Student Academic Senate
Oct. 6th, 2023
12pm-1pm
Academic Information Resources Center (AIRC), Room 1009
Minutes

I. Call to Order (12:02 PM)

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes for 09/22/2023 Meeting
   a. Motion to approved – passed; approved

IV. Public Comment
   a. No public comment

V. Announcing Names of Vice Chair and Secretary
   a. Sidra Nawaz – Vice Chair
   b. Mai Lam – Secretary

VI. Faculty Senate Agenda
   a. Last day for students to withdraw from classes has been moved to the census date
   b. Change in grading policy
   c. Tenure evaluation will include a commitment to diversity
      i. Diversity will be evaluated when hiring faculty

VII. Discussion Items
   a. EBT is not accepted on campus. Ideas and considerations to implement places where EBT is accepted, which can lead to an increase of Cal Fresh applications.
   b. Safety on campus remains a concern, especially with ongoing cases of sexual assault. Suggestions for action moving forward:
      i. Distribute a survey to see how people feel/concerns
      ii. Push for more lights around campus, especially in parking lots
      iii. Discussion of increasing police patrol
   c. Students need to feel prepared to act in emergency situations
      i. Current safety tutorials could include video demonstrations
      ii. Advocate for professors to address safety protocols such as in their syllabus or in their modules
d. Concerns with the lack of security at the dorms.
   i. Suggestion to bring a representative from Housing to speak at committee regarding this issue

e. Student parents do not have sufficient resources on campus despite making up 1/3 of the student population.
   i. Connect with Parent Children center to accommodate student parents who take evening classes
   ii. Potentially meet with library staff to reserve a study space for student parents

f. Expand food services on weekends for grad students who have weekend classes.

g. Expand transfer center to provide more resources

VIII. Announcements

   a. Ami Bera presentation on 10/9
   b. Civic Engagement Fair

IX. Adjournment (1:00 PM)