



**Executive Committee Minutes**

*Tuesday, November 10, 2020*

*3-5 pm, Zoom*

*Approved: November 17, 2020*

**Call to Order:** 3:00 pm

**Roll Call:**

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

**Guests:**

Academic Affairs: Provost Perez

President's Office: President Nelsen

**Open Forum:**

- Options for on-line classes. Professor Rechs shared that students have been sharing feedback on virtual instruction. The online classes are working well for them. It was requested that expanding some classes that have not been online be considered.

**Agenda:** Approved as published.

**Minutes:** October 27, 2020 – Approved as published.

**From the Chair:**

- **Program Proposals:** Exec was advised that the Curriculum Subcommittee will be forwarding approximately 35 proposals for Senate's review and action before Senate adjourns in December.
- **Suspension of Mandatory Student and Peer Evaluations:** The Chair reported on the Senate's discussion at the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Senate indicated that they were interested in looking at this. Other campuses have reported on discussions. Concerns have been raised about silencing student voices by eliminating these evaluations.
  - Any extension of the suspension of evals would be a MOU between the University and CFA.
  - It was reported that the CA State Student Association (CSSA) discussed the item but took no stand.

The item will be discussed at the November 19 Senate meeting – Committee of the Whole to obtain feedback from a larger group of faculty.

**From the President:** COVID numbers are up this week.

**From the Provost:** A budget update was provided.

**Policies:**

- The following policies will be placed on First Reading on the November 19 agenda in the order listed below:
  - Research Integrity Policy – AVP Harris and Leah Vargas, ORIED will be invited to attend to responds to questions.
  - Posthumous Degree Policy
  - Undergraduate Degree Unit Minima Policy
  - The following items will be placed as Information Items on the November 19 Senate agenda for the Chair to ask the Senate if they wish to accept the Faculty Policies Committees suggested edits. EX 20/21-56, 57, 58, and 59. VP Tate Vermeire will be invited to attend the meeting to respond to questions if needed.

**Resolution in Support of Celebrating Indigenous Peoples’ Day on the California State University Calendar:**

The item was returned to FPC for consideration of feedback from the Executive Committee and to consult with Chair Reed regarding the use of tribe vs nation. There was also a recommendation to clarify what is being celebrated.

**Consideration for Grading in Fall 2020:** The Provost requested feedback from the Senate. The Senate will be asked to provide feedback in a Committee of the Whole at the November 19 meeting. This will allow for a larger group of faculty to provide feedback.

Exec’s feedback:

- ASI is seeking student feedback in the next few weeks.
- Can’t say students knew what we were getting into because we didn’t know what we were getting into.
- Students need to know what it means when considering credit/no credit.
- Needs to be considered differently from Spring 2020. Students made decisions without knowing what their grade was. They need advising to make an informed choice.
- Equity issues have been exasperated, need to level the inequities coming out of it to add the CR/NC option.

**Interim COVID-Related Dependent Care Modified Duties:**

Comments:

- Would like to see a policy statement or resolution from our campus addressing concerns brought up. Refer to a Standing Policy Committee to develop a response to this issue.
- Create a resolution and not a policy. Need to do Senate work not CFA’s work.

The item was referred to FPC to draft a resolution using the essence of the CSU Merced Policy and the ASPIRE Report. Deadline: mid-February 2021.

**Adjourned:**

5:01 pm