

Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 11 AM

In Attendance: Dinesh Pinisetty (Chair), Sarah Senk (Secretary), Matt Fairbanks, Christine Isakson, Cynthia Trevisan, Frank Yip, Lori Schroeder (Provost)

I. Review of AIC Policy Feedback

- Committee only received one comment: “For the final student appeal, consider having the Provost (or appointed designee). I was pondering if the Provost might want to appoint say the dean of the school instead, since they may have a better understanding of the case.” Comment adds, “Awesome work Taiyo!” and praises the restorative option.

II. Committee Staffing

- McNie reports that we will need to staff three Standing Committees before January to complete the bylaws: including Sea Training Committee and International Experience Committee

III. COVID Issues on campus

- Committee suggests inviting Craig Dawson and Julie Chisholm to the general meeting to discuss concerns about symptomatic people being allowed on campus.
- Provost reports that there will be a transition of oversight shortly to Donny Gordon’s group.
- McNie reports that there has been “cultural creep” and campus has accepted the poor quality of cleaning, the nonexistence BOLT checks. Procedures were not followed. McNie reports she is quarantined now after attending a campus meeting in which social distancing protocols were *not* followed, in which people were closer than 6 feet apart in an indoor space, in which surfaces were not sanitized, etc.
- Provost says that in some of these in-person meetings there isn’t just “a slide” or culture creep. Provost reports there have been cabinet meetings in person, six feet away, and it wasn’t done out of a sense of laxness but out of a desire to have a better dialogue. But the message that went out yesterday was to say *yes* you are still required to do a Zoom meeting, even if your office is next door to someone.
- Chair points out that there is an advantage of things moving forward through the Senate Exec. Chair reports “I didn’t know Bets and Sarah were hired for the Cadet Success Committee until I saw that on the slides. I want to make sure that we balance the faculty workload, we can’t have the same 6 or 7 people on each committee.” Chair wishes things went through Senate Exec where we have the proper channel in place, a second set of eyes looking at both staffing and other issues. Chair notes he was not happy to learn that there was an in-person campus offsite. Bringing all committee appointments through Senate Exec would also make sure we’re mindful about the CBA: we’re given 3 WTUs for service and workload is uneven if the same people are on every committee. Chair is concerned that some of our junior faculty are held to higher standards.

IV. Curriculum Committee Procedure Questions

- Trevisan asks if CC Chair Parsons brought forward the document about Curriculum Committee procedure.
- Provost does not want to ask for a “pause” until she gets the go-ahead from the faculty

- Provost asks what the Judicial Committee does for our Senate. Is it one that would sort out of a procedural error?
- Senk suggests asking Parsons to forward the documents to senators to review before the upcoming meeting.

Meeting adjourned.