

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

2:00 – 4:00 pm

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

Absent: S. Apel, K. Janousek, J. Gonzalez

1. Call to Order- 2:02 pm
2. Approval of Agenda- MSA as amended, change time certain to 2:40 for Honors Director
3. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of August 17, 2021 – MSA as amended.
4. Announcements and Information- NH reports on meeting with the Chancellor next week. Dr. Mark Wiley, Interim Chief of Staff for the President was able to move the room to USU 205, a larger room. NH will see if Hy-Flex units are available for those who cannot attend in-person. NH will see if Chancellor prefers to only meet in person. We will be able to have the conclusion of our weekly Exec meeting in this room as well. We received the go ahead to send out the CBA 20.37 call this week and it has gone out. Mark Wiley has also announced that the President would like to make Brian Jersky a Provost Emeritus. EC asks what does this mean? The policy states library privileges and perhaps parking. NH consulted the policy and presented it to EC. EC has no objections, asks if Emeritus Faculty status is automatic upon retirement, or does it need to be applied for. EC realized that these questions can also be taken up when we work on policy in the Senate. Fresno (<http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/facultyaffairs/documents/apm/399.pdf>) Sac State (<https://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/aca-162.htm>), and Chico (<https://www.csuchico.edu/oapl/academic-personnel/emeritus-emerita.shtml>) have Emeritus Administrator policies. So, revisiting our policy is necessary. EC will wait one week to sort out some details regarding the current state of BJ's Emeritus status.
5. Reminders
 - 5.1. First Academic Senate meeting for fall 2021: August 26, 2021. Second meeting is two weeks later: September 9, 2021.
 - 5.2. Next Executive Committee meeting, on August 31, 2021, will begin at 2:15 in person with CSU Chancellor Joseph Castro in Rm USU 205.

6. Special Orders

6.1. Report: Provost Scisum Gunn- KSG reports on some updates. Angela Locks and team submitted a proposal to AAC&U for a TRHC (Truth & Healing) center. The proposal includes providing an environment on campus where we speak the same “language” in EDI (Equity, diversity and inclusion) focus on expanding leadership pathways to campus leadership. A new faculty EDI funding mechanism, called President, Provost Initiative, awards in FRAEDI, equity, diversity, and inclusion. Racial equity a feature. Establishing a RSCA based funding initiative looking at race, access, and success at CSULB. 4 themes: 1-EDI or campus programming and evaluation; 2-campus information, support data on certain types of trends on campus, 3-EDI scholarship across disciplines,4- EDI partnerships with LB and surrounding communities to explore high practice partnerships for promoting shared investment in educational opportunities. 9 awards, each will be \$15,000, these are initial terms and conditions. To address our campus equity issues. Sept. 17 will be call for proposals, 4 weeks to prepare, to conclude October 31. KSG thanks those who presented at Convocation (e.g., President Exec Team, AS Chair Hultgren, Prof. Patty Seyburn, the student poets, just to name a few.), many positive messages received regarding the messaging.

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6.2. Campus Repopulation Committee update- JC reports that courses are a little under 50% FTF. Online prescreening questionnaire going well, with a few glitches. 36,585 students have filled out the form currently. 97.1% have uploaded proof of vaccination. 777 have medical or religious exemptions and will submit to weekly testing. Faculty and staff response rate are not as high as student numbers. Currently a little over 50% of faculty and staff have complied. Faculty, 2285, 1415 vaccinated 62% response rate; 11 exemptions. 1666 staff, 751 vaccinated, 15 exemptions 896 not completed yet, which is below 50%. Those who request exemptions will have weekly testing. 1 positive case for faculty; that person will switch to AMI. PFH asks if there will be accommodation for faculty members in a clinical or educational setting as they are tested regularly and are often waiting for results. JC says the screening will need to be modified. DH asks about switching to AMI for faculty who have to quarantine due to childcare issues.

Q: If a faculty member has to quarantine due to a family member being positive, could that faculty member teach classes via Zoom while quarantined? Answer from JC: If a fully vaccinated faculty has been exposed to COVID-19, then per current recommendations quarantine is not necessary. They only need to monitor for symptoms for 14 days. Testing is not mandatory, but is suggested no sooner than 5 days after the exposure, or immediately if any symptoms develop. Faculty will receive a red X on the Health Screening Questionnaire and receive a follow-up contact from IDAP. They will not be cleared to come to campus until the IDAP protocol clears them. When they are cleared to come to campus, they should be diligent with use of face coverings.

7. New Business

- 7.1. Search for Assistant VP of High Impact Practices- this search committee solicitation will be sent out soon along with the AD of Grad studies.
 - 7.2. Policy Spotlight: proposed revisions to PS 08-11: Accessibility and Faculty Responsibility for the Selection of Instructional Materials – tabled until a future meeting.
 - 7.3. Introductory meeting with Dr. Sandra Pérez, University Honors Program Director, TIME CERTAIN 2:40 pm- SP shares her vision on the Honors program. She comes from CSUF where she was the Honors Director there, also a member of National Honor societies. EDI within the Honors program, Honors as a space for creativity and innovation. Honors pipelines with regards to the LB Promise, need to do a better job of serving minority students. Can have a tremendous effect on graduation rates. Can bring in new approaches, research creative plans. SP presented EC with a PowerPoint presentation on Honors. Honors students are generally highly successful after graduation, many go on to Grad school and many get into their first choice of University. Challenges include cohesion between the different pieces of the program, cohesion involving curriculum and the colleges. Identify the pieces that need to be updated and create a plan for this to happen. 300 new honors students this fall, need to work on retention of these students through graduation. Generally, an honors program is 5% of the population; currently CSULB is 2-3% so needs to grow.
 - 7.4. Discussion for planned revisions of Academic Senate policies relating to Honors, PS 14-08: Honors for Undergraduates and PS 16-16: University Honors Program (with Dr. Pérez) SP says that in 14-08 the units are 21 not 24 units. She asks if AS would like to edit both policies and where should honors in the majors be housed. Latin honors will be addressed, recommendations have been made for these. 16-16 will be related to University Honors and not necessarily honors within the majors. Shall honors in the major be in 14-08 as well as Latin honors. 14-08 may need to be renamed. MA says things should not be in both policies. SP suggests that Director of Honors should be a voting member of the Honors Council. EC will send both policies to CEPC after honors council suggests changes to them on areas related to UHP.
8. Old Business
 - 8.1 Retreat – EC will discuss this next week after EC meets with the Chancellor.
 - 8.2 Updates on Assembly Bill (AB) 928: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021
9. Adjournment- 3:55 pm