

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

2:00 – 4:00 pm

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N. Hultgren, P. Hung, D. Perrone, M. Aliasgari, C. Kang, N. Meyer-Adams, K. Zentgraf, K. Janousek, E. Klink, D. Hamm, A. Russo, J. Gonzalez, S. Apel, K. Scissum Gunn, J. Cormack, A. Kinsey

Absent: J. Hamilton, P. Soni,

1. Call to Order- 2:00
2. Approval of Agenda- MSA
3. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of February 22, 2022- MSA as amended
4. Announcements and Information- NH announces this Friday at 9 am is the SFAC meeting, and NH cannot attend. In asking for a replacement member to attend, KZ volunteered. Memos regarding the Red X and SPOT will be forthcoming.
5. Reminders
 - 5.1. Academic Senate EDI work: optional meetings with smaller groups on Thursday, March 3, 2022 – NH will be out; rest of EC can meet if desired and able.
 - 5.2. Next Academic Senate Meeting of 2022: Thursday, March 10, 2022
6. Special Orders
 - 6.1. Report: Provost Scissum Gunn- KSG presents on the decision to remove Robin Bargar as Dean of COTA. He was notified at 9 am on 2-25-22, and his last day will be 3-11-22. He has been appraised of his rights at this point. Anne D’Zmura has been appointed as acting Dean, as per Senate policy PS 17-08, section 6.6. Guest Kirsty Fleming reported that this sort of thing may appear to be arbitrary when in reality it is not. There was a process in this decision, and this was followed in a confidential manner.
 - 6.2. Campus Repopulation Committee Update: Vice Provost Cormack – JC reports on data points. Positive COVID cases are going down. 75 cases last week, down from previous week. There was a 2-28-22 deadline for student booster attestation. There are 37,010 eligible students, who have not been boosted. And, 2688 who are not eligible. Temp AMI requests were not being forwarded by Qualtrics for some reason, currently being done manually. Changing masking mandates will be addressed in a meeting tomorrow.

FAQ on website are not being accessed very frequently so may put forward info in a new manner. NH asks about question posed at last Senate meeting. He stated that if/when students are told they can un-mask there will be lots of comments by faculty. JC says any guidelines will be based on CDC, CALOSHA, and LB Dept. of Health guidelines. Some faculty believe they are being placed at increased risk if students are un-masked. SA reports that there are strong opinions on both sides. Masks will always be provided to those who want them. LBUSD is going to be un-masking.

7. New Business

7.1. Setting the agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of Thursday, March 10, 2022- we will be adding several curricular items but will not present the defund police ASI resolution at this meeting. ASI will be working on a new resolution and will bring to Senate when complete. First, will ask EC to offer suggestions and edits if needed. NH asks EC if he shall state only amendments in advance, none at meeting will be accepted. They agree. Decided to add at least two curriculum items. NH and AK will review the other curriculum items and divide them up among the remaining AS meetings.

7.2. [TIME CERTAIN 3:00] Potential revisions to PS 20-01: Policy on Online and Hybrid Instruction- NH asked EC about the changes to the policy Dean Bennett presented. Bennet would like a surgical revision to the policy that allows for more flexibility in the definitions. EC is concerned that opening the policy would cause a a revamp of the entire policy. Bennet did not attend in time for the time certain, so tabled discussion.

Guest: Dean Curtis Bennett, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

7.3. [TIME CERTAIN 3:30] Proposal on the Revision of Terminology and Practices around Academic Probation (Karyn and Neil)- KSG and NH present on proposed changes to the terminology, replacing the term “probation” with the term “notice”. There will also be some earlier notification mechanisms to avoid a student getting to this point. Next steps will be presenting to ASI, students, advisors and other stakeholders for review. This proposal rationale is due to research done at CSUF, which was introduced by a student. This student conducted a survey for students, and 90% of students reported being scared by this term and it also has negative connotations and stigma associated with the term. The term academic notice comes from this. Examining barriers to student success have been explored in collaboration with this. This is a proactive process to ensure student success with preemptive actions. Data has been presented with this proposal, a thinking group has been created as well. ASI, SA, advisors will be brought in to discuss this moving forward. Nomenclature changes include “Probation 1” would be “notice”, “Probation 2” would be “warning”. EC supports this and brainstormed for other words – caution and attention were suggested.

7.4. Memo requesting the election of academic advisor representative(s) to the Curriculum and Educational Policies Council- NH announces that Mary Anne Rose, an advisor contacted NH to modify the CEPC charge to include advisors as voting members of the

committee. Other colleges were contacted and have a document with consensus from advisors that they would like to be included. JC agrees with this and agrees that Staff Council shall handle these elections. She would like to consider an additional staff position where you do not need to be an advisor. EC agrees that this should be a voting position. NH will ask CEPC chair Paskin to poll CEPC as to agreement with this change. EC recognizes that curriculum processes are implemented by staff but curriculum content is the purview of the faculty.

7.5. Sticking points in proposed revision of PS 17-08: Academic Administrators, Policies and Procedures for the Selection, Appointment, and Review of. DP suggests reviewing Praveen Shankar's questions and amendments.

8. Old Business

8.1. [TIME CERTAIN 2:40] Retreat update- NH and AK present updates. NH, AK and ML had a garden tour, currently we have a garden map with group locations and prizes for a quiz. Food has been finalized and guests confirmed. All affinity groups and a representative from benefits will be in attendance.

8.2. Recap of strategy for bringing ASI Resolution 2021-14: Defund University Police Department and Redistribute Funds to Mental Health Services to the Senate floor. ASI will create a new resolution to bring to Senate.

8.3. Potential resolution related to academic freedom and academic freedom in pedagogy and curriculum

9. Adjournment- 3:48 pm