

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

3-5 pm, Zoom

Approved: February 9, 2021

Call to Order: 3:02 pm

Roll Call:

Amber Gonzalez, Andrew Hertzoff, Anne Lindsay, De-Laine Cyrenne, Harry Theodorides, Harvey Stark, Jay Lee, Jeff Dym, Philip Flickinger, Susan Perez, Tracy Hamilton, ASI Representative (vacant)

Guess:

Academic Affairs: Provost Perez

President's Office: President Nelsen

Open Forum:

- **Financial Aid:** It was reported that students have expressed concern about the delay of Financial Aid information. The Chair will follow-up with VP Mills.
- **Creative Services move to CCE:** Executive Committee members shared concern that was expressed from their colleagues about the move of Creative Services from Academic Affairs to CCE (mid-February 2021). The campus announcement provided no information about a replacement for Creative Services. Creative Services equipment, departments use for their programs/events, will no longer be available and departments are not able to purchase the equipment. The President shared that this move was done to help Academic Affairs absorb their budget cut.
- **Campus Surveys:** Concern was expressed about the data associated with surveys. With the 6 questions that are asked at the beginning of most surveys it would be easy to identify a respondent, so supposedly anonymous surveys are not anonymous.
- **New OnBase Change of Major Form:** A faculty member praised the Register's Office quick response to concerns expressed at a previous Executive Committee meeting.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as published.

Minutes: January 26, 2021 – Approved as published.

From the Chair:

- **Department of Women's Studies – Name Change:** The Department is going through the process of changing their name. As part of the process the Senate will be advised at the February 4 Senate meeting.

- **Selection of Faculty on Committees Workgroup:** The Workgroup will be comprised of the members of the Executive Committee. Senate Vice Chair Dym will Chair the Workgroup. Charge: Discuss how nominations will be reviewed for the Spring Committee Recruitment process that begins in March.

From the Provost: Updates: Fall 2021 planning and the Grading Policy. The Provost requested an update on the status of the Ethnic Studies requirement.

Questions/Feedback from Exec:

- **ABC/NC Discussion:** It was suggested that discussions and decisions should be made early in the semester. The possibility of continuing the ABC/NC option into the Fall semester was also mentioned.
- **Ethnic Studies requirement:** The Workgroup Chair reported that work is being completed. Consultation will take place with the General Education Course Review Subcommittee. It is anticipated that the draft policy will be forwarded to Exec by the end of February.
- **Committees Face to Face vs Zoom.** Questions were raised regarding the modality of committee meetings for the 2021-22 academic year. Will those that cannot come to campus be able to serve. Options of allowing the committees to be in person and via zoom to incorporate all members were discussed.
- **Library's Fall Plan:** As part of the planning for Fall, a plan needs to be developed and in place for the Library. Faculty and students need to know what to expect and plan for.
- **Calendar:** What is the calendar for faculty and for students? When will students know about traditional face to face classes so they can make living arrangements. When will faculty know whether they will be teaching face-to-face or virtually? The Provost responded that it needs to be determined before students sign up for class.
- **Students required to have been vaccinated prior to returning to campus?** The President said the campus cannot require anyone to receive the vaccine. If and when the FDA has approved the use of the vaccine for all uses and not just emergency use, then conversations will take place with all about if the vaccine will be required.

University Committee Appointment: Antiracist Curriculum Pedagogy and Assessment Action Planning Group: A mid-term replacement from ECS is need to fill the recently vacated position. The nomination of Julie Fogarty, Civil Engineering, will be placed on the Feb 4 Senate Agenda on Consent Action.

Adjourned: 4:45 pm