California State University, Bakersfield

ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

LOCATION DEZEMBERLEADERSHIP AND EVELOPMEN CENTER ROOM 409-411

AND ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

Members: A. Hegde (Chair), M. Danforth (Vice Chair), M. Ayuso, E. Correa, V. Harper (virtual), H. He, C. Lam, A. Lauer, M. Martinez, J. Millar, S. Miller (virtual), M. Rees, J. Rodriguez, A. Rodriquez, M. Rush, T. Salisbury (virtual), A. Sawyer (virtual), D. Solano, B. Street, J. Tarjan, M. Taylor (virtual), M. Espinoza (C. Vollmer Alt.- virtual), D. Wu, B. Bywaters/Analyst Retired Annuitant

- A. Hegde requested motion to extend five more minutes on this subject. D. Solano moved to approve. C. Lam seconded. Approved.
- 7. (V. Harper) Reiterated how important it is that the Senate take a strong role in deciding on the future of the university and its role in transparency.
- viii. RES 222331 Statement on Campus Modality (deferred)
- ix. <u>RES 222332</u> Statement on Reducing Educational Material Costs at CSUB (deferred)
- x. RES 222333 Honorary Doctorate Award Procedures Update (deferred)

c. Old Business

- i. <u>RES 222322</u> Change Title from Small Business Management Concentration in the BSBA Program to "Entrepreneurship Concentration"
 - 1. (J. Tarjan) No discussion or changes since first reading. Vote taken. Approved unanimously. Resolution carried.
- ii. <u>RES 222323</u> Reclassify Assistant VP to Associate VP IRPA and Associate VP GRaSP
 - (C. Lam) No discussion or changes since first reading. (D. Solano)
 Q. Regarding salary increase. (C. Lam) Committee acknowledges that if there needs to be an elevation, a small salary increase is understood.
 - 2. (M. Rees) Friendly amendment to change "Academic Handbook" to "University Handbook" and that all changes are bolded and underlined. (A. Hegde) Confirms change will be made. Vote resulted in three objections. Majority in favor. Resolution carried.
- iii. <u>RES 222325</u> Bylaws Change to Membership of Academic Support and Student Services Committee
 - 1. (C. Lam) No discussion or changes since first reading. (J. Tarjan) Request for editorial changes with proper title for Vice Presidents. Vote resulted in no objections. Resolution carried.

G. Open Forum

a. Topic: Previous Open Forum discussion on fumigation of squirrels impacting the kit foxes, which are an endangered species and protected under the ESA. Since then, there has been a petition lead by students with over 2,000 signatures through change.org. The administration met with students during a listening session. Discussion regarding forming a Biodiversity Advisory Committee made up of faculty and students to provide advice on biodiversity to the administration, particularly in regard to the Endangered Species Act. When we have an actionable item, the Senate will be updated. There is a pause on fumigation until a decision is made on the proper way to deal with it. (A. Hegde)