. Voted to approve D. Haley (Library) to the Academic Senate Bylaws, Rules, and Procedures Committee.
2. Voted to approve James Aragon (Counseling) and Lauren Arenson (Social Sciences) as members of the Faculty Development Committee.
3. Voted to approve (written ballot) K. Goguen (Library), J. Ohye (Library), and D. Potter (Library) to Dean, Library and Distance Education Hiring Committee.

Information Items (with possible action taken)

1. Conference Travel Discussion: Requests for conference/travel should be submitted by or before 30 June; adjuncts traveling with FT faculty will be considered for conference attendance funding; unspent funds will not be rolled over; suggestions for professional development activities funding should be discussed within Schools.
2. Creation of Senate Resolution regarding new Board Bylaw 2431: Presidential Screening Committee Discussion postponed.
3. Voted to approve creation of Academic Senate Ad Hoc Breakfast Committee. Drop down volunteer tab will be added to Senate Web site under Committee Volunteers.

Information Items (no action taken)

1. Student Equity Plan – A. Duran requested Senate approval for this plan which will provide approximately 1 million in state funding to close achievement gaps within areas that include ethnicity, gender, and age. Proposals for funding need to fit into the following five areas: Campus Access, Course Completion (Retention), ESL Basic Skills, Transfer, Degree & Certificate Completion. Recommended that Rubric for assessing proposals include a N/A column. Statistical data was gathered and presented with assistance of outside researcher. Concerns and suggestions should be emailed or sent to Dean C. Olivo or to A. Duran.
2. Discussion of New Hiring Committee Procedure – E. A. Cairo reported that 26 college-wide committees require faculty participation. Committee information, however, needs to be updated. This topic will be forwarded to College Coordinating Council.
3. Baccalaureate Pilot Programs – E. A. Cairo reported that the state has approved 15 pilot programs. Ideas for future baccalaureate pilot programs should be forwarded to Dr. R. Cornner for submission to College Coordinating Council. Dr. R. Cornner reported that the state may be opening up more slots for baccalaureate pilot programs.

4. School Realignment – E. A. Cairo reported on realignment discussion at last CAPM and that the Senate Executive Committee supports returning to previous college configuration before various shared governance violations occurred. It was agreed at CAPM that schools/area should meet to discuss merits, pros and cons of realignment. The School of Humanities and Social Sciences will begin its discussion on 2/10. From these discussions, Dr. R. Cornner will create and send out a survey. Realignment task team is not part of this process.
5. Professor Emeritus Rank – J. Kim requested that Senate Board consider Emeritus status for retired Professors R. McLean and M. Finkenbinder. This request will be placed on Senate's next Agenda as Information Item for possible action. Preliminary vote by Senate supported this request for Emeritus status.

Reports From Executive Committee

1. President E. A. Cairo reported that he and J. Kiotas attended the first Presidential Screening Committee meeting and that the BOT representatives were not happy that screening committee representatives cannot participate in the applicant interview process.
2. Vice President K. Pilon reported of the need for senators to inform their constituents of Senate Board meeting highlights.
3. Secretary P. Rose reported that Classified Senate supports increased Classified representation on President Screening Committee and of their interest in the lottery system for serving on hiring committees.
4. Treasurer M. Perea: No report.

Standing Information Items

1. PCCFA: Balloting closes Wednesday night for faculty to ratify contract. BOT could approve contract at BOT meeting on February 18.
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3. Adjunct Faculty: Voting privileges for adjuncts mandated by the State are being examined.
4. Associated Students: No report.

Announcements

1. 2015 Spring Plenary Session: April 9-11, San Francisco Westin.
2. Election Committee volunteers needed.
3. Reports needed from working groups on Board Policies.
4. ESL Workshop at Noon in ESL Center