Task Force to Support Faculty and Staff Basic Needs and Health Charge

Spring 2022

The Task Force to Support Faculty and Staff Basic Needs and Health is charged with assessing needs and making recommendations for supporting faculty and staff who are or/are at risk of experiencing challenging circumstances (e.g., economic vulnerability, housing insecurity). This Task Force will report directly to the Senate Executive Committee and to the President through the Associate Vice President of Human Resources Management and the Provost. The Task Force will deliver its recommendations to the Academic Senate each Spring and Fall semester.

Specifically, the Task Force will:

- 1. Conduct a Needs Assessment to identify basic support for and challenges faced by faculty and staff.
- 2. Recommend and support campus programming to enhance faculty/staff mental & physical wellbeing, including but not limited to a food pantry, CalFresh, case management, reduced fees at campus child care locations, etc.
- 3. Collaborate with Development to recommend fundraising opportunities in order to establish a faculty and staff emergency grant fund to address faculty and staff needs as identified by the needs assessment. This includes (but is not limited to) the Chancellor's Office and perhaps payroll deductions.
- 4. Develop a centralized information storage and referral process such as (but not limited to) a website to link staff and faculty to existing and emerging community and campus resources (i.e., Empathia, FSAP, and local community-based agencies).
- 5. In collaboration with the Faculty Center and/or other appropriate offices, offer ongoing wellness information sessions to staff and faculty based on needs.

Membership

The task force should be comprised of stakeholders on campus with expertise and/or interest in: mental health, physical health, basic needs, nutrition, etc. All members of this task force have voting privileges. Elected members will serve two-year staggered terms. Lecturer faculty members will serve one-year terms.

The following members will be selected by the nominating committee:

- 1. One tenured or tenure-track faculty member from each academic college
- 2. Two lecturer faculty members from different academic Colleges
- 3. One librarian

The following members will be elected from their represented group:

- 1. Two staff representatives from Staff Council
- 2. One representative from the President's Executive Committee
- 3. One counselor from CAPS
- 4. One representative from FSAP
- 5. One Dean
 - 6. One representative from CFA
- 7. One representative from CSUEU
- 47 The following administrative members will also serve:
 - 1. AVP, Faculty Affairs or designee
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