
ABSENT: None


1. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order by Chair Kegley

2. **Approval of Minutes** – November 5, 2015
   
   Motion/Second/Approved: Senators Hartsell and Jacobsen moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from November 5, 2015 are approved.

3. **Announcements and Information**
   
   Chair Kegley announced that the following:
   
   - Committee reports have been suspended from the agenda so the focus can be completely on business.
   - In order to facilitate business, she added that visitors will be invited to respond to questions from the Senate regarding the Doctoral Program Proposal but will be asked not to make additional lengthy statements.
   - In the future, Academic Senate agendas will be placed in the Academic Senate Group on Outlook.

4. **Approval of Agenda**
   
   Senator Jacobsen requested that the Academic Plan be moved from the consent agenda to New Business. The agenda is approved as revised.

5. **Resolutions** - (Time Certain 10:05 A.M.)
   
   a. **Consent Agenda** - None
   
   b. **Old Business** - None
   
   c. **New Business**:
      
      - **Doctoral Program in Education Leadership Proposal, RES 151607 (BPC) (First Reading)**- On behalf of the BPC, Senator Fielder recommended that the proposal be approved. He stated that the budget is sound. Initial concern that there are not adequate on-campus resources to handle the upcoming dissertations were relieved when it was discovered that CSU Fresno faculty will be available for dissertation committees through the current cohort.
      
      Motion/Second/Passed: Senators Hartsell and Frye moved to waive the first reading. Motion passed.

      Chair Kegley opened the floor for discussion.

      Senator Fielder spoke in favor of the proposal stating that the new undertaking has been controversial. He added that rejecting the proposal guarantees serious negative effects in the community. While success is not guaranteed, the probability of success is high enough to warrant the risk.
Provost Zorn spoke in favor of the resolution stating the following:
- she has been listening to the concerns and they are valid; she is reacting to them and is confident that the concerns can be addressed
- the community needs the program and its research
- the program is faculty driven
- a faculty director will be hired; not a MPP
- she is personally committed to making this program what it needs to be in a shared governance way
- she envisions monthly meetings with the program director and faculty
- she has confidence in the program faculty
- would be devastating to our community relationships if the program is not approved
- if not approved, it would cause damage to SSE
- program cannot be delayed for one year; the MOU ends with Fresno
- we are voting on the program; not the proposal

Senator Frye spoke in favor of the proposal and reiterated the MOU with Fresno is expiring.

On behalf of the FAC, Senator Hartsell spoke in opposition of the proposal stating that many concerns have been raised: 1) there are questions about the capacity to deliver a high quality program; 2) lack of connection between the proposed program and existing shared governance structures; 3) troubled about the process and implication that we have to approve this program because we have students in the program that will be negatively impacted if we don’t approve it.

Motion/Second/Failed: Motion by Senator Hartsell and seconded by Senator Moore to add the language “and that no new students be allowed to begin the program until the Senate approves a revised program proposal.” For clarification, Senator Knutzen stated that we are currently approved for a joint program by WASC with Fresno to teach out students currently in the program; we are not admitting any new students until the program is approved. Senator Moore spoke in favor of the amendment stating that there is no program to approve; it hasn’t been developed according to our shared governance structures. Senator Jacobsen spoke against the amendment stating that it creates a student-less program. Senator Hartsell stated that the amendment allows for the issues to be addressed. Senator Schmidt spoke against the amendment stating that it would be detrimental to the program growth process. Senators Anderson-Facile and McCown spoke in favor of the amendment stating that the issues appear to be resolvable. Senator Frye spoke against the amendment stating that no proposal will resolve the concerns based on the political landscape coming from faculty and administration. Chair Kegley called the question. Motion fails.

In response to Senator Frye’s inquiry about the primary concern being the quality of the proposal and confidence in the program, or whether or not the program has followed proper channels for shared governance, Senator Moore stated that what we are presented with does not meet our standards in terms of how to put together a program. In response to Senator Murphy’s inquiry, Senator Knutzen stated that except for the electives that rotate, none of the courses have ever changed; only the course numbering has been changed.

Motion/Approved: Motion by Senator Anderson-Facile to close discussion and move to a vote. Motion approved.

Motion/Second/Approved: Motion by Senator Hartsell and seconded by Senator Jacobsen to vote by ballot. Motion approved.

Called/Approved: Chair Kegley called the question. Motion to approve the resolution on the Doctoral Program in Education Leadership Proposal is carried. Ballot results: 12 in favor, 9 opposed.

Resolutions continued following Open Forum.

9. Open Forum Items (Time Certain 11:15 a.m.)
Senator Anderson-Facile reported that her concerns in regard to the cleanliness of DDH have been addressed. She expressed appreciation to those involved in cleaning it more often and to having her voice be heard.

Resolutions Continued:
- Academic Plan 2015-16 Through 2025-26, RES 151608 (AAC, BPC)-Senator Fiedler introduced the resolution stating that the Academic Plan is a definitive list of programs and their review cycle; it is sent to the Chancellor’s office annually.

Motion/Second/Passed: Senators Fiedler and Hartsell moved to waive the first reading. Motion passed.
For Clarification, V. Kohli stated that the Master Plan is a projection of what the campus intends to do; it also reflects new degrees. Once the Academic Master Plan is approved by the Chancellor’s Office, it allows campus to develop degrees and go through the normal approval process. For clarification in regard to Senator Hartsell’s inquiry in regard to whether approving the Academic Plan in any way means we have approved the program, V. Kohli stated that the inclusion of a degree on the Master Plan signals to the Chancellor’s Office that a university would like to develop that degree. The degree must be submitted in it’s entirely along with shared governance approval structures, then it will be reviewed by the Chancellor’s office and if necessary, by WASC. Senator Moore added that it is also reviewed on a regular basis and approved through the shared governance structures.

In response to Senator Jacobsen’s inquiry, Senator Knutzen reported that the Nutrition Program has been reviewed by the Chancellor’s office and by WASC; Administration is looking at the feedback and will report back. For clarification, V. Kohli added that if a degree that we propose on the Academic Mater Plan is not approved by the Chancellor’s office, the submitted plan will come back reflecting the non-approval status of the degree.

**Called/Approved:** Chair Kegley called the question. Motion to approved the resolution on Academic Plan 2015-16 Through 2025-26 is approved.

- **Adoption of New SOCI Instrument and Policies/Procedures, RES 151606 (EC) (First Reading)** - On behalf of the EC, Chair Kegley introduced the resolution stating it is the result of the SOCI Task Force. She recommended that the materials be reviewed carefully. The issue will be placed on the Senate agenda for January 28, 2016 as a second reading.

10. **Adjournment**
   Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am