



Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

3-5 pm, Zoom

Approved: April 6, 2021

Call to Order

Executive Session convened: 3:02 pm and adjourned 3:10 pm

Regular Meeting convened: 3:11 pm

Roll Call

Amber Gonzalez, Andrew Hertzoff, Anne Lindsay, De-Laine Cyrenne, Francisco De La Torre III, Harry Theodorides, Harvey Stark, Jay Lee, Jeff Dym, Philip Flickinger, Susan Perez, Tracy Hamilton

Guests:

Academic Affairs: Provost Perez

President Nelsen

Open Forum:

Service Learning Courses: Will Service Learning courses be allowed in the field without exceptions? The Provost replied that Service Learning Courses are handled the same as internships.

Teaching Evaluations: Professor Gonzalez stated that as a member of the UARTP Committee, she has discovered that there is no oversight for approving teaching evaluations used by departments. She is concerned that there is not oversight on how faculty are evaluated within their classroom and that evaluations may be bias. The Provost stated that each department has control over the questions on their teaching evaluations. It was noted that this may fall under the UARTP Committee. Professor Gonzalez asked that the Executive Committee take up the item for a referral to a Senate Committee. The Chair stated that the UARTP Committee Chair needs to be present for the conversation and that the item will be scheduled when that can happen.

University Land Acknowledge Statement: Professor Stark asked if the University has formalized a Land Acknowledgement Statement. The President stated that Inclusive Excellence is working with Professor Reed on the statement.

COVID vaccines: Professor Cyrenne asked about offering all faculty and staff the vaccines in the two weeks prior to the County opening it up to those over 50 on April 1. The President replied that the University has to follow the County guidelines for the vaccines.

Sports and Dance Protocols: Professor Flickinger asked about restrictions on dance classes as compared to those on college athletics programs. The President stated that there are protocols on testing. There will be requirements for all athletes to be vaccinated in the Fall, as well as every student living on campus. Joy Stewart James is the best person to talk to about this.

IRB Process Concerns: Professor Perez expressed concerns about the delay in processing of IRB requests. The Provost will follow up.

Agenda: Approved.

Minutes: March 9, 2021 – Approved as published.

From the Chair:

Senate Meetings April and May: Meetings will be held weekly for the remainder of the semester.

eWPAF Workgroup Report: The Workgroup has completed their work and would like to present their report to the Senate. The presentation has been scheduled for the April 8 meeting in a Committee of the Whole. The Senators will receive the report from the Senate Chair on Friday to allow time for them to consult with their colleagues. Exec will also receive a copy of the report.

From the Provost:

Room capacities for various levels of distancing are being determined. Scheduling needs to be done in the next few weeks so that students will know what they're signing up for. We are anticipating a more liberal distancing guidelines from the CDC to come in later in the summer for fall.

Policies: The following items will be placed at First Reading on the April 8 Senate agenda.

Course Syllabus Policy (Interim):
Research Data and Materials Policy

Non-Senate University Committee Vacancies: Preference Poll results were reviewed to identify faculty to be contacted about serving on committees.

Adjourned: 4:45 pm