

Executive Committee Minutes

*Tuesday, April 7, 2020
3:00 – 5:00 pm, Zoom
Approved: April 14, 2020*

Call to Order: Convened at 3:10 pm

Roll Call:

Adam Rechs, Amber Gonzalez, Andrew Hertzoff, Anne Lindsay, De-Laine Cyrenne, Harvey Stark, Israel Flores, Jeff Dym, Kitty Kelly, Philip Flickinger, Rafael Diaz, Sue Holl, Tracy Hamilton

Guests:

Academic Affairs: Provost Perez, AVP Wallace, Deans Newman and German, and Interim Vice Provosts DeGraffenreid and Miller
College of Arts and Letters: Associate Dean Wilson Ramey
College of Continuing Education: Dean Murphy and Associate Dean Winbush
College of Engineering and Computer Science: Associate Dean Shafizadeh
College of Health and Human Services: Senator Sheppard (RPTA)
College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies: Associate Deans Endriga and Mosupyoe
Faculty Senate Parliamentarian: Professor Krabacher
President's Office: President Nelsen and Director Peigahi
Student Affairs: VP Mills
Hornet: Reporter Beck

Open Forum:

Fall Enrollment: *When will fall semester information be available? At this time, discussions are in process but there is no date set yet about an announcement. The Chair stated that discussion should also include a plan for long term and also look into creating a policy that requires a minimum presence for going on-line. The Chair suggested that this be a discussion item in the near future.*

Time to Degree: *It was asked if there is any discussion with the Office of Graduate Studies on time to degree and/or an extension for normative time extending time beyond 7 years. Dean Newsome asked that unit grad coordinators contact the Office of Graduate Studies.*

Phone number in CMS: *Is it legal to use the phone number listed in CMS to reach out to students who have fallen off the grid or have not checked in on Canvas since March and have not responded to emails? VP Mills stated that instructors of record can use the listed phone number. It was recommended that faculty be informed that they can use the number and the different ways instructors can reach out to students. VP Mills will send out a reminder that anything on the bio tab faculty can use to reach out to students.*

Agenda: The agenda was approved as published.

Minutes:

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From the Chair:

Items ready for the Senate: Standing Policy Committee Chairs were reminded that agenda items need to be sent to the Senate Office with at least a week's lead time to make sure that documents are Senate Ready and to allow for placement on agendas for the normal posting.

From the Provost:

Budget: Next year will be a challenging budget year. It will be a while before information is received about the specifics of next year's budget.

Hiring Pause: Every position open will remain vacant.

Questions/Concerns:

Search Candidates:

Who informs those in a search pool that there is a hiring pause? *Depending on the search, it will be various individuals. It is still being figured out.*

Concern was expressed about candidates dropping out or not being able to continue in a search. As the economy gets worse people will consider going back to school.

Financial Aid: Has there been any thought how and when processing Financial Aid for those students and how does that effect the budget? *Student Affairs is a little ahead of the process. Students are being encouraged to upload their documents early.*

Referral: Credit for Prior Learning: Professor Sheppard has been working with CCE to address this same issue. Questions were raised about the need to move forward with drafting a policy while the Task Force and Professor Sheppard are working on the issue and hadn't yet finished.

The item was referred to the Academic Policies Committee with a response date of October 30, 2020. APC will be asked to consult with GSPC, AVP Wallace regarding: WSCUC and CO policies, and Professor Sheppard on his work with CCE.

Senate Ready Polices: Items below will be placed on future agendas of the Senate.

Administrative Appointments

Emeritus Status Policy

Role and Responsibility of the Department Chair policy

Collegiality Policy: The Senate Action language will be worded to reflect FPC's recommendation.

Grading Policy Discussion: The Provost requested feedback from the Executive Committee on the Credit/No Credit policy. Exec discussed the importance of being flexible, issues regarding advising, and what other campuses are doing that would work on our campus: CSU Northridge's policy and also CSU Fresno's policy that lists the reasons why students would want to obtain a letter grade. Exec was in favor of endorsing the outline options for C/NC that the Provost presented and endorsed the Administration's planning. The Provost will share the final draft with the Senate Chair to ensure the Executive Committee's feedback is reflected. The information will be shared with Senate.

Adjourned: 5:10 pm