Minutes: February 17th, 2009

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY, February 17, 2009

SEVEN HILLS CONFERENCE CENTER, NOB
HILL ROOM

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Avani, Nathan          Jeung, Russell          Robertson, Bruce
Boyle, Andrea          Kohn, Jim                Rosegard, Erik
Bugayong, Arlene       Landry, Lynette          Rothman, Barry
Burke, Adam            Lau, Jenny               Salama, Mohammad
Chen, Yu-Charn         LePage, Pamela           Sheldon, James
Chou, Fang-yu          Levy, Eileen             Sherwin, Paul
Davila, Brigitte       Li, Wen-Chao             Shrivastava, Vinay
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**Absences:**
Chelberg, Gene (exc); Cheung, Yitwah (On Leave Spring 09); Corrigan, Robert (exc); Danner, Don (abs);
Dariotis, Wei Ming (exc); DuVal, Derethia (exc); Gemello, John (exc); Goen-Salter, Sugie (abs); Jin, Leigh (exc);
Mahan, Dianne (exc); McCarthy, Chris (abs); Moody, Laura (exc); Morishita, Leroy (exc); Shapiro, Jerald (abs);

**Guests:** Gail Evans, Helen Goldsmith, Wanda Lee, Patrick Tierney
CALL TO ORDER: 2:12 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Russell Kilday-Hicks, CAD / Graphics Coordinator, Capital Planning, Design and Construction, announced a Teach-in: Reclaiming Public Education Amidst an Economic Crisis, coordinated by the Education Budget Advocacy Committee, to be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009, in Jack Adams Hall.

AGENDA ITEM #1?Approval of the Agenda for February 17, 2009.

Senator Rehling moved that agenda item #5 be deleted. The motion passed. The agenda as amended was approved.

AGENDA ITEM #2?Approval of the Minutes for February 3, 2009.

The minutes of the February 3, 2009, Academic Senate meeting were approved.

AGENDA ITEM #3? Presentation from Jaylan Turkkan, Associate Vice President, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs: Promoting the Research and Creative Activities Retreat

Dr. Turkkan, Associate Vice President, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP), reported on ORSP?s Research and Creative Activities Retreat? to be held at the Romberg Tiburon Center on Friday, March 6, 2009.

AGENDA ITEM #4? Recommendation from the Executive Committee: Proposed Revisions to the Academic Senate Bylaws voting procedure, second reading.

Senator Rehling moved that the Senate approve the revisions to the Academic Senate Bylaws voting procedure.

Senator Kohn moved to amend the motion by adding the phrase ?are available to the public and? before the word ?will? on line 117.

Senator Rehling moved to make a substitute motion: Amend the main motion by adding the phrase ?will be available upon request and? before the word ?will? on line 117. The question of whether to substitute Senator Rehling?s motion for Senator?s Kohn motion was approved.
The motion to amend the main motion by adding the phrase "will be available upon request and" before the word "will" on line 117 was approved.

Senator Levy moved to amend the motion by adding the phrase "who have responsibility for RTP review" after "program directors" on line 129. The motion passed.

The main motion, as amended, passed.

AGENDA ITEM #5? Recommendation from the Faculty Affairs Committee: Adding Journal Editing as Professional Achievement and Growth, First Reading.

Senator Levy, on behalf of Faculty Affairs Committee, moved that the Senate approve a revision to the Retention, Tenure, & Promotion Policy (#S07-241), that journal editing be added to the list of possible exhibits of professional achievement and growth.

Discussion items and questions included:

- The policy should emphasize the nature of the journal and the editorial appointment; e.g., a high-impact journal, an international editorial board, etc. This perspective was mitigated by discussion that "high impact" could be applied to all categories of professional achievement and growth; analysis of the significant of the activity should be left to RTP committees.

- A key point is that each department should decide, based upon its specific discipline, whether faculty activities should be characterized as research and professional growth, teaching, or service; flexibility in characterization is needed.

- Editor should be qualified by including various editorial responsibilities, such as member of an editorial board, associate editor, etc.

- How will disagreements be arbitrated, if the candidate and a committee disagree on the characterization of editorial work?

- The proposed revision is just one of a list of possible ways to demonstrate professional achievement and growth.

The speaker's list was exhausted.
AGENDA ITEM #6? Recommendation from the Executive Committee: Proposed Reapportionment for Academic Senate representatives, 2009-2010 Academic Year, First Reading.

Senator Trautman, on behalf of Executive Committee, moved that the Senate approve an Academic Senate reapportionment that includes 9 at-large members and additional members to each college as follows: Behavioral & Social Sciences, 3; Business, 3; Creative Arts, 3; Education, 2; Ethnic Studies, 1; Health & Human Services, 1; Humanities, 5; and Science & Engineering, 4.

Discussion items included an overview of the Faculty Constitution? s statements on Academic Senate membership and reapportionment, and the relatively small number of Academic Senate membership terms that will expire in May 2009. The speaker? s list was exhausted.

Chair Whalen declared the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Meeting Date (Archive):
Tuesday, February 17, 2009